



326,338 OREGON VETERANS



335,905 OKLAHOMA VETERANS

OPPORTUNITY

ANNUAL RETURN ON INVESTMENT

\$78,750 = \$1.7M

ESTIMATED COST PER VSO

ESTIMATED AVERAGE ANNUAL
PAYMENTS TO VETERANS PER VSO

5-YEAR RETURN ON INVESTMENT

\$418,000 = \$27.5M

ESTIMATED COST PER VSO

ESTIMATED AVERAGE 5-YEAR
PAYMENTS TO VETERANS PER VSO

2017-19 County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO) Ballot Measure 96 Funding Model

Current Service Level (CSL) \$4.7 million
+ \$7.3 million¹ (additional funding under Ballot Measure 96)
= \$12 million Total CVSO Funds for 2017-19

- This investment would target approximately 39% of Ballot Measure 96 funding.
- Investments in CVSO's began in 1945 and are a proven, data supported strategy to leverage additional federal dollars that will go directly to Oregon's veterans and their families.

Long Term Outcome Target: Perform at "Oklahoma" level of claims success, **i.e. capture \$1 billion left on the table each biennium.**

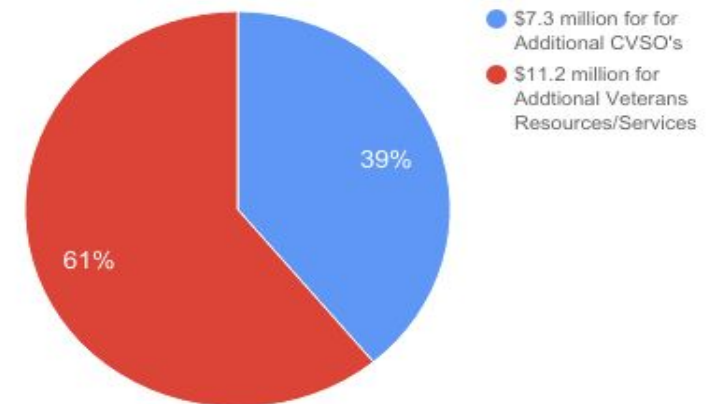
Specific 2017-19 Biennium Outcome Target: Leverage \$68 million² of additional federal payments to veterans.

Specific 2019-21 Biennium Outcome Target: Leverage \$204 million³ of additional federal payments to veterans.

Specific 2021-23 Biennium Outcome Target: Leverage \$340 million⁴ of additional federal payments to veterans.

- The remaining 61% of BM 96 funds can be targeted for specific new resources to serve veterans.
- Housing Support Strategy:
 Average Monthly 2017 housing cost in Portland, Oregon = \$1,455 per month
 Average Monthly earned disability compensation for an Oregon veteran = \$1,700 per month.

2017-19 BM 96 Funds = \$18.5 million



¹ \$7.3 million of BM 96 fund would support approximately 40 new CVSO positions, training support and outreach costs (\$7.3 million/(\$78,750 x 2 years))

² in 2017-19 Biennium (\$1.7 million x per CVSO x 40; 1 year ramp-up to hire new CVSO's)

³ in 2019-21 Biennium (\$1.7 million per CVSO x 40 x 3 years)

⁴ in 2021-23 Biennium (\$1.7 million per CVSO x 40 x 5 years)

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BALLOT MEASURE 96
VOTER APPROVED FUNDING FOR OREGON VETERANS

WHEREAS Oregon is the proud home of more than 326,000 veterans who have served in five major wars across three generations.

WHEREAS The 2016 Oregon Legislature unanimously referred Ballot Measure 96 to the voters of Oregon; the voters of Oregon voted to pass Ballot Measure 96 with 84 percent of the vote.

WHEREAS The “Legislative Argument in Support” statement in the *Official 2016 General Election Voters Pamphlet* included language stating: “In addition to current state funding for veterans, Measure 96 will provide critical support for our veterans...”

WHEREAS A reduction in general fund or lottery fund support for Oregon’s veterans would not honor the will of the voters.

WHEREAS Ballot Measure 96 was a mandate for Oregon to increase funding for veterans to better access their earned benefits such as education, housing, and healthcare.

WHEREAS The Governor, many state Legislators, veterans organizations and veterans advocates across Oregon all support faithfully implementing the will of the voters to fully fund the 2017-19 Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) budget, including approximately \$10 million of general funds and \$18.5 million in lottery funds.

WHEREAS Many of the day to day needs of Oregon’s veterans for housing, healthcare, and mental health continue to go unmet and many of our veterans continue to live in the woods, under bridges and in alley ways.

WHEREAS Only one in three of our veterans access their earned benefits and two-thirds of our veterans need assistance to effectively access their medical, disability, education and other federally funded, earned benefits.

WHEREAS The state's efforts to help more veterans access their earned disability and low income pension benefits also creates a very significant economic multiplier for the local communities in which they live.

WHEREAS The current annual federal amount of dollars coming to Oregon is \$1.3 billion (up from approximately \$600 million in 2006) for non-healthcare benefits and \$1.1 billion in health care benefits (up from approximately \$500 million in 2006).

WHEREAS The federal funds Oregon is able to access and leverage by maintaining its current level of general and lottery funds to support veterans significantly lessens the burden on state and county services.

WHEREAS The leaders of Oregon have an obligation to honor the men and women who have served our nation in uniform and to advocate on behalf of veterans.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

We hereby oppose the Co-Chairs April 17, 2017 Target Reduction List proposal to reduce the ODVA budget by \$5 million General Fund and weaken funding for veterans under Ballot Measure 96.

DATED this 21st day of April, 2017.



Bill Hall
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Commissioner, Lincoln County