

# Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP) 2025-2027 Campus Veteran Resource Center Grant

Date Issued: July 28, 2025

Proposals due: Monday September 22, 2025; 11:59 pm PST

Performance Period: January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

# Note to Grant Applicants:

Please read the RFGP requirements and evaluating Rubric carefully.

This Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP) includes statutory requirements, procedures, instructions, and grant criteria to assist grant Applicants who are applying for a grant under the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Campus Veteran Resource Center Grant.

Application Due Date: September 22, 2025
11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time
Go to the ODVA Grants webpage to apply.

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#### **Section 1: Grant Overview**

# 1.1 Introduction and Background

# Overview

Since 2017, the Oregon State Legislature has approved grant funding for the Veteran Resource Centers on community college and public university campuses in Oregon. The 2025 Legislature approved \$800,000 to continue augmenting existing campus programs that help veterans successfully transition from military service to college life, succeed in college and complete their educational goals, and transition from college to the workforce and the community.

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 406.530 requires the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to develop and implement the grant and award multiple one-time grants on a competitive basis. Only Oregon community colleges and public universities are eligible to apply for this grant. Each community college or university may submit only one grant proposal; however, a grant proposal may include more than one project, which may be located on multiple campuses. Each project shall have individually identified goals, objectives, outcome measures and a requested award amount.

The maximum grant award for each application is \$100,000. ODVA may award grants to Oregon community colleges and public universities that successfully demonstrate capacity to administer any funds awarded under the Proposal by the end of the performance period in which the Agreement is executed. Grants may be awarded in part or in full.

# **Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs**

**Our Vision**: All veterans and their families thrive in Oregon.

**Our Mission:** To honor and serve all Oregon veterans and their families by aligning and

delivering earned benefits and services that enhance and improve their lives

in recognition of their service to our nation.

Our Values: Stewardship Excellence Respect Vision Inclusivity Commitment Equity

The Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) is committed to advancing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) within our organization and for veterans, their families, and the communities we serve. We recognize the historical and systemic harm done to marginalized and underserved veterans. We are dedicated to dismantling barriers, fostering equity, and creating an inclusive environment where all veterans and staff can thrive.

We encourage proposals that serve all veterans, including historically and continuously underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, women, individuals with disabilities, rural, linguistically diverse, aging, and LGBTQ+ veterans. The strength of ODVA lies in the diversity of our partners and their work, as we work together to serve the veteran community throughout Oregon.

# **Campus Veteran Resource Centers**

The Campus Veteran Resource Centers (CVRC) are to provide a place for veterans to get assistance and support from Campus Veteran Resource Coordinators, connect with other veterans, study, and network. The Center also serves as a "home base" on campus where a Campus Veteran Coordinator is available to help veterans transition to campus life, support them while completing their education, and assist in the transition to the workforce and community. Campus Veteran Coordinators are also able connect veterans with local, state, county, tribal, and federal resources, and serve as a critical link to the County and Tribal Veteran Service Officers who assist veterans and their eligible dependents in obtaining earned state and federal benefits.

# 1.2 Eligibility

Only Oregon community colleges (CC) and public universities (PU) are eligible for these grant funds. There are 17 community colleges and 7 public universities in Oregon (not including Oregon Health and Sciences University). Each CC or PU may only submit one application, regardless of the number of campuses or Campus Veteran Resource Centers.

ORS 406.530 (4) established eligibility requirements for applicants, including:

At the time of application, the community college or public university shall have:

- A Campus Veteran Resource Center; or
- A Campus Veteran Resource Coordinator (or intends to hire a coordinator prior to the distribution of grant funds); or
- Both a Campus Veteran Resource Center and a Campus Veteran Resource Coordinator.

#### 1.3 Definitions

As provided in OAR Chapter 274, Division 37, the following definitions apply:

- "Applicant" means an Oregon Community College (ORS 341.005) or Public University (ORS 352.002) that has submitted a Proposal to the Department.
- "Asset" means non-capital assets tangible or intangible property used in organization operations having a useful life beyond a single year and an initial cost (inclusive of ancillary charges) of less than \$5,000 as defined in the State of Oregon Accounting Manual (OAM) 65.00.00 Glossary. Public stewardship, risk, and internal control concerns should govern the agency's decision on how these assets are managed and tracked. OAM 15.50.00. PR.152
- "Award Letter" means an initial notification by the Department of award to a successful Applicant, indicating the award amount, grant period and that a Grant Agreement will be prepared with all details as indicated in ORS 406.530 (7)(b).
- "Capital Assets" means tangible and intangible property as defined as "capital assets" in the OAM, Number 15.50.00, as amended, that have initial estimated useful lives beyond a single year and have an initial cost of at least \$5,000 and does not include

items below \$5,000. Examples of capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and building improvements, motor vehicles, equipment, and machinery, works of art and historical treasures, and infrastructure items such as state highways and airports.

- "Capital Improvement" means an action that increases the useful life of a capital asset or adapts a capital asset to a new use.
- "Department" or "ODVA" means the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- "Evaluation Committee" means a committee selected by the Department to evaluate and score eligible Grant Proposals.
- "Grant Agreement" means a legally binding agreement between the Department and the Recipient that contains the terms and conditions under which the Department is providing Grant Funds under ORS 406.530 (7)(b) and the Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP).
- "Grant Program" means the Campus Veteran Resource Center (CVRC) Grant.
- "Policy" means specific guidelines designated in the RFGP guidance, which are used by the Department in the decision-making process.
- "Proposal" means a grant application submitted to the Department in response to the Request for Grant Proposal (RFGP).
- "Recipient" means an Applicant that was selected as a recipient of grant funds by the Department and that enters into a Grant Agreement with the Department to receive funds from the Grant.
- "Supplant Funds" means to use Grant Funds to replace funds that were previously appropriated by a community college or public university for Campus Veteran Resource Centers or Campus Veteran Resource Coordinators.
- "Veteran" has the meaning given in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 408.225.

# Section 2: Use of Funds, Limitations, Goals, Objectives & Award Amounts

# 2.1 Use of Funds

ORS 406.530 "Grant recipients may use grant funds awarded under this section for the expansion and enhancement of existing campus veteran resource center programs, including training campus veteran coordinators, purchasing computer and other equipment and supplies, hiring additional staff, hosting veteran events, facilitating access to workforce and community resources that were not previously available and meeting other identified needs for the successful and continued operation of the existing centers and coordinators."

#### Capital Improvements

The community college or public university may apply for funds for capital improvements. The total amount of needed funds from the grant *cannot exceed 25%* of the total grant award. It is best practice to disclose any other matching funds for the proposed capital improvement work in the budget. The application must identify how the capital improvements will meet the needs of the student veterans.

# 2.2 Limitations on Use of Funds

- Grant funds may NOT include any indirect and administrative expenses.
- Grant funds may NOT supplant existing funds and resources.
- Grant funds may NOT be used for salaries of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs school certifying officials.
- Grant funds may NOT be used under this section to duplicate services provided by County Veteran Service Officers appointed under ORS 408.410, as described in ORS 406.450.
- Grants are limited in the amount of funds allocated for a Campus Veteran Resource Center Coordinator's salary and benefit. ORS 406.530 states that the CC or PU may use up to \$35,000 of grant funds to pay a Campus Veteran Resource Center Coordinator's salary, provided the CC or PU matches *at least* 50% of grant funds for that purpose.

# 2.3 Grant Proposal Goals and Objectives

ORS 406.530 designated grant funds to be used to expand and enhance a campus veteran program. A Grant Proposal must meet one or more of the three fundamental goals for the program and meet one or more of the following objectives of the grant. If a Grant Proposal has more than one distinct project, Applicants must separately describe each project, including its relevancy to the grant's fundamental objective(s) and goal(s).

<u>Goals:</u> The grant funds shall be used to meet <u>at least one</u> of the three fundamental goals for a campus veteran program:

- 1. Successfully transition from military service into community college or public university.
- 2. Succeed in an Oregon community college or public university and complete their educational goals.
- 3. Successfully transition from college to the workforce and community.

<u>Objectives:</u> To meet at least one of the fundamental goal(s) for the grant, the funds shall be used for <u>at least one</u> of the following objectives:

- A. Expand and enhance the existing Campus Veteran Resource Center on campus premises.
- B. Recruit and employ Campus Veteran Resource Center Coordinators who can serve as liaisons to provide advocacy, understanding and resource connections for veterans.
- C. Attract veterans to enroll in and attend educational programs at the CC or PU.
- D. Provide assistance, guidance, and support to veterans in completing educational goals and objectives.
- E. Provide resources to college administrations, faculty, and staff to facilitate an understanding and appreciation of the strengths, unique challenges and needs of veterans and their families.
- F. Refer campus veterans to the local County or Tribal Service Officers (CVSO) appointed under ORS 408.410 who assist veterans in obtaining federal and state veteran benefits.

G. Assist veterans in successfully transitioning to work and community life by connecting veterans with workforce and employment resources.

#### 2.4 Award Amounts

The total amount available for the 2025-2027 ODVA Campus Veteran Resource Center Grant awards is \$800,000. ODVA will award one-time grants to successful applicants for the current biennium. The maximum amount of a grant award is \$100,000, regardless of the number of campuses or Campus Veteran Resource Centers. ORS 406.530 states that ODVA shall award grant funds to a successful applicant in an amount equal to the least of:

- 1. The amount supported by the applicant's application; or
- 2. \$100,000; or
- 3. Any other amount determined by the ODVA to further the purpose of the grant.

# Section 3: Reimbursement Grant, Records Retention, Reporting Requirements & Monitoring

#### 3.1 Reimbursement Grant

- The Campus Veteran Resource Center grant is a reimbursement grant. ODVA will provide a template to be used for submission of reimbursement requests.
- All expenses must be detailed on the ODVA Claim form with supporting documentation.
- ODVA will review each claim for allowable expenses.
- Claims received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month will be reviewed for payment by the end of that same month.
- The last day to incur expenses with this grant will be June 30, 2027. The last day to request reimbursement for this grant will be July 15, 2027.

# 3.2 Retention and Disposal of Assets

- Records Retention: Recipients are to maintain a complete file of all records for this grant for six (6) years after the grant period closes.
- Any non-capital asset purchased under this grant shall remain an asset in the service of the Campus Veteran Resource Center for at least three (3) years.
- Any capital asset purchased under this grant shall remain an asset in service of the Campus Veteran Resource Center for at least five (5) years.
- If the Campus Veteran Resource Center should discontinue providing services to veterans prior to the above retention schedule, provide written notification to ODVA. The assets purchased with grant funds must be transferred to another organization that provides services to veterans.

# 3.3 Reporting Requirements

<u>Quarterly Reports:</u> Recipients will be required to submit quarterly reports in the format required by ODVA. Reports shall include an update on the number of veterans served, number of veteran engagements (interactions), summary of program activities, description of program successes

and challenges, data and narratives supporting grant outcomes, and accounting of expenditures of grant funds as laid out in the Grant Proposal. Reports are due 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter (Quarters end: March 31, June 30, September 30, December 31). Report Deadlines: April 30, July 30, October 30, January 30.

<u>Final Report:</u> Recipients will be required to submit a final report in a template provided by ODVA. Reports shall include a summary of the measurable outcomes and provide budget reconciliation on expenditures of grant funds, as laid out in the Grant Proposal.

If the funds were used to purchase non-capital assets and capital assets (see definitions), include an inventory log showing a description and dollar amount of items purchased. Equipment such as computers, phones, printers etc., must also include the serial number on the log.

(Final reports are due 60-days after close of the performance period, by August 30, 2027. As outlined in 3.1, the date to submit the final reimbursement request is July 15, 2027)

Templates for all reports will be provided by ODVA.

# 3.4 Monitoring

<u>Monitoring Site Visit</u>: ODVA may schedule a site visit to review the progress of the grant work, as well as review asset logs for items purchased with grant funds, files for grant documents, and reimbursement claim back-up documentation.

#### **Section 4: Point of Contact and RFGP Timeline**

4.1 Point of Contact (POC) at Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs

Brenna Bandstra, ODVA Grants Coordinator 700 Summer St NE | Salem, OR 97301-1285 Cell (971) 388-8204 | Brenna.BANDSTRA@odva.oregon.gov

All communications and/or questions concerning this RFGP should be directed to the Point of Contact named above. Any oral communication will be considered unofficial and non-binding. Any additional information received in writing from the POC is considered official.

# 4.2 Closing Date for Submitting Proposals

All proposals must be complete and submitted by September 22, 2025; at 11:59 pm PST

ODVA will only accept Proposals submitted via the Smartsheets submission link provided on the ODVA website.

# 4.3 Timeline and Other Key Dates

# July 28, 2025

 Release RFGP - send to all Oregon community colleges and public universities and post on ODVA website.

#### August 1, 2025

o Campus Grant Guidance Webinar (Please join ODVA Grants Coordinator for this informative session on this RFGP, followed by time for Q & A).

# **September 22, 2025**

- o Proposal due date 11:59 pm on Monday September 22, 2025. Via electronic link provided on the ODVA grant page (8-weeks to complete proposal).
- o ODVA Grants Coordinator to review Proposals for completeness.

# September- December 2025

- o Grant Proposal Evaluation Committee independent review of proposals.
- o Evaluator recommendations submitted to ODVA Director for review and approval.
- o Decision letters will be sent to all applicants.
- o Grant Agreements to be prepared and executed.
  - o NO funds will be reimbursed until the grant agreement is fully executed.

# January 1, 2026 – August 30, 2027

- o Performance Period: January 1, 2026 June 30, 2027 (18-months)
- o **June 30, 2027** Performance period ends. Final date for recipients to incur expenses.
- o **July 15, 2027** Final date for recipients to submit reimbursement requests. ODVA will provide reimbursement form.
- o August 30, 2027 Final reports with all data due. ODVA will provide final report form.

#### **Section 5: Format & Submission**

Grant Proposals shall include all the required elements listed in *Section 6 of the RFGP*. Submission is to be made through a Smartsheets link provided on the <u>ODVA website</u>.

ODVA will review the Proposal for completeness and will only provide Proposals that meet these requirements to the Evaluation committee.

# 5.1 Required File Name Format: Institution Acronym\_Document Name\_CVRCG\_2025

Example: Chemeketa Community College			
ChemCC_Applicant Certification_CVRCG 2025	ChemCC_IRS W9_CVRCG 2025		

ChemCC_Project Narrative_CVRCG 2025	ChemCC_Budget Proposal_CVRCG 2025
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# 5.2 Required Documents Format & Submission Requirements

- Utilize the application template. Do not delete section instructions.
- All pages must be standard letter size (8.5" x 11")
- Project Narrative: Use a 12-point Times New Roman or Calibri font, double line spacing, and 1-inch margins.
  - o Tables may be in 11-point font single line spacing. Bulleted list recommended for tables.
- Do not use a Table of Contents or divider pages.
- Do not add any graphics and photos.
- Submit application & all required elements using the Smartsheets Form link provided on the ODVA Website.

# 5.3 Required Documents Checklist for a Complete Application (details included in Section 6).

Application Certification Form
Campus Veteran Resource Center Grant Application Template 2025-2027
Excel Budget Sheet
Signed Institution W-9 Form

# Section 6: Required Elements

#### 6.1: Applicant Certification Form (Template provided by ODVA).

This form must be signed by an Administrative Official that is authorized to commit the institution to a contract.

# 6.2: Project Narrative (Template provided by ODVA).

Utilize the ODVA provided template for the Project Narrative; template is located *on the ODVA Website*. The applicant shall provide the following information:

<u>6.2 a. Goals:</u> The Grant Proposal must work towards at least one of the following goals. On the provided Project Narrative template, select (check) which of the following is a goal(s) for the project. The use of the grant funds will help veterans to:

- 1. Successfully transition from the military into an Oregon community college or public university.
- 2. Succeed in an Oregon community college or public university and complete their educational goals.
- 3. Successfully transition from college to the workforce and community.

<u>6.2 b. Objectives:</u> The Grant Proposal must work towards at least one of the following objectives. On the provided Project Narrative template, select (check) which of the following is an objective(s) for the project(s):

- A. Expand and enhance the existing Campus Veteran Resource Center on campus premises.
- B. Recruit and employ Campus Veteran Resource Coordinators who can serve as liaisons to provide advocacy, understanding and resource connections for veterans.
- C. Attract veterans to enroll in and attend educational programs at the CC/PU.
- D. Provide some assistance, guidance, and support to veterans in completing educational goals and objectives.
- E. Provide resources to college administrations, faculty, and staff to facilitate an understanding and appreciation of the strengths, unique challenges and needs of veterans and their families.
- F. Refer campus veterans to the local County or Tribal Veteran Service Officers appointed under ORS 408.410 who assist veterans in obtaining federal and state veteran benefits.
- G. Assist veterans in successfully transitioning to work and community life by connecting veterans with workforce and employment resources.

<u>6.2 c. Work Plan:</u> A work plan must expand and enhance a campus veterans' program. A work plan may have one or more distinct projects. If the work plan has more than one project, applicants should outline which Goal(s) and Objective(s) each project intends to fulfill. All projects should address:

- What is the identified need for the services to support veterans at your school?
  - o Include how has the Applicant determined what the needs of the student veterans are? (e.g. historical data, survey results, focus group feedback etc.).
- Describe how the project's identified action/intervention (e.g. a new position, upgraded services, and/or supplies) will address the identified needs of student veterans.
- Describe how the Applicant intends to reach out to, and engage, student veterans including student veterans that may not be currently engaging with the CVRC.
- Describe how this work will help to close educational opportunity and accessibility gaps for those students who are historically and continuously underrepresented. (e.g. racial and ethnic groups, women, individuals with disabilities, rural, aging, linguistically diverse, and LGBTQ+ veterans).
  - o Include if underserved veteran populations play a role in the design, decision making, and evaluation of the proposed project(s).

**6.2 d. Timeline:** Provide a bullet timeline to implement grant funded activities and achieve grant outcomes, objective(s) and goal(s).

- The timeline should be broken into quarters, list what activities will occur, when they will occur, and who will be responsible for evaluating the outcomes of the activities.
- Timeline should include "how" and "when" Applicant will collect project outcome data to provide updates for required quarterly reporting.

<u>6.2 e. Measurable Outcomes:</u> Measurable outcomes must be included in the Proposal. Measurable outcomes must clearly demonstrate that the result of the grant funded project(s) successfully achieves the selected goal(s) and objective(s).

- An outcome is a statement of a specific measurable change (result) that the Applicant aspires to achieve with a grant funded project.
- Measurable outcome(s) must provide specific data and other evidence that demonstrates if the program's objective(s) goal(s) were achieved.

# One outcome must be:

• The number of unique (unduplicated) student veterans served through the project.

# **Outcomes should include:**

- The number of engagements (i.e. interactions or encounters) with student veterans expected from a grant funded project (as applicable) or position.
- How the project will provide a positive and direct impact for student veterans.

# 6.2 f. Campus Capacity

- Provide a statement about the Campus's capacity to implement and complete the grant funded project within the grant cycle, in compliance with this RFGP and all applicable federal and state laws.
- List all key staff indicating their responsibility for implementing and overseeing specific work of the proposal.
- Describe the capacity of the CVRC Coordinator to oversee the Proposal's projects.
- Describe the capacity of the CVRC's support staff from the college to manage the grant funds and expenditures.

<u>6.2 g. Budget Narrative:</u> The Budget Narrative and Budget should have strong and specific ties to the work plan and outcomes in the proposal and provide the best benefit to veterans.

Budget Narrative: Describe the proposed budget for the use of grant funds (maximum \$100,000)

- Provide specific information of what will be purchased to successfully implement a project.
  - E.g. Salaries & employee benefits, student worker wages, purchased services, supplies, travel, registration and entrance, events, outreach, non-capital and capital assets, capital improvements etc.
- Coordinator salaries/benefits:
  - ORS 406.530 states that the CC or PU may use up to \$35,000 of grant funds to pay a Campus Veteran Resource Center Coordinator's salary, provided the CC or PU matches at least 50% of grant funds for that purpose.
- The total amount of needed funds from the grant for capital improvements cannot exceed 25% of the total grant award.
- Student workers' wages who are not eligible for <u>VA Work Study funds</u>

# 6.3: Budget Sheet (Template provided by ODVA)

a. <u>Utilize the ODVA Excel Budget Template</u> which includes separate line items for personnel salary and benefits, work-study, travel, outreach, education, coordinator and staff training, equipment, services and supplies, capital improvements, etc.

o <u>Matching Funds and Resources</u>: Required matching funds must be included in the budget and budget narrative for the Campus Veteran Resource Center Coordinator. If there are matching funds for capital improvement expenses, these should also be disclosed in the budget.

# 6.4: Signed Institution IRS W-9

# Section 7: Modification, Withdrawal or Cancellation of RFGP

Address any of the following submissions to the attention of the ODVA Grants Coordinator, Brenna.BANDSTRA@odva.oregon.gov.

# 7.1 Modifications:

An Applicant may modify its Proposal in writing prior to the RFGP closing. An Applicant must prepare and submit any modification to its Proposal to ODVA in accordance with Section 5, above. Any modification must include the Applicant's statement that the modification amends and supersedes its prior Proposal. The Applicant must mark the submitted modification "Proposal Modification 2025 CVRC Grant Proposal."

#### 7.2 Withdrawals:

An Applicant may withdraw its Proposal by a written notice submitted signed by an authorized representative of the Applicant and emailed to the ODVA Grants Coordinator. The Applicant must mark its written request to withdraw "Proposal Withdrawal to 2025 CVRC Grant Proposal" in the subject line of the email.

# 7.3 Cancellation of RFGP; Rejection of Proposal; No Damages

ODVA may reject any or all Proposals in-whole or in-part or may cancel this RFGP at any time when the rejection or cancellation is in the best interest of the State or ODVA, as determined by ODVA. Neither the State nor ODVA is liable to any Applicant for any loss or expense caused by or resulting from the delay, suspension, or cancellation of the RFGP, award, or rejection of any Proposal. All Grant awards are subject to available funds.

#### Section 8: Proposal Evaluation

Proposals must be complete at the time of submission and include all required documents identified in Section 5.

#### 8.1 Points Structure:

The Evaluation Committee will score each proposal using a 38-point maximum scoring rubric.

NOTE: The proposal is scored on identifying, defining, and measuring at least one goal and at least one objective. If an institution has more than one goal or objective, it will not increase the

score. However, each goal and objective must be clearly outlined as to how it will meet the needs of the student veterans. If it is unclear how goals/objectives are to meet the needs of student veterans, it may be reflected in a lower score.

# **Rubric summary of points**:

Description	RFGP Section	Points
Workplan	6.2 c.	15
Timeline	6.2 d.	5
Outcomes	6.2 e.	5
Campus Capacity	6.2 f.	3
Budget Narrative & Budget	6.2 g. and 6.3	5
Meeting Student Veterans' Needs	Overall	5
Totals		38

#### 8.2 Evaluation and Award Amounts

# **Evaluation:**

ODVA will select an impartial Evaluation Committee. The Committee will conduct a comprehensive and impartial evaluation of the Proposals.

The Committee will use the scoring Rubric to evaluate and score the Proposals according to the criteria in the Rubric and then make funding recommendations to the Director of ODVA.

The ODVA Director has final approval of the funding recommendations. ODVA will make funds available statewide and may:

- Give priority to those proposals that ODVA determines are best designed to help veterans successfully transition from military service to college life, succeed in college, and/or complete educational goals and transition from college to the workforce and the community;
- Concentrate funds and resources in those areas of the state with the greatest need for veteran assistance programs, as determined by the Department.

# **Award Amounts:**

In addition to scored results of all Proposals, the Evaluation Committee will also consider the total amount of available grant funds, and the total dollar amount requested, in all grant proposals. Once

the evaluation process is completed, the Director of ODVA will review the recommendations and has final approval of awards.

ODVA may award Grant Funds for all or some of the amounts requested in an individual Proposal.

# Section 9: Award Notice & Grant Agreements 9.1 Award Notice

ODVA will first make phone calls and/or send emails to notify all applicants with the outcome of the evaluation. ODVA will then send a written Notice of Award to the funded applicants for this RFGP. The notice will indicate the award amount, the performance period, and any next steps. In addition, the names of the community college and public university that were successful, will be published on the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs website.

# 9.2 Grant Agreements

The Grant Agreement is a contract between ODVA and the Grant Recipient that describes the contractual relationship and responsibilities of the parties. The Agreement authorizes the project to begin on a specified date, or after the date signed by all parties including ODVA and the authorized signer for community college or public university. The Grant Proposal and Budget submitted will be exhibits to the Grant Agreement.

No funds will be reimbursed without a fully executed Grant Agreement. All project costs shall be incurred during the performance period, or as identified in the Grant Agreement.

# **Funding Notes**

ODVA may receive grant applications that exceed the amount of available funds and, therefore, may not be able to fund all applications that meet grant proposal requirements.

Disbursement of funds are subject to the availability of sufficient moneys in and from the Funding Source, Agency will disburse Grant Funds to Grantee for the allowable Project activities undertaken during the Performance Period.

# Appendix A: Potential Grant Projects

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 406.530 states: Grant recipients may use grant funds for the expansion and enhancement of existing Campus Veteran Resource Center programs, including training Campus Veteran Coordinators, purchasing computer and other equipment and supplies, hiring additional staff, hosting veteran events, facilitating access to workforce and community resources that were not previously available, and meeting other identified needs for the successful and continued operation of the existing centers and coordinators.

The examples in this section are not limitations on potential projects.

Instead, they are provided as examples.

# Goal 1: Successfully transition from the military into a public university or community college.

- Develop and implement a veteran-specific orientation and welcome program.
  - o Include how to use the G.I. Bill for tuition, for housing, and for books.
  - o Describe available services on campus and off-campus.
- Host an event for new and returning veterans to introduce veterans and their families to other veterans on campus.
- Develop and implement a program to regularly train campus administration and staff on student veterans. Include how student veterans are different from traditional students, in terms of work experience, families and goals. Include specific needs for veterans.
- Develop and implement a program to train Campus Veteran Coordinator and staff on U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) related programs.
- Develop and implement a peer-to-peer buddy system or mentoring program for new veterans on campus.
- Develop and host a job fair to help student veterans find employment while attending college, including work-study.
- Develop and implement training for staff on translating military experience into terms civilians understand.
- Technology platform(s) that can be used by student veterans and the CVRC Coordinator to provide consistent educational and/or wellness check-ins or referrals.
- Veterans History Project- collect, preserve and makes accessible the firsthand recollections of U.S. military veterans who served.

# Goal 2: <u>Student veterans succeed in college and complete their educational goals.</u>

- Design, develop and create exclusive study areas for veterans. This may include purchasing desks, computers, printers, paper, and supplies.
- Design and implement a veterans' peer-to-peer program.
- Develop, plan, coordinate and implement events for student veterans and their families including:
  - Events to develop and establish social support structures
  - o Events to give student veterans a voice on campus

- o Events to bring together non-veterans and veterans through informational speakers
- Events that coordinate with current County Veteran Service Offices, Tribal Veteran Service offices and local partners for advocacy and services
- Develop and implement a food bank within the Campus Veteran Resource Center or on campus.
- Develop a program to work with and train professors, administration, and staff to educate them about student veterans' culture and specific needs.
- Develop and implement a program for coordinating care for children of veterans.
- Recruit, hire and train staff for the Campus Veterans Resource Center.
- Develop a referral network or guide to provide student veterans with resources for mental, behavioral, and physical health/wellbeing.
- Create a mindfulness or low stimulation area for veterans to relax or promote emotional or social wellness.
- Develop a network with other public universities and community colleges on best practices for Campus Veteran Resource Centers. This networking could include training.

# Goal 3: <u>Veterans successfully transition from college to the workforce and community.</u>

- Develop and implement job fairs for student veterans.
- Host networking events for student veterans with potential employers. This project could include coordinating with other public universities and community colleges.
- Develop a peer mentoring program with former alumni, who can assist with job networking, skill building, training, etc.
- Contract a service to assist a veteran translate their military experience to occupational skills for resume building.
- Travel expenses to take student veterans on industry tours.
- Host webinars to help student veterans develop or update social media platforms used most frequently for job searches.
- Contract a service for financial planning seminars.