

Analysis  
**Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs**  
State Home Construction Grant

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**Request:** The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) is requesting retroactive approval to apply for two State Home Construction Grants (CFDA: 64.005) made available from CARES Act funding in 2020, and managed through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) to purchase equipment or facilitate physical plant upgrades as it relates to the prevention, preparation, or response to the Coronavirus for the two Oregon Veterans' Homes.

**Analysis:** The USDVA notified states on April 6, 2021 of revisions to the grant application process and established a deadline for submission of April 15, 2021. Changes and delays in the application process at the federal level created the compressed timeline for submittal. ODVA requests retroactive approval to apply for grant funding totaling \$442,117 in order to purchase equipment and provide for facility upgrades in the Oregon Veterans' Homes.

The grant request for The Dalles is \$182,156 and would provide for the following:

- Redesign of the HVAC air supply and return ductwork in the resident therapy area;
- Installation of bipolar ionization units in air handlers;
- Purchase of high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter air scrubbers; and
- Replacement of drinking fountains with touchless water bottle fillers.

The grant request for Lebanon is \$259,961 and would provide for the following:

- Redesign of the HVAC air supply and return ductwork in the community center area;
- Installation of bipolar ionization units in air handlers;
- Purchase of high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter air scrubbers;
- Purchase of additional clothes washers and dryers for each neighborhood and a dedicated washer and dryer for housekeeping linens; and
- Purchase of four resident bather tubs to replace existing equipment

There is no match requirement and no additional FTE is needed. ODVA will need to return to the February legislative session or an Emergency Board for necessary expenditure limitation when funds are awarded.

**Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation:** The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request to apply for the two State Home Construction Grants.