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**EDD awards \$5 million to help train 1,200 California veterans
for careers in high-growth industries**

SACRAMENTO - The California Employment Development Department (EDD) announced today it has awarded \$5 million in Veterans' Employment-Related Assistance Program grants to 11 organizations to help approximately 1,200 veterans secure jobs in growing industries.

"EDD is proud to provide California veterans with the tools they need to transition into sustainable careers," said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. "This funding will help train and prepare former military personnel for high-growth civilian jobs."

The 11 organizations receiving the grants provide employment services in six counties including Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego and Ventura. Eligible veterans will receive vocational training and support services to prepare them for jobs in emerging local industries.

Services to veterans will include career assessments, job workshops and on-the-job training. Some of the targeted industries the veterans will train for include:

- Administrative and Professional Services
- Advanced Manufacturing and Technology
- Computer Information and Technology
- Construction
- Customer Service/Retail Sales
- Healthcare
- Protection Services
- Renewable Energy
- Transportation and Logistics

Funding for this grant was provided through discretionary funds made available to Governor Gavin Newsom in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and is administered by the EDD and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

The recipient organizations were selected through a competitive selection process as part of the 2019 Veterans' Employment-Related Assistance Program. Information on the grant recipients is included in the following table:

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Awardee	County	Amount	Contact
City of Pasadena/Foothill Workforce Development Board	Los Angeles	\$488,635	Dianne Russel-Carter (626) 584-8395 mailto:drussel@foothilletc.org
Goodwill Industries of Orange County	Orange	\$488,635	Kathy Copeland (714) 547-6308 kathyc@ocgoodwill.org
Interfaith Community Services	San Diego	\$488,635	Filipa Rios (760) 489-6380 frios@interfaithservices.org
Managed Career Solutions	Los Angeles	\$488,635	Philip Starr (213) 355-5312 pstarr@mcscareergroup.com
Richmond Workforce Development Board	Contra Costa	\$488,635	Sal Vaca (510) 307-8006 avaca@richmondworks.org
Riverside County Development Agency	Riverside	\$488,635	T. Kim Pham (951) 955-0464 tpham@rivco.org
South Bay Workforce Investment Board	Los Angeles	\$488,635	Jan Vogel (310) 970-7700 JVogel@sbwib.org
United States Veterans Initiative	Los Angeles	\$288,645	Akilah Templeton (310) 744-6522 atempleton@usvetsinc.org
Veterans & Youth Career Collaborative	Los Angeles	\$313,640	Nelson Varas (562) 424-0038 nvaras@vycareer.org
Workforce Development Board of Ventura County	Ventura	\$488,635	Jeff Landis (805) 477-5444 jeff.landis@ventura.org
Youth Policy Institute	Los Angeles	\$488,635	Stan Saunders (323) 978-1033 ssaunders@ypi.org