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EDD awards \$4.9 million to organizations in 13 counties to provide job opportunities and training for veterans

SACRAMENTO –The California Employment Development Department (EDD) announced today it has awarded \$4.9 million in Veterans’ Employment-Related Assistance Program (VEAP) grants for 11 organizations in 13 counties that will help veterans find jobs.

“These grants will help connect our veterans with services, training, skills assessment, and job placement across California,” said EDD Director Rita Saenz.

These grant recipients provide veterans with access to employment opportunities, while supplying high-growth industries with dedicated and highly skilled applicants for fields such as: advanced manufacturing, construction, educational and health services, logistics and transportation, aerospace, and information technology.

The funds will be used for multiple programs including: career counseling, training, credentialing, apprenticeships, paid work experience, on-the-job training, job placement assistance, and follow-up and retention services. Grantees will also be using an intensive client-centered case management approach to evaluate the need for, and provision of, resources such as: access to technology for distance learning, housing assistance, child care, mental health care, and a wide range of other supportive services.

Funding for this grant was provided through discretionary funds made available to Governor Gavin Newsom, in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and administered by the EDD and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

These organizations were selected through a competitive selection process. Please refer to the table below for the organizations’ contact information to learn more about the services available with these funds.

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Awardee	County	Award Amount	Contact
American Aerospace Technical Academy	Los Angeles	\$500,000	John Stewart 1-323-761-9066 Stewartata@gmail.com
Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$500,000	Mike Watanabe 1-323-293-6284 Miwat@aadapinc.org
Goodwill Industries of Orange County	Orange	\$400,000	Richard Adams 1-714-547-6308 Richarda@ocgoodwill.org
Interfaith Community Services	San Diego	\$500,000	Amber Rizkalla 1-760-708-6830 Arizkalla@interfaithservices.org
JVS SoCal	Los Angeles	\$350,000	Kim Fedrick 1-323-761-8888 ext. 8861 Kfedrick@jvs-socal.org
Managed Career Solutions, SPC	Los Angeles	\$500,000	Philip Starr 1-213-272-8635 Pstarr@mcs-careergroup.com
Mendocino Private Industry Council, Inc.	Lake, Mendocino	\$500,000	Christy Gard 1-707-530-2330 Christy@mpic.org
NPower, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$500,000	Federico Pacheco 1-562-458-6113 Federico.Pacheco@npower.org
Orange County Workforce Development Board Community Investment Division	Orange	\$500,000	Carma Lacy 1-714-480-6420 Carma.Lacy@occr.ocgov.com
Stanislaus County Workforce Development	Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus	\$250,000	Doris Foster 1-209-652-2458 Fosterd@Stanworkforce.com
Swords to Plowshares: Veterans Rights Organization	Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco	\$400,000	Colleen Corliss 1-415-655-7248 Ccorliss@stp-sf.org