

Veterans Educational Bridge Grant

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VEBG: Program Status

- HB 2201 (2019 Regular Session) Established the VEBG within ODVA
- Purpose: Provide grants to eligible veterans who are unable to complete a degree program due to one or more courses not being offered until a later date.
- •The 2021 legislative session extended the sunset date of the program from January 2022 to January 2024.

Funding

2019-21

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

2021-23

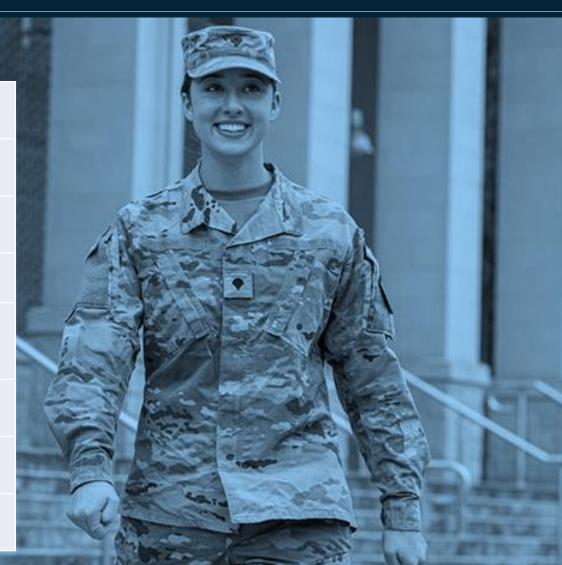
 Appropriated \$175,000 for 21-23 biennium

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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.

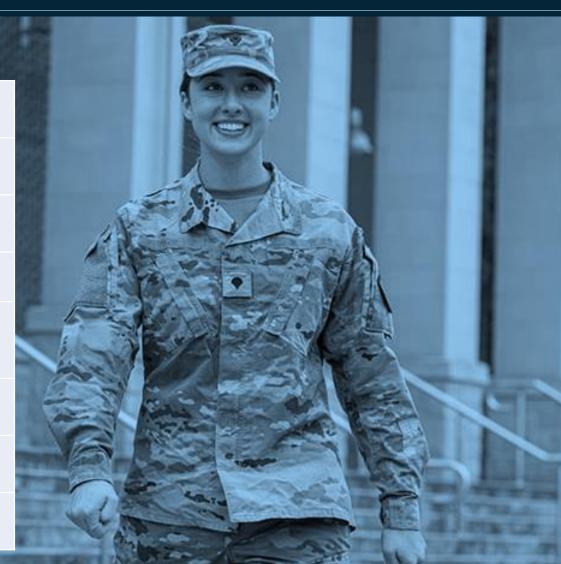
2019-21 Biennium

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



2021-23 Biennium

Date	11/1/21
# of Applicants	4
# of Awardees	4
# Not Awarded	0
Total Funds Awarded	\$17,720
Funds Remaining	\$157,280
Average Turnaround	3 Days
Average Award	\$4,430



QUESTIONS



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