



# 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

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





# 2021-23 Biennium

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



# QUESTIONS



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