Employment Development Department
State of California

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VEAP 17-18 AWARDS

The Employment Development Department (EDD), in coordination with the California Workforce Development Board, and on behalf of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, is pleased to announce the awarding of $5 million of *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) funds in the Veterans' Employment-Related Assistance Program (VEAP). These career development grants are part of the EDD's VEAP, in grant funding to 10 organizations throughout the state to help implement veteran's assistance programs, this year adding a new focus on women veterans.

Funds will connect applicants and employers in nine California regions: Los Angeles, Colusa, Glenn, Sutter, Yuba, Alameda, San Diego, San Francisco, Orange County. Ten workforce development agencies were selected for funding. All 10 entities submitted proposals via a competitive process.

Each of the 10 recipients were awarded $500,000, and will apply funds to promote the use of regional industry sectors strategies that eliminate barriers to employment that veterans face in the current labor market. This year's VEAP funding program sought to ensure that particular attention is paid to women veterans over the age of 35. Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate that this category of veterans endures an unemployment rate five percent higher than that of their male counterparts. The EDD expects that the performance period will be up to 21 months. A list of the awardees and descriptions of their projects is available on the EDD Workforce Development Solicitations for Proposals webpage.

If you have any questions regarding the VEAP grant solicitation, please email WSBGrants@edd.ca.gov.

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