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## **\$6 million in new grants will help veterans move quickly into high-demand jobs and careers with a future**

**SACRAMENTO** – Nearly \$6 million in new state grants will provide individualized services to help 1,200 veterans move quickly from military life into high-wage jobs and civilian careers with a future.

“The men and women of our armed forces leave the safety of civilian life and go in harm’s way to keep all of us free. Now, as they come home, we have a chance to say ‘thank you,’” said Pam Harris, Chief Deputy Director of the Employment Development Department (EDD). “With these new programs we are showing our appreciation in a tangible and effective way – offering veterans training and employment services that recognize the skills and experiences of their military service and smooth the way to successful civilian careers.”

Agencies from San Diego to Sonoma will use the funds to offer services targeted to meet the veterans’ unique needs and occupational goals. The programs will prepare them for careers in a variety of fields, including computer and software services, business services, green energy, healthcare, information technology, agriculture, physical education, transportation, communications and manufacturing.

In coordination with the California Workforce Investment Board, EDD awarded a total of \$5,985,676 to 13 organizations for services to veterans, with an emphasis on those who recently returned to civilian life. Funding for these grants is drawn from the Governor’s Discretionary 15 percent Workforce Investment Act funds under the Administrative authority of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s Employment Development Department.

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Below is the list of recipients:

<b>Awardees</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Awards</b>
Able-Disabled Advocacy, Inc.	San Diego	\$465,000
Jewish Vocational Service, Los Angeles	Los Angeles	\$465,000
North County Interfaith Council	San Diego	\$465,000
Northern Valley Job Training Consortium	Santa Clara	\$465,000
Riverside County Economic Development Agency	Riverside	\$465,000
San Diego Workforce Partnership	San Diego	\$465,000
San Mateo County	San Mateo	\$465,000
Shoreline Workforce Development Services	Santa Cruz	\$465,000
Solano County	Solano	\$465,000
Stanislaus County	Stanislaus	\$419,195
Ventura County	Ventura	\$451,481
Verdugo Consortium	Los Angeles	\$465,000
Vietnam Veterans of California	Sonoma	\$465,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,985,676</b>

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