

## Department of Veterans' Affairs

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## Veteran Services Grant Program: Request for Grant Proposals December 27, 2017

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) is pleased to announce the Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP) for the ODVA Veteran Services Grant Program was issued on December 27, 2017. **The deadline for submitting grant applications is February 1, 2018.** 

The Oregon State Legislature passed House Bill 2891 in 2017 that established Veteran Services Grant Fund with \$550,000 available for grants. The program uses Oregon Lottery Fund dollars established under Ballot Measure 96, which provide lottery funds specifically for services to Oregon veterans.

The purpose of the Grant Fund is to expand outreach and services to Oregon veterans, or promote:

- Mental health care or physical health care;
- Housing security;
- Employment opportunities and employment stability;
- Education and training opportunities;
- Transportation accessibility and availability;
- Promoting veterans' organizations that provide critical services for veterans; or
- Supporting existing programs identified by the Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee.

Grants awards will range from \$25,000 to \$250,000. The grant period is from the grant award date to June 30, 2019, when all funds must be used and all work completed. All grants are "one-time" grants and grant recipients should not assume that grant funds will be available in subsequent years.

Eligible organizations must have at least a one-year history of providing services and be a:

- Nonprofit organizations incorporated under 501(c)(3).
- Veterans organizations incorporated under 501(c)(19).
- Tribal, regional, local governments. State agencies under programs established by state or federal law.
- Oregon quasi-public agencies.
- Oregon intergovernmental agencies.

The Grant Evaluation Committee includes Veterans' Affair Advisory Committee members and other veterans.

How to Apply for a Grant: ODVA posted the Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP) and the Grant Application form on the Oregon Procurement Information Network website, ORPIN <a href="http://orpin.oregon.gov/">http://orpin.oregon.gov/</a>. To access the RFGP and Application, a Proposer must register ("Supplier Registration") and use the ORPIN system. After registering, login and go to "Browse Opportunities," then "Advanced Search" and enter ORPIN Opportunity Number for this grant, which is 274-1014-17.

**Questions:** All inquiries on this grant must be addressed only via email to: <a href="mailto:laurie.skillman@state.or.us">laurie.skillman@state.or.us</a>. All responses to inquiries will be posted on the ORPIN website under this RFGP.

**ODVA Website:** ODVA posted this document and the administrative rules for the grant on its website, <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/odva">http://www.oregon.gov/odva</a>. Select "Apply to Grant Programs," and then "Veteran Services Grant Program RFGP." Note that the RFGP and Grant Application are only on ORPIN.