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EDD awards \$5 million to help veterans find employment
Special emphasis placed on employing women veterans

SACRAMENTO – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) announced today that it has awarded \$5 million in Veterans’ Employment-Related Assistance Program grants to ten organizations to help veterans find civilian employment. These grants will help fund job training, education and support services that lead to job opportunities for unemployed and underemployed veterans, and include an emphasis on assisting the career advancement of women veterans.

“This funding will help nearly 1,100 unemployed and underemployed veterans find jobs and serve women veterans who face significant post-service employment challenges,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. “EDD is proud to help our veterans in their transition to civilian careers.”

EDD awarded \$500,000 to each organization in support of their employment assistance programs and required awardees to demonstrate the capability of offering employment assistance for women veterans that leads to career opportunities. EDD also gave additional consideration to organizations in which at least 25 percent of participants are women veterans ages 35 to 44.

According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, women veterans over age 35 have an unemployment rate five percent higher than male veterans of the same age. Women veterans are also statistically more likely to work in low-wage jobs, earn minimum wage and experience poverty.

The Veterans Employment-Related Assistance Program grants are provided through discretionary funds made available to Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and are under the administration of EDD and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

The 2018 Veterans Employment-Related Assistance Program grant recipients are listed on the following page.

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Awardee	County	Amount	Contact
Able-Disabled Advocacy Inc.	San Diego	\$500,000	Elaine Cooluris (619) 231-2380 elaine@able2work.org
Asian American Drug Abuse Programs Inc.	Los Angeles	\$500,000	Mike Watanabe (323) 295-4075 miwat@aadapinc.org
Community Career Development	Los Angeles	\$500,000	Alberto Uribe (310) 627-2018 auribe@communitycareer.org
Inter-City Services Inc.	Alameda	\$500,000	Mansour Id-Deen (510) 655-3554 middeen@icsworks.com
Jewish Vocational Services	Los Angeles	\$500,000	Claudia Finkle (323) 761-8581 cfinkle@jvs-socal.org
North Central Counties Consortium	Colusa, Glenn, Sutter, Yuba	\$500,000	Cindy Newton (530) 822-7150 cnewton@ncen.org
Orange County Community Investment Division	Orange County	\$500,000	Brian Rayburn (714) 480-2885 Brian.Rayburn@occr.ocgov.com
Swords to Plowshares	San Francisco	\$500,000	Colleen Corliss (415) 552-6267 ccorliss@stp-sf.org
Verdugo Workforce Development Board	Los Angeles	\$500,000	Judith Velasco (818) 409-0463 jvelasco@glendaleca.gov
Vietnam Veterans of San Diego	San Diego	\$500,000	David Siegler (619) 497-0263 David.siegler@vvsd.net

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