The County Veteran Services Office (CVSO) assists veterans and their qualifying family members obtain benefits from the Dept. of Veteran Affairs (VA) based on the veteran’s military service. The main benefits we obtain for our clients are eligibility for VA health care, service connected compensation (akin to Worker’s Comp for the military) and a needs-based pension which often can significantly help veterans and surviving spouses afford long-term care.

## Executive Summary

The FY 22-23 allocation maintains current service level and the County general fund support required to satisfy the maintenance of effort requirement to receive State of Oregon pass-through funding for CVSO’s. FY 22-23 budget uses carryforward funds of $210,434 which may result in an increased general fund need in FY 23-24.

## Service Descriptions

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 Provides counseling, advice and assistance to veterans and their survivors or dependent parents in obtaining the benefits provided for them by state and federal laws. FY 22-23 allocation maintains current service level and the County general fund support required to satisfy the maintenance of effort requirement to receive State of Oregon pass-through funding for CVSO’s. FY 22-23 budget uses carryforward funds of $210,434 which may result in an increased general fund need in FY 23-24.

## State/Federal Mandate

Oregon Constitution, Art. XI-A, Sec. 1 and ORS 406.448 - 406.464 and 408.410. These provisions allow for the appointment of a County Veteran Service Officer and detail the requirements if such an appointment is made. Furthermore, they establish the qualifications for pass-through funding and associated “prohibitions on supplanting” county funds with the state pass-through funds. (ORS 406.460).

## Leverage Details

The General Fund portion of this program leverages the following:

- back to the Discretionary General Fund
- into other non Discretionary County Funds
- directly to community members

$1,850,000