



# Arapahoe County

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## Board Summary Report

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**To:** Board of County Commissioners

**Through:** Katherine Smith, Community Resources Department Director

**Prepared By:**  
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**Subject:**  
Veteran Services Office Q1 and Q2 Summary Reports

**Purpose and Request:**

The purpose of this report is to communicate the services provided to veterans and their families by the Arapahoe County Veterans Service Officer during the months of January-June 2025.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Good Governance - Deliver mandated and essential services with excellence.

**Background and Discussion:** The Colorado Department of Veterans Services requires assistance to veterans and their families in compliance with Sections 28-5-801 et seq., Colorado Revised Statutes, in receiving their benefits such as, but not limited to:

- Burials:
  - Provide veterans within Arapahoe County the information regarding their burial allowance
  - 1 Advise and assist family members of veterans collection of death pension
- Health Services:
  - Assist veterans in processing claims for medical benefits
  - 1 Assist and coordinate with veterans'
- Medicaid cases Claims:
  - Prepare, present and appeal claims for VA benefits on behalf of Arapahoe County veterans and their dependents

**Alternatives:** This document is a state form required by the State of Colorado to be submitted monthly as application for monetary benefits payable to the County General Fund in accordance with Section 28-5-707 Colorado Revised Statutes.

**Fiscal Impact:** The County receives \$60,000 annually from the State of Colorado for the services provided to veterans in Arapahoe County. There is also a positive fiscal impact to individual veterans and claimants through successful claims recoveries.

**Alignment with Strategic Implementation Strategies:** The attached framework helps Arapahoe County institutionalize values-based, transparent decision-making, documenting how we make

decisions and carry out actions to achieve the county's strategic plan.

**Concurrence:** This report was presented to Katherine Smith, Community Resources Department Director, who recommends approval and signature by the Board of County Commissioners.