



OREGON DEPARTMENT  
of VETERANS' AFFAIRS

# Veterans Educational Bridge Grant

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## VEBG: Program Status

- The 2021 legislative session extended the sunset date of the program from January 2022 to January 2024.



# Funding

2019-21

- Appropriated \$300,000 for 19-21 biennium
- Total funds awarded by June 30, 2021: \$220,961

2021-23

- Appropriated \$175,000 for 21-23 biennium



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- Purpose and eligibility: to support student veterans who are unable to complete an academic program on time because a required course is not available, and experience financial hardship as a result.
- The initial impact of COVID-19 on the higher education system left some veterans with gaps in their educational funding from the GI Bill
- Grants can be awarded in amounts up to \$5,000.
- Data: Significant need for this program in summer of 2020, then a significant drop in need starting in the fall 2020. Unclear what the need will be going forward.
  - ODVA will continue to collect, monitor, and report data findings.



# 2019-21 Biennium

| Date                | 6/30/2021 |
|---------------------|-----------|
| # of Applicants     | 52        |
| # of Awardees       | 47        |
| # Not Awarded       | 5         |
| Total Funds Awarded | \$220,961 |
| Funds Remaining     | \$79,039  |
| Average Turnaround  | 5 Days    |
| Average Award       | \$4,419   |





# 2021-23 Biennium

| Date                | 9/10/2021 |
|---------------------|-----------|
| # of Applicants     | 3         |
| # of Awardees       | 3         |
| # Not Awarded       | 0         |
| Total Funds Awarded | \$12,720  |
| Funds Remaining     | \$162,280 |
| Average Turnaround  | 3 Days    |
| Average Award       | \$4,240   |



# QUESTIONS



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