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Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA)
700 Summer St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Veteran Services Grant Administrator:

As Chair of the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Clatsop Community Action's (CCA) Veteran Services Grant application.

Clatsop County has had the honor of working in partnership with CCA and their dedicated staff for many years. We continue to witness the positive impact their dynamic range of services have upon our most vulnerable populations that struggle with poverty, unemployment, homelessness, and food insecurity. Whether it is ensuring a family has a roof over their heads, heating and water for their homes, steady employment, or food on the table, Clatsop Community Action is improving the overall health and well-being of citizens across our underserved County.

CCA's programs and services are vital to local veterans and families in need. Through their combined resources, CCA's suite of wrap-around programming brings hope and stability to the veterans they serve.

In particular, CCA serves as the County's contracted provider for Veteran Services Officer (VSO) services. Over the past three years, this partnership with CCA has dramatically increased the County's service level—allowing us to reach an average of 300 veterans annually. With approximately 3,574 veterans residing in the County, Veteran Services Grant funds would have a profound impact on our community.

Clatsop Community Action is an asset to Clatsop County and its veteran population, and we encourage your consideration of grant funding for the worthwhile project outlined in this grant proposal. We would be happy to provide any additional information as needed.

Sincerely,

Mark Kujala, Chair
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners