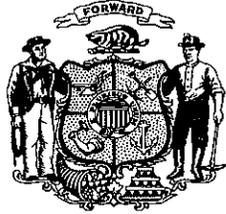


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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: November 30, 2017

Re: 5-Day s. 16.515/16.505(2), Stats. Request

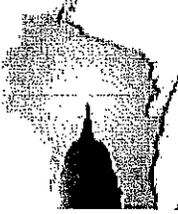
On October 24, 2017 the Department of Administration submitted a request on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to s. 16.515/16.505(2), Stats. An objection was filed on November 13, 2017. This objection has been withdrawn and a five day passive review process will begin.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Thursday, December 7, 2017**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

AD:JN:jm



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Date: October 24, 2017
To: The Honorable Alberta Darling, Co-Chair
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The Honorable John Nygren, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
From: Scott A. Neitzel, Secretary
Department of Administration
Subject: s. 16.515/16.505(2) Request(s)

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Enclosed are request(s) that have been approved by this department under the authority granted in s. 16.515 and s. 16.505(2). The explanation for each request is included in the attached materials. Listed below is a summary of each item:

AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	2017-18		2018-19	
		AMOUNT	FTE	AMOUNT	FTE
DVA 20,485(6)(k)	Funds received from other state agencies		8.0*		

*Project positions ending 12/31/17.

As provided in s. 16.515, the request(s) will be approved on November 14, 2017, unless we are notified prior to that time that the Joint Committee on Finance wishes to meet in formal session about any of the requests.

Please contact Kirsten Grinde at 266-1353, or the analyst who reviewed the request in the Division of Executive Budget and Finance, if you have any additional questions.

Attachments

Date: October 17, 2017
To: Waylon Hurlburt
From: Cory Stinebrink
Subject: Section 16.505(2) Request

Attached is a s. 16.505(2) request analysis for your approval and processing. Listed below is a summary of each item:

DOA RECOMMENDATION:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	2017-18	2018-19	
			<u>FTE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>
DVA 20.485(5)(k)	Funds received from other state agencies		8.0*		

* Project positions ending 12/31/17

AGENCY REQUEST:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	2017-18	2018-19	
			<u>FTE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>
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WRH APPROVAL WRH (FORWARD TO GAIL TAPPEN)



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Date: October 17, 2017

To: Scott A. Neitzel, Secretary
Department of Administration

From: Cory Stinebrink, Executive Policy and Budget Analyst

Subject: Request under s. 16.505(2) from the Department of Veterans Affairs to extend project position authority.

Request:

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs requests the extension of 8.0 FTE program revenue project positions in the Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program. The positions ended on September 29, 2017. This request is to extend them and the associated authority until December 31, 2017.

Revenue Sources for Appropriation(s):

The positions would be funded from funds received from the department's other state agencies appropriation under s. 20.485(6)(k). The revenue for the positions is from two federal grants awarded to the Department of Health Services. The department partnered with the Department of Health Services in submitting the grant applications and is an identified subgrantee. Funds are received through an interagency agreement and will be sufficient to continue supporting these positions until December 31, 2017. The appropriation under s. 20.485(6)(k) is a program revenue-service, continuing, all moneys received appropriation, and any expenditure authority adjustments will be handled administratively.

Background:

The Department of Health Services, in collaboration with the department, was awarded a three-year grant for \$1.2 million and a two-year enhancement grant for an additional \$1.2 million from the federal Department of Health and Human Services to establish the Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program (VORP) for veterans located in the northern regions of Wisconsin. The program utilizes a coordinated, community resource-based, approach to address the needs of homeless veterans with behavioral health needs in a large rural and underserved part of the state. The four defined program goals are:

- Establish a network that makes treatment options more accessible to veterans;

- Identify homeless veterans and define gaps in treatment;
- Provide information on housing and behavioral health treatment services to all homeless veterans contacted; and
- Ensure 90 percent of the enrolled participants are connected to housing and/or behavioral health services at follow-up.

As of September 8, 2017, the program has assisted 777 veterans identified as being homeless or at risk of becoming homeless with life sustaining services such as education, employment, food, health care, housing, legal services, mental health, money management, Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance, and transportation. Of those assisted, 330 veterans have been assessed or diagnosed with a mental health and/or substance abuse condition. These veterans are case managed and provided mental health care through federally awarded grants. For the 330 veterans assessed or diagnosed with a mental health or substance abuse condition, the program has conducted 1,497 service referrals to other community partners and provided 2,348 services directly.

Analysis:

To administer the grants, 8.0 FTE project positions were approved by the Joint Committee on Finance on October 27, 2015, to conduct outreach efforts for chronically homeless rural area veterans by connecting them with mental health and substance abuse services. Other services included stable housing, employment assistance, medical and treatment services, and follow-up.

The federal grants formally ended on September 29, 2017. However, the federal Department of Health and Human Services is allowing states to carry over unspent funding for up to 12 months. The positions were also scheduled to expire on September 29, 2017. Approval of this request would extend them until December 31, 2017. The departments were recently notified that a "no cost extension" has been approved, with a carryover amount of \$267,183 that provides sufficient revenue to extend the positions.

If the extension is denied, the Department of Veterans Affairs will be unable to complete its grant obligations, thus denying veterans needed services.

Recommendation:

Approve the request to extend 8.0 FTE project positions to December 31, 2017.

Date: September 26, 2017

To: Waylon Hurlburt, State Budget Director

From: Jim Parker, Division Administrator, Division of Enterprise Services

Subject: s. 16.505/515 Request to extend project position authority in s. 20.485 (6)(k) Funds Received from Other State Agencies.

Request:

Under the provision of s. 16.505/515, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) is requesting the extension of 8.0 FTE project positions (position #'s 339503-339510). The current project positions will end on September 29, 2017. The request is to extend them and the associated authority until December 31, 2017.

A "No Cost Extension" has been approved by the granting authority. The carry-over amount will be \$267,183. Approval to extend these positions will allow the WDVA to expend the remainder of the carry over federal grant funds awarded to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WDHS) for Veterans Outreach and Recovery Programs (VORP) in the areas of mental health illness and substance abuse disorders to veterans. The WDHS acts as the "pass through agency" to the WDVA for the grants. The program is administered by the WDVA and the current positions report directly to the WDVA Bureau Director for Veterans Programs and Services.

The VORP positions are funded through a Program Revenue (PR) continuing appropriation (62000).

Program Background:

The WDHS in collaboration with the WDVA, was awarded a 3-year grant for \$1.2 million and a 2-year enhancement grant (which enabled WDVA to expand its coverage to an additional 3 counties) for an additional \$1.2 million from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish outreach and recovery services for veterans located in the northern regions of Wisconsin. 8.0 FTE project positions were approved by the Joint Committee on Finance on October 7, 2015 to conduct outreach efforts for chronically homeless rural area veterans by connecting them with mental health and substance abuse services. Other services included stable housing, employment assistance, medical and treatment services and follow-up. The grants formally end on September 29, 2017, however, the DHHS will allow states to carry over unspent funding for up to twelve months.

The VORP is a comprehensive, coordinated outreach, treatment and recovery support program for veterans who are homeless or at-risk and have a behavioral health disorder. The VORP supports existing treatment and homeless programs and provide services in the 49 counties of northern and central Wisconsin. The program employs Outreach and Recovery Specialists (ORSs), working as case-managers, assigned to a region where veterans have difficulties accessing adequate housing and treatment services. Six regions are established where ORSs work with key local contacts including county homeless programs, behavioral

health services, veteran organizations, and housing services to help provide the appropriate recovery supports so that the veterans are successful in reaching their goals. The ORSs use the evidence-based Motivational Interviewing method to work with the veterans to ensure they have stable housing, connect them to proper treatment, and follow-up to ensure that the treatment is continual and effective.

As of 9/08/17 the program has assisted 777 identified veterans as being homeless or at risk of becoming homeless with life sustaining services such as education, employment, food, health care, housing, legal services, mental health, money management, SSI and SSDI, and transportation. Of those assisted, 330 veterans have been assessed/diagnosed with a mental health and or substance abuse condition. These veterans are case managed and provided mental health care through our federally awarded grants. Of the 330 enrolled, the VORP has conducted 1,497 service referrals (i.e. employment, food, housing) to other community partners and 2,348 services the program provided directly.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at (608)266-1843. Thank you for your prompt assistance with this matter.

CC: Tom Rhatigan
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