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**Veterans programs receive nearly \$5 million to help put vets back to work**

*Grant funding will assist veterans in Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange, Sacramento, and Stanislaus counties*

SACRAMENTO –The California Employment Development Department (EDD) announced today that it has awarded nearly \$5 million to ten organizations to help veterans find employment in promising careers in Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange, Sacramento, and Stanislaus counties.

The Veterans Employment-Related Program grants are made available to organizations that have proven track records of assisting unemployed and underemployed veterans find rewarding civilian careers. The funds awarded today are targeted to assist veterans with significant barriers to employment, including those confronted with challenges such as a disability, homelessness, low income, or in need of additional education.

“These grants will help our veterans transition into civilian jobs, bringing with them valuable skills and experience earned in their military careers,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. “It’s an honor to help serve those who have served our country.”

While veterans are trained in skills that are applicable to civilian work, these local organizations help veterans showcase and illustrate how their military experience is meaningful and beneficial to civilian employers. In addition, veterans will have access to employment, education, training, and support services such as transportation, clothing allowance, and child care assistance.

The grant funding is made available by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act’s Governor’s discretionary funds under the administrative authority of the EDD.

**The 2017 Veteran’s Employment-Related Assistance Program grant recipients are listed on the following page.**

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<b>Awardee</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Industries</b>
Foothill Workforce Development Board	Los Angeles	\$500,000	Dianne Russell-Carter 626-584-8395	Construction, Transportation and Warehousing
Goodwill Industries	Orange	\$500,000	Kathy Copeland 714-547-6308	Manufacturing, Advanced Manufacturing and Professional Services
Interfaith Community Services	San Diego	\$500,000	Filipa Rios 760-489-6380	Health Care, Protection Services, Computer Technology Services and Customer Service Sales
Managed Career Solutions, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$500,000	Philip Starr 213-355-5312	Construction, Protective Services, Information Technology and Healthcare
National Veterans Transition Services, Inc.	San Diego	\$500,000	Maurice D. Wilson 619-822-2704	Heavy Equipment Operator, Manufacturing, Clean Technologies, Communications Technologies and Project Management
Pacific Gateway Workforce Development Board	Los Angeles	\$500,000	Erick Serrato 562-570-3762	Health Care, Professional Services, Hospitality, Construction and Logistics
Sacramento Employment and Training Agency	Sacramento	\$500,000	William Walker 916-263-4639	Advanced Manufacturing, Construction, Utility and Energy
SouthBay Workforce Investment Board	Los Angeles	\$500,000	Chris Cagle 310-213-5182	Construction
Stanislaus County Alliance Worknet	Stanislaus	\$448,554	Doris Foster 209-558-2150	Advance Manufacturing, Logistics/Transportation, Construction and Healthcare
Youth Policy Institute	Los Angeles	\$500,000	Stan Saunders 323-978-1033	Healthcare, Finance, Technology, Security, Trucking, Renewable Energy and Fiber Optics

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