

RESOLUTION NO. 9-0217

RETURNING CVSO GRANT TO A BLOCK GRANT FORMAT

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; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Iowa joins other counties in the State of Wisconsin, to express their desire 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 used to fund improvement of services to veterans and their dependents; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa 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; and,

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

Respectfully submitted by the Iowa County Health and Human Services Committee: