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The Honorable Carlos Hopkins
Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs
1000 Bank St, 3rd Floor
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The Honorable Luke E. Torian
Chair, House Appropriations Committee
900 East Main St, 13th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219

The Honorable Janet D. Howell
Chair, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee
900 East Main St, 14th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Annual report on the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Employment Grant

Dear Secretary Hopkins, Delegate Torian, and Senator Howell:

The Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program creates employment opportunities for Virginia veterans by educating and training employers to implement nationally recognized best practices in recruiting, hiring, and retaining veterans. Over 2,000 private and public sector employers participate in the V3 Program, and nearly 65,000 veterans have been hired by V3 partners to date.

The V3 Employment Grant Program was created to incentive small to medium-sized V3 partners to hire and retain veterans. \$100,000 per fiscal year is set aside in the Appropriations Act to support the grant program. Chapter 1289, 2020 Acts of Assembly, Item 464 A.4, directs the Department of Veterans Services to report any shortage of funding resulting from requests in excess of the available appropriation.

The table below details the number of applications received, the number of grants awarded, and the total amount of grant funds disbursed in Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020. To date, there have been no shortfalls in funding resulting from requests in excess of the available appropriation.

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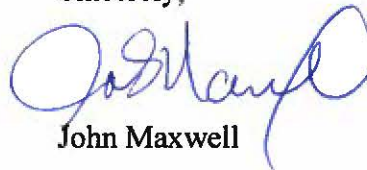
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Fiscal Year	2018	2019	2020
Number of applications received	86	104	92
Number of grants awarded	70	92	85
Amount of grant funds disbursed	\$70,000	\$92,000	\$85,000

Please let me know if we may provide additional information.

Sincerely,



John Maxwell

Cc: Mr. David Reynolds, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, House Appropriation Committee
Ms. Caitlin Kilpatrick, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Senate Finance Committee
Ms. Renae Vanderveldt, Budget Analyst, Department of Planning & Budget
Mr. Michael Dick, Chairman, Board of Veterans Services
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