



Veteran Services

Veterans Services Support - (State)

Issue: To educate the Governor's Office, the Legislature, and the public on the importance and value of the County Veterans Service Offices (CVSOs).

Action: Support efforts to educate the Governor's Office, the Legislature, and the public on the importance and value of the County Veterans Service Offices (CVSOs) with the eventual goal to fully fund CVSOs by permanently appropriating the full \$11 million in local assistance funding as reflected in Military and Veterans Code Section 972.1(d).

Background: California is home to approximately two million veterans. Currently, the state budget allocates \$5.6 million in funding to the County Veterans Service Offices (CVSOs) in 58 counties. CVSOs are the first contact for most veterans and are historically able to bring in \$100 of federal veterans benefits for every \$1 spent by the state. Without full funding, California's veterans will not get the government benefits for which they earned through their service in the military. The eventual goal is to fully fund CVSOs by permanently appropriating the full \$11 million in local assistance funding as reflected in Military and Veterans Code Section 972.1(d).