

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

October 19, 2021

Agenda Item: 4.1

Subject: Acceptance of Grant Award – Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success (CEVSS) from the U.S. Department of Education, in support of the Las Positas College Veterans First Program, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College (P116G210027)

Background: Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success (CEVSS) is a federal grant provided by the Department of Education for institutions of higher education. The CEVSS grant objectives are to encourage model program to support veteran student success in postsecondary education by coordinating services to address the academic, financial, physical, and social needs of veteran students. The CEVSS grant is offered every five years with the number of awards historically ranging from 13 to 19 awards. Las Positas College Veterans First program applied for the grant in 2020 with notification of award on August 8, 2021.

Funding from the CEVSS grant will allow Las Positas College’s Veterans First Program to expand existing services while developing new interventions to assist veterans with the goal of becoming a true Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success. The proposed project objectives include working with faculty and staff to develop an early alert system to assist veterans who are struggling due to the immediate transition to distance learning spurred by the pandemic. Project objectives will also include aligning existing campus resources and adding new services to better support veterans; offering internship and career pathway programs in partnership with organizations in our serving area; building alliances with local veteran nonprofit agencies and military bases; offering training for faculty and staff to better assist veteran students; improving veteran academic success metrics; and offering an annual all-veteran English course. Las Positas College has an excellent institutional infrastructure to fulfill the project goals and a strong commitment from the leadership to ensure the sustainability of the program once the grant concludes.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees accept the Grant Award - Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success (CEVSS) from the U.S. Department of Education, in support of the Las Positas College Veterans First Program, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College (P116G210027) in the amount of \$445,411 for the 3-year period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the grant award on behalf of the District.

Submitted by: Theresa F. Rowland/Date

Approved: Ronald P. Gerhard/Date

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