

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 2891**

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** (1) **The Department of Veterans' Affairs Veteran Services Grant Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Department of Veterans' Affairs Veteran Services Grant Fund shall be credited to the fund. The Department of Veterans' Affairs Veteran Services Grant Fund shall consist of moneys transferred to the fund from the Veterans' Department of Veterans' Affairs Dedicated Lottery Fund established under section 3, chapter \_\_, Oregon Laws 2017 (Enrolled Senate Bill 140). Moneys in the Department of Veterans' Affairs Veteran Services Grant Fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the purposes established under this section.**

(2) **The Department of Veterans' Affairs may award grants in the amount of \$25,000 to \$250,000 per recipient from the Department of Veterans' Affairs Veteran Services Grant Fund for the following purposes:**

- (a) **Expanding outreach to veterans;**
- (b) **Expanding services for veterans;**
- (c) **Promoting improved mental health care for veterans;**
- (d) **Promoting improved physical health care for veterans;**
- (e) **Promoting housing security for veterans;**
- (f) **Promoting employment opportunities and stability for veterans;**
- (g) **Promoting education and training opportunities for veterans;**
- (h) **Promoting transportation accessibility and availability for veterans;**
- (i) **Promoting veterans' organizations that provide critical services for veterans within a community or region or on a statewide basis; and**
- (j) **Supporting existing programs identified by the Advisory Committee appointed under ORS 406.210 in accordance with Article XV, section 4f, of the Oregon Constitution.**

(3) **The department, with the advice of the Advisory Committee, shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The rules shall include, but are not limited to, requirements for eligibility for grants from the Department of Veterans' Affairs Veteran Services Grant Fund.**

**SECTION 2.** **Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$555,000 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the veterans' services fund created under Article XV, section 4f, of the Oregon Constitution, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs**

for the purpose of making and administering grants from the Department of Veterans' Affairs Veteran Services Grant Fund established under section 1 of this 2017 Act.

**SECTION 3.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.

**Passed by House June 26, 2017**

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

**Passed by Senate June 30, 2017**

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

**Received by Governor:**

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**Approved:**

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Kate Brown, Governor

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Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State