

## Disability & Veterans Services Programs/Events

\$7,000.00 Other (Please describe) This amount is being requested to cover the costs of speakers or performers and set up fees associated with these events. It is the intention that at least two presentations will be brought to campus with these funds.

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### **Executive Summary**

OSS is seeking funding to provide UWB with programming (events, presentations, workshops) that will increase campus awareness of the challenges faced by people with disabilities and returning veterans. While Disability Support and Veterans Services are funded by separate budgets, neither funding source is capable of supporting programming of this nature.

### **Program/Service Need**

61 students currently receive academic accommodations through Disability Support and 96 veterans are studying with the support of a VA education entitlement. As our campus continues to grow, we can expect a continued marked increase in these populations. They are part of our UWB fabric. In an effort to build a campus that is welcoming and supportive, our community should strive to build awareness, understanding, and compassion for these students.

### **Assessment**

The success of these programs is directly related to the number of audience members in attendance. We are a small community and a program's success is often attributable to 'word of mouth'. More interest should be generated the more frequently we are able to offer such programming giving everyone the opportunity to attend and participate.

### **Scope of Program**

1) How many currently enrolled students will likely benefit from your proposed service or program? 2) Estimate the number of other individuals (faculty, alumni, etc.) that might benefit from this service or program? 3) Please indicate other sources of financial support. ALL students, alumni, faculty, and staff will benefit professionally and personally from these programs. These programs may also be a tool for some faculty as they may help illustrate concepts they are teaching in their courses, i.e., Human Rights, Community Psychology. In the past, OSS has been able to provide these opportunities with help from TLC, Human Resources, GSO, and the Division of Enrollment Management. We have also been able to co-sponsor events with Cascadia Community College. However, these funds are limited and not always available, therefore, it cannot be guaranteed that these programs will be offered with any consistency, if at all.

### **Benefits**

Education is not restricted to academe. An excellent education also means reaching out and learning about concepts, people, and experiences that we find unfamiliar and, to a degree, may even fear. To this day, people fear and avoid those who are disabled, not knowing how to behave or what to say. Everyone is in support of our troops but have

little idea of how to interact with them. Participants attending these programs will be enriched by knowledge, courage, awareness, and compassion for these populations, thereby gaining a greater understanding of the world in which we live and, quite possibly, of themselves.

### **21st Century Campus Initiative**

Our world is increasingly complex. Diversity is no longer a matter of race or gender but is inclusive of other populations who may not access the world and its opportunities as easily as others. Diversity includes those with disabilities and the men and women who have served our country who return with a wide range of physical, emotional, and psychological challenges. UWB must be ready to welcome and support them with as much knowledge as possible just as we would any other population in need of additional attention and resources. These programs are in direct support of Diversity under our 21st Century Campus Initiative.