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# Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Grant

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# Transportation is critical



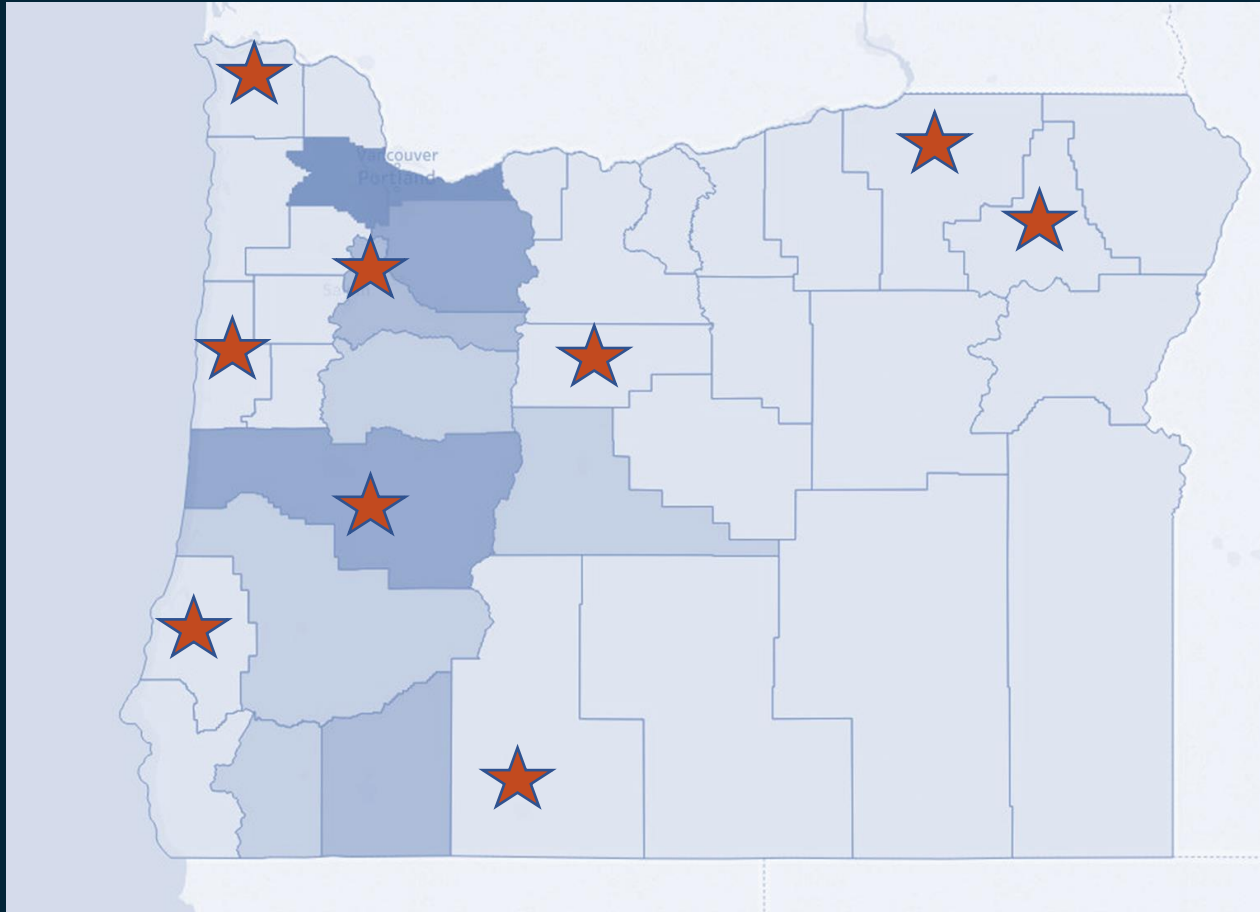


# Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation

- **2019-2021 budget provided \$500,000 for standup**
- **Designed to complement USDVA Highly Rural Medical Transportation Grant (HRTG) and fill in gaps in rural areas**
- **Rural Veteran Healthcare Transportation Grant program (RVHTG) was codified in 2021 via HB 2139. \$650,000 was appropriated in the 21-23 budget.**
  - ODVA and ODOT partnership formalized by MOU
  - ODOT awards and administers grants
  - ODOT draws on existing rural transportation provider partnerships
  - No-cost rides to VA facilities, non-VA facility health & behavioral health appointments, pharmacies and other health needs.

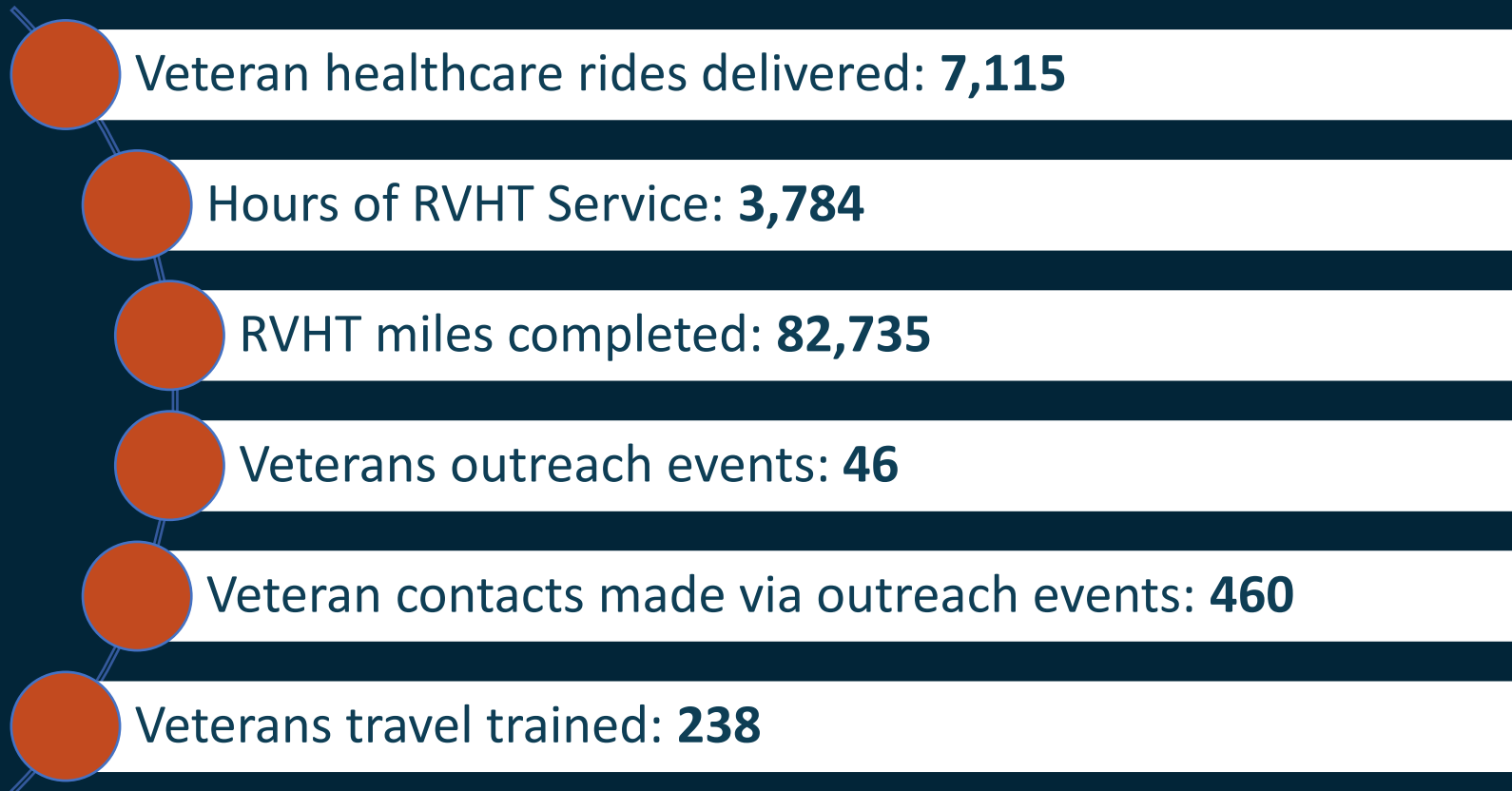


# Participating Transportation Districts





# End of First Cycle: July 2020 – June 2021





# Going Forward

- ODVA and ODOT are working together to get an RFP out for the next cycle of funding this fall.
- ODOT expects most, if not all, of the prior participants to re-apply for this next cycle of funding; transportation districts are largely excited to continue the program. We are hopeful that even more communities will apply.

# QUESTIONS



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