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**\$5 million in grants will help California veterans
with employment assistance**

Funding will go to veteran programs in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Riverside, Orange, Madera and Sutter counties that help veterans get civilian jobs

SACRAMENTO: The California Employment Development Department (EDD) announced today that it will distribute \$5 million in grants among eleven local organizations with successful programs that offer veterans employment assistance.

“The military demands dedication, discipline, and adaptability — attributes that veterans bring back with them that make them valuable and highly desirable employees,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning, Jr. “They’ve served our country and now it’s our chance to serve these men and women by helping them to successfully transition into civilian jobs through these local veteran programs.”

This year’s Veterans Employment-Related Assistance Program (VEAP) grants are made available to organizations that meet required performance goals while assisting unemployed and underemployed veterans transition into rewarding civilian careers. The grants will help the organizations continue their successful programs and assist veterans with significant barriers to employment, including disabled, homeless and low-income veterans, as well as those who need additional education.

“These VEAP grants are a part of EDD’s priority efforts to ensure that veterans have a full array of employment services and support,” said Henning.

The grant funding is made available by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Governor’s Discretionary Funds and the Dislocated Worker Additional Assistance funds.

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This year's VEAP grant awardees are:

Awardee	County	Amount	Contact	Industries
Able-Disabled Advocacy	San Diego	\$500,000	Elaine Cooluris (619) 231-5990	Information and Communications Technology, Business Services and Healthcare
LA Jewish Vocational Services	Los Angeles	\$450,000	Claudia Finkel (323) 761-8897	Information and Communications Technology, Construction and Green Energy, Transportation and Protective Services
Riverside Economic Development Agency	Riverside	\$500,000	Heidi Marshall (951) 955-6615	Advanced Manufacturing, Logistics, Healthcare, Construction, Renewable Energy
Orange County	Orange	\$500,000	Andrew Munoz (714) 480-6500	Healthcare, Professional Services, and Hospitality
US Veteran Initiative Inglewood	Los Angeles	\$300,000	Ivan Mason (310) 744-6522	Aerospace and technology, Healthcare, International Trade, Tourism, and Construction
Asian American Drug Abuse Program	Los Angeles	\$500,000	Mike Watanabe (323) 293-6284	Security, Information Technology, Telecommunications and Construction
Community Career Development	Los Angeles	\$500,000	Alberto Uribe (213) 805-4273	Transportation, Biomedical Science, Telecommunications, Global Logistics, and Security
Vietnam Veterans of San Diego	San Diego	\$500,000	David Siegler (619) 520-8007	Healthcare, Transportation, and Security
Swords to Plowshares	San Francisco	\$500,000	Dave Lopez (415) 252-4788	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services(PSTS)
Madera County	Madera	\$208,106	Elaine Craig (559) 662-4586	Advanced Manufacturing
North Central Counties Consortium	Sutter	\$500,000	Nancy Crooks (530) 822-7145	Healthcare, Construction, Protective Services, Maintenance, Production, Transportation