





Background

Veteran Population

Thurston County is home to nearly 32,000 Veterans

- Unincorporated County: 19,597
- Lacey: 5,820
- Olympia: 3,850
- Tumwater: 1,562
- Yelm: 1,171



Veteran Population

Thurston County Veterans by Era

- Second World War: 500
- Korean War: 2,500
- Vietnam War: 10,000
- Gulf Wars: 14,500



Veteran Population



- 2,240 of Thurston County's Veterans live below poverty level
- 7,628 Thurston County Veterans have a service-related disability
- 290,000 working-age Veterans in Washington State are unemployed or underemployed
- 23% of the suicide victim in Washington are Veterans
- About 50% of all Veterans in the U.S. never access their earned VA benefits

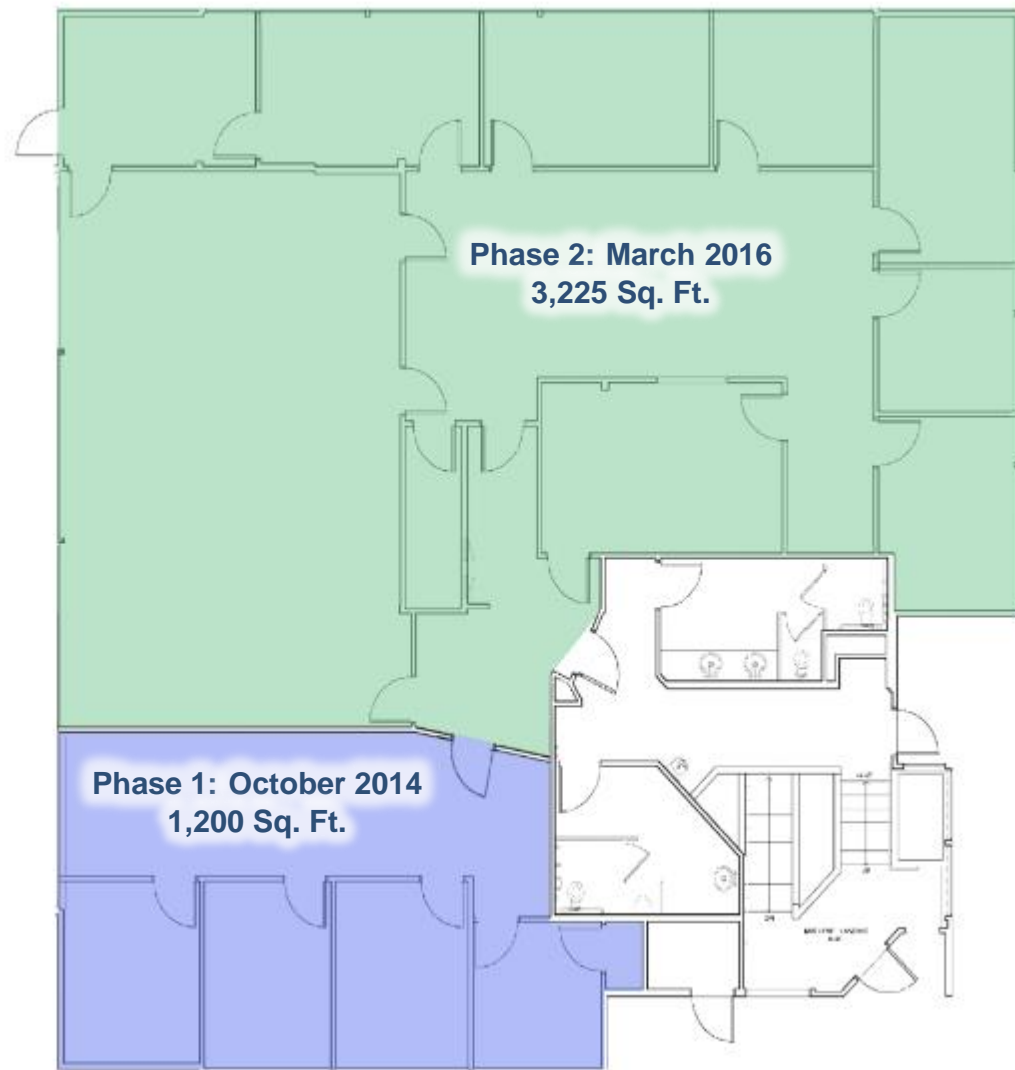


Location



4232 6th Ave SE, Suite 202, Lacey

Located on the South Puget Sound
Community College Lacey Campus





Facility Dedication


October 7, 2016



Services



Services Offered

- Education & Academic Benefits Assistance
 - Employment & Training Opportunities
 - Financial Assistance
 - Housing & Food Assistance
 - Legal Assistance
 - Mental & Physical Health Benefits & Referral
 - Military Service Verification & Documentation
 - Peer-to-Peer Support
 - Rural Veteran Program Access & Outreach
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- The image shows a man and a woman from behind, looking at a computer monitor. The man is on the left, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt and glasses. The woman is on the right, wearing a black and gold patterned top. They are both looking at a website on the monitor that appears to be a VA application form. The woman is pointing at the screen with a red pen. The website has the heading 'APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND RELATED COMPENSATION BENEFITS'.
- Substance Abuse Assistance & Referral
 - VA Claims Assistance
 - Transportation Assistance (coming March 2018)

Partners & Providers

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- American Legion
- Catholic Community Services
- Department of Social and Health Services
- Disabled American Veterans
- Family Support Center of South Sound
- Federal Way Vet Center
- Goodwill Operation Good Jobs
- GRuB
- Habitat for Humanity
- Homes First
- Intercity Transit
- JBLM Transition Center
- Lacey South Sound Chamber of Commerce
- Metropolitan Development Council
- Mission Continues
- Navy Federal Credit Union
- NW Justice Project
- Salvation Army



Partners & Providers (continued)

- SideWalk
- South Puget Sound Community College
- Tacoma Vet Center
- The Red Cross
- The Soldiers Project
- Thurston County Food Bank
- Thurston County Economic Development Council
- Thurston County Veterans Assistance Fund
- Thurston/Mason Oral Health Coalition
- Union Gospel Mission
- Unite Us
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Vets Corp
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Washington National Guard
- WA State Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- WA State DSHS
- WorkSource





Funding

Funding Outlook

Lacey Has Allocated

- \$90,000 seed money in 2016
- \$125,000 for 2017

Thurston County Has Allocated

- \$30,000 for 2017
- \$30,000 for 2018

The City is also working with Federal Department of Veterans Affairs and neighboring jurisdictions regarding potential partnerships and funding contributions.





Mayor's Gala

In April 2017, the City held its first Mayor's Gala benefitting the Veterans Services Hub.

Proceeds exceeded \$36,000.



Successes



Demand for Services

4,000 client appointments
have been booked at the
facility through December
2017.



Volunteerism

5,086 volunteer hours have been donated at the facility through December 2017.

Estimated Value: \$152,580

Summary of Successes



- **Client Appointments: 4,000**
- **Housing Assistance: 602**
- **VA Benefits: 946**
- **Counseling Sessions: 1,662**
- **Employment Assistance / Placement: 387**
- **Volunteer Hours: 5,086**



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