

REFERENCE TITLE: veterans; mental health; grant program

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SB 1710

Introduced by
Senator Gowan

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-610.03; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF VETERANS' SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 3, article 7, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-610.03, to read:

4 41-610.03. Mental health services for veterans grant program

5 A. THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VETERANS GRANT PROGRAM IS
6 ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE
7 SERVICES AND TREATMENT TO VETERANS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.

8 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

9 1. ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM.

10 2. ESTABLISH THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR GRANT APPLICANTS,
11 ACCEPTABLE USES OF GRANT MONIES AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL GRANT
12 RECIPIENTS.

13 3. AWARD PROGRAM MONIES ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS DIRECTLY TO PRIVATE
14 ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES AND TREATMENT TO VETERANS WITH MENTAL
15 ILLNESS.

16 Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of veterans' services;
17 mental health services for veterans grant program;
18 exemption

19 A. The sum of \$_____ is appropriated from the state general
20 fund in each of fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 to the department of
21 veterans' services for the mental health services for veterans grant
22 program established by section 41-610.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, as
23 added by this act.

24 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
25 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
26 to lapsing of appropriations.