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Senator Lee Beyer, Co-Chair  
Representative David Gomberg, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on  
Transportation and Economic Development  
900 Court Street NE  
State Capitol, H-178  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Subject: Response to Day 1 – Budget Presentation Questions

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) appreciates the opportunity to respond to questions from its February 8, 2021, budget presentation with the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development.

During the presentation, ODVA was asked questions related to Lottery Funding between the 2019-21 biennium and 2021-23 biennium. Table 1 below shows the comparison between ODVA's total Lottery Fund levels.

Table 1: Total ODVA Lottery Funding

	2019-21 Legislatively Adopted	2019-21 Legislatively Approved	2021-23 Governor's Budget
<i>Lottery Funding</i>			
Measure 96 (ODVA Budget)	\$ 20,559,847	\$ 19,272,830	\$ 19,865,421
Debt Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 690,010
<i>Total Lottery Funding</i>	\$ 20,559,847	\$ 19,272,830	\$ 20,555,431

Note 1: 2019-21 Legislatively Approved includes actions taken through January 2021 Emergency Board.

Note 2: 2021-23 Governor's Budget includes Debt Service of \$690,010 Lottery Fund.

The total Lottery Fund budget for ODVA in the 2021-23 Governor’s Budget is generally consistent with what was funded in the 2019-21 Legislatively Adopted Budget. Comparing the lottery funding levels in the 2021-23 Governor’s Budget to the 2019-21 Legislatively Approved Budget shows an increase of approximately \$1.28 million. The 2019-21 Legislatively Approved Budget is less, as it included the budget reductions required to be taken from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Session in August 2020 (Senate Bill 5723).

While overall lottery funding levels between the 2021-23 Governor’s Budget and 2019-21 Legislatively Adopted Budget were generally consistent, there were changes to specific funding for certain programs. Changes in program funding relate to increased funding due to inflation on certain budgetary line items such as pass-throughs to County Veteran Service Officers, National Service Organizations, Tribal Veteran Service Officers, and ODVA personnel services; debt service on the YMCA Affordable Housing Project; and the Governor’s Budget investments in ODVA’s Policy Option Packages.

An additional question was asked related to a summary comparison of grant funding between the 2019-21 biennium and 2021-23 biennium. Please see Table 2 below:

Table 2: Lottery Fund - Grants and Pass-Through to Partners

	2019-21 Legislatively Adopted	2019-21 Legislatively Approved	2021-23 Governor's Budget
<i>Grants &amp; Pass-Through to Partners</i>			
Veteran Services Grant Fund	\$ 1,070,900	\$ 570,900	\$ 788,118
Campus Veteran Services Grant Fund	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 500,000
Rural Veteran Healthcare Transportation Grant Fund	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Fund	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 175,000
Suicide Hotline (Lines for Life)	\$ 364,700	\$ 364,700	\$ 364,700
<i>Total Grants &amp; Pass-Through to Partners</i>	\$ 3,235,600	\$ 2,635,600	\$ 2,327,818

Note 1: 2019-21 Legislatively Approved includes actions taken through January 2021 Emergency Board.

ODVA looks forward to finalizing its budget presentation with the Committee on Wednesday, February 10. Please let us know if you have any questions, or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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Director