Polk County Board of Supervisors
Resolution No: 19-17
Resolution In Support of Returning CVSO Grant to Block Grant Format

TO THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF POLK:

Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin County Veterans Service Office Grant has operated as a block-grant for CVSO salary supplement since legislative inception in 1973, to attract and retain CVSO talent, and as a means to fund improvements to CVSO veterans services in the county; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Wisconsin Biennium Budget restructured this long- standing CVSO Grant block payment structure to a reimbursement only payment structure, and has resulted in a very cumbersome program that no longer allows salary supplementation, and contains complicated rules of eligible reimbursable costs, which together now create fiscal constraints on Wisconsin counties that benefitted from the previous block grant payment structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Polk joins other counties in the State of Wisconsin, to express their request to the Wisconsin State Legislature to have the County Veterans Service Office Grant returned to the original 1973 intent to be used for supplementing the salary of County Veterans Service Officers, in order to attract and retain talented personnel in those positions and/or used to fund improvement of services to veterans and their dependents; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors does hereby request of the State Legislature that the CVSO Grant be structured in a block-grant structure requiring only the signatures of the current CVSO and County Executive, County Administrator or County Board Chairman as verification of compliance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to all of Polk County's State Senators and Assembly Representatives, to the Wisconsin Counties Association, and to the President of the Wisconsin County Veterans Service Officer Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk cause to be published this resolution in accordance with Wisconsin Statute Section 59.14.

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Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	Not Applicable
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Committee Recommendation as To Appropriation:	Not Applicable
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	March 21, 2017
Submitted ~~and Sponsored~~ By:	
Review By County Administrator: ☒ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended ☐ Reviewed Only Dana Frey, County Administrator	Review By Corporation Counsel: ☒ Approved as to Form ☐ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended ☐ Reviewed Only Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

Acknowledgement of County Board Action

At its regular business meeting on the 21st of March 2017, the Polk County Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, Resolution No: ____-17: Resolution In Support of Returning CVSO Grant to Block Grant Format , as follows:

- ☐ Adopted by simple majority of the board of supervisors by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- ☒ Adopted by unanimous vote. voice vote
- ☐ Defeated by a vote of _____ in favor and _____against.
- ☐ Defeated by voice vote.
- ☐ Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows: _____

SIGNED BY:

Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson

Attest: Sharon E. Jorgenson
Sharon Jorgenson, County Clerk

CERTIFIED COPY OF POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
COUNTY OF POLK)

I, Sharon E. Jorgenson, County Clerk for Polk County, do hereby certify that the Attached hereto and incorporated herein is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 19-17 adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors at its regular business meeting held on March 21, 2017.

Sharon E. Jorgenson 3-21-17
Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk Date