

ANOKA COUNTY

AGENDA

INTERGOVERNMENTAL & COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

and Meeting of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners**

Commissioners Braastad (Chair), West (Vice Chair), and Meisner

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020 MEETING

9:45 A.M.

Bunker Hills Activity Center – Maple Room

550 Bunker Lake Blvd. NW

Andover, MN 55304

Action Item

1. Consider recommending the county board adopt Resolution #IG-07, Resolution Accepting Funds from the State of Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs for the County Veteran Services Office (CVSO) Enhancement Grant Program (Contract #C0008101). **See attached** resolution and worksheet.

Informational Item

2. Review Intergovernmental and Community Relations agreements executed since last meeting.
3. Public comments are welcome at this time. In consideration of others wishing to speak, please limit comments to two minutes.

*** Actions taken by this Committee do not bind the County Board. In addition to the County Commissioners appointed to this committee, additional County Commissioners may attend. Non-committee Commissioners may choose to participate in the discussions and/or ask questions, but they will **not** vote on any item, nor will they agree to take a specific action on business conducted by the committee. If their attendance and limited participation in the committee meeting is considered a meeting of the County Board, this shall serve as notice of a County Board meeting. This shall also serve as notice of a County Board Meeting for any committee comprised of four or more members of the board.*

#IG-07
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
FOR THE COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE (CVSO) ENHANCEMENT
GRANT PROGRAM
(CONTRACT #C0008101)

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs CVSO Operational Enhancement Grant Decision committee has appropriated \$22,500 for FY21 to be awarded to the Anoka County Veteran Services Office; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County has met all requirements of the grant application and has been awarded \$22,500. The grant is to be used to enhance the operations of the CVSO under Minn. Stat. 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2019, Chapter 10 Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2, for a period from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, in order to accept the grant funds, the county must agree to conditions of the grant:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Anoka County that the county enters into Grant Contract #C0008101 with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following program: County Veteran Services Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2019, Chapter 10 Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Anoka County that John Kriesel, Director of Anoka County Veteran Services Office, be authorized to execute the attached grant contract for the above-mentioned program on behalf of the county.



ANOKA COUNTY IG ACTION ITEM

August 6, 2020

Intergovernmental

ACTION REQUESTED	Approval of the receipt of the FY21 CVSO Operational Enhancement Grant from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (Contract # C0008101) in the amount of \$22,500.
Background/description	The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs CVSO Operational Enhancement Grant is designed to enhance the operations of County Veteran Service Offices. The previous Operational Improvement Grant that was on a three-year rotating cycle was replaced with an annual base grant to all 87 counties in the amount of \$7,500. In addition to the base grant, each county is eligible for an additional amount, as determined by the USVA, based on the county's Veteran population. According to the USDVA, there are 21,358 Veterans living in Anoka County which qualifies for an additional \$15,000 in grant funds for a total amount of \$22,500. In the past we have used these funds for new office equipment, training, PTSD re-evaluations, advertising and outreach materials.
Amount of contract	\$22,500
County Contract Number	C0008101
Other	Funding source is Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (Minnesota Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2019, Chapter 10 Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2)