

Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 16-17 Proposed

SOS 16 Veterans Services

Service Category: Public Health & Welfare

Dept.:	Health and Human Services/Human Services Div.	Mandate:	None	Related	SHALL
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Executive Summary

The Veterans Service Office assists veterans and their qualifying family members with obtaining benefits from the Dept. of Veteran Affairs (VA) based on the veteran's military service. The main benefits we obtain for our clients are eligibility for VA health care, service connected compensation (akin to Worker's Comp for the military), and a needs-based pension, which often can significantly help veterans and surviving spouses afford long-term care.

Service Level Descriptions (Read from bottom up. Level 1 = minimum viable service level.)

	Revenue	Expense Total	General Fund	FTE
Proposed Budget Total	\$242,937	\$605,004	\$362,067	4.00
Level 1: Threshold	\$242,937	\$605,004	\$362,067	4.00

Maintains the current service level and the County general fund support required to satisfy the maintenance of effort requirement to receive State of Oregon Expansion & Enhancement funding. Service levels in FY 2015 included the following: 3866 one-on-one meetings with clients during open access hours, 398 meetings through set appointments, and 837 meetings at community outreach locations. Additionally, the program helped 386 veterans enroll in VA health care and 916 clients receive positive decisions from VA out of a total of 1330 decisions received for a "grant rate" of 68.8% (n.b., per 2006 report by Institute for Defense Analyses on Variance in Disability Compensation, the estimated National "grant rate" was 67.3%).

State/Federal Mandate

ORS 406.460 requires County maintenance of effort at FY 05-06 General Fund level (\$132,690) in order to receive State Veteran Services Expansion and Enhancement (E&E) program funding. Oregon Constitution, Art. XI-A, Sec. 1 and OAR 274-030-0545 et seq., which establish "Aid to Counties" program.

Leverage Details

The General Fund portion of this program leverages the following:

\$0	back to the Discretionary General Fund
\$242,937	into other Non Discretionary County Funds
\$8,000,000	directly to community members via service provided

For the purpose of this comparison, only include leveraged funds that are dependent on General Fund revenue. Do not include funds that would still be leveraged if the General Fund portion of the service were decreased or eliminated.