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DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION NO. 49

Supporting the Reinstating of the CVSO Grant to the Original 1973 Intent and Block-Grant Format

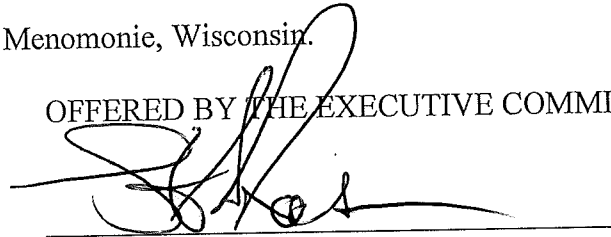
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Dunn joins other counties in the State of Wisconsin, to urge the Wisconsin State Legislature to have the County Veterans Service Office Grant returned to the original 1973 intent to be used for supplementing the salary of County Veterans Service Officers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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dunn 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 Chairperson as verification of compliance; and,

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

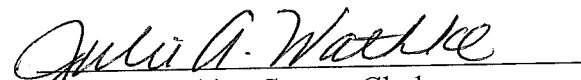
Offered this 26th day of July, 2017, at Menomonie, Wisconsin.

OFFERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:


Steve Rasmussen, Chair

Adopted on: July 26, 2017

ATTEST:


Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk

Approved as to Form and Execution:


Nicholas P. Lange, Corporation Counsel

Budget Impact: Adoption of this Resolution will have no impact on the 2017 budget.

Background Information: In 1973, the Wisconsin Legislature created a block grant system to assist counties in providing veterans' services by supplementing the salary of Veterans Services Officers in order to attract and retain well-qualified and talented persons for the position. Over time, the block grant was allowed by the State to be used for other costs as long as they were strictly associated with improving veterans' services and did not go to another department or into the county general fund. Although no specific standards were ever established by the state to prescribe authorized uses for the grant monies or to proscribe unauthorized uses, no incidents of abuse of the grant money by any CVSO or county were reported or published.

The 2015 Wisconsin Biennium Budget restructured this long-standing CVSO Grant block payment structure to a reimbursement-only payment structure, strictly limiting what grant funds can be used for and resulting in a very time-consuming, cumbersome program that no longer allows