

## **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

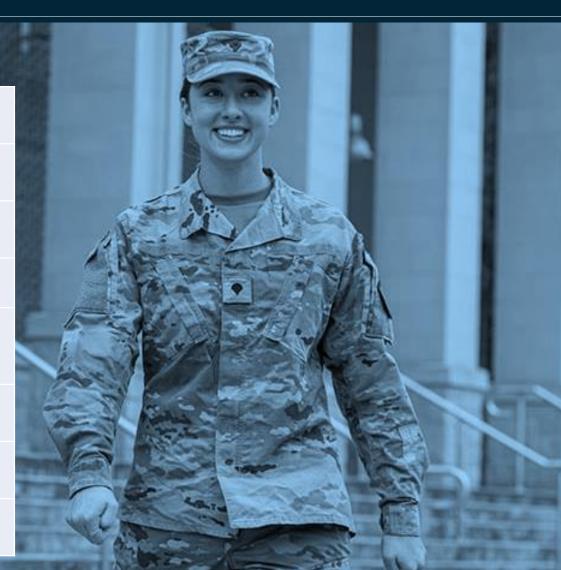
Appropriated \$175,000 for 21-23 biennium

#### **Veterans Educational Bridge Grant**

- 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.

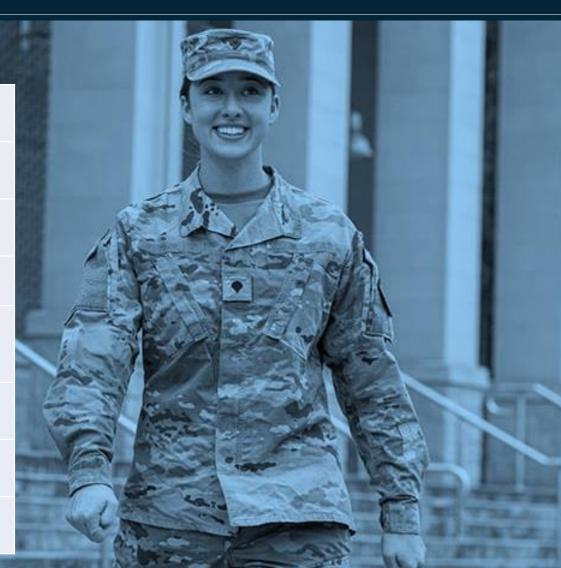
## **2019-21 Biennium**

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



## **2021-23 Biennium**

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



# QUESTIONS



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