

MEMO

To: Russ Webb, Chair, Board of Trustees
Date: February 19, 2016
Re: FY17 MHTAAR Grant Request
Fiscal Year: 2017
Amount: \$50,000
Grantee: State of Alaska, Office of Veterans Affairs
Project Title: Veterans Services Database Project

REQUESTED MOTION:

Approve a \$50,000 FY17 MHTAAR grant to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the Veterans Services Database Project.

The following is excerpted from the prospective grantee's application.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Incarcerated Veterans Information System Database Proposal

The State of Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Office of Veterans Affairs (DMVA, OVA) serves veterans housed in twelve Correctional Centers and one Pretrial Facility in the state of Alaska via an outreach service officer. This individual is a certified and accredited veteran's service officer, capable of meeting directly with veterans at each facility establishing VA compensation/benefits and VA Healthcare. This occurs six months prior to release. Currently several veteran are missed in this process due to lack of records reflecting individual veteran status.

The Office of Veterans Affairs possesses a newly developed Veterans Database software program that pulls data from the Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles and Permanent Fund Dividend applications. Utilizing our new software platform we will have our current software company manipulate the program to create an Alaska Incarcerated Veterans Information System (AIVIS) application as part of our current design.

This improvement will allow our Incarcerated Veteran Outreach Service officer the ability to serve and track every veteran transiting from incarceration back to their communities. This will assist in delivering federally funded programs for mental health, housing assistance, job placement, and other areas needed to assist the veteran during the transition. The program will identify the veteran's offense to help guide them to the proper resources for example:

1. Funding - restarting VA disability compensation and or pensions
2. Mental Healthcare: local Outpatient Clinic or Vet Center either funded by the VA or reimbursed by a federal source
3. Housing: individual HUD/VASH housing vouchers
4. Counseling: VA and state vocational rehabilitation programs or local Vet Centers

COST AND TIME ESTIMATE

This cost and time estimate will be based on historical understanding of similar tasks performed by the current vender that developed and delivered the VIS database February 2016. We will require an additional link to the Alaska Incarcerated Veterans Database (AIVAD) similar to the ones we currently have with the PFD and DMV.

TIME/COST

High complexity reports/analysis development: 48-60 hours, \$5,000

Estimated total time/cost to complete all of the additional data sources compilation and development of new Incarcerated Veteran Information System module:

270 – 280 hours

\$35,000

Outreach Service Officer Travel:

460 hours

\$10,000

The total budget requirement for this project is \$50,000.