

Department of Veterans' Affairs

DVA21000

Position Summary

Account	Actual FY 13	Governor Estimated FY 14	Original Appropriation FY 15	Governor Revised FY 15	Legislative FY 15	Difference Leg-Gov FY 15
Permanent Full-Time - GF	253	248	248	248	248	0

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 13	Governor Estimated FY 14	Original Appropriation FY 15	Governor Revised FY 15	Legislative FY 15	Difference Leg-Gov FY 15
Personal Services	21,381,289	21,974,165	23,055,692	23,055,692	22,898,344	(157,348)
Other Expenses	5,631,028	5,607,850	5,607,850	5,311,079	5,241,629	(69,450)
Equipment	0	1	1	1	1	0
Other Current Expenses						
Support Services for Veterans	180,498	180,500	180,500	180,500	180,500	0
SSMF Administration	0	0	0	635,000	635,000	0
Other Than Payments to Local Governments						
Burial Expenses	6,840	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	0
Headstones	291,835	332,500	332,500	332,500	332,500	0
Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals	0	75,705	137,388	130,757	121,794	(8,963)
Agency Total - General Fund	27,491,490	28,177,921	29,321,131	29,652,729	29,416,968	(235,761)

Account	Governor Revised FY 15		Legislative FY 15		Difference from Governor	
	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Current Services

Adjust Funding for Revised Estimated GAAP Requirements

Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals	0	(6,631)	0	(6,631)	0	0
Total - General Fund	0	(6,631)	0	(6,631)	0	0

Background

Each agency's budget includes a line item account called "Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals." This line item represents the estimate of the difference between an agency's cash-basis budget amount and the accrual-basis amounts that will be reflected under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). These funds will not be available for spending; in the aggregate they will prevent the state's GAAP deficit from growing.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$6,631 to reflect updated estimates of accruals to comply with GAAP. Across all appropriated funds, there is a net GAAP reduction of \$33.8 million.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Policy Revisions

Reduce Funding for Veteran's Medication Using Federal Funds

Other Expenses	0	(296,771)	0	(296,771)	0	0
Total - General Fund	0	(296,771)	0	(296,771)	0	0

Background

Federal regulations authorize the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) to provide medications to eligible veterans residing in a state veteran nursing home on a per diem level dependent on the veteran's eligibility. The Veterans Health Administration will administer and authorize medication reimbursements for eligible veterans in DVA's healthcare facility.

Account	Governor Revised FY 15		Legislative FY 15		Difference from Governor	
	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Governor

Reduce funding by \$296,771 to reflect the Department of Veteran's Affairs using federal funds to purchase medication for eligible Veterans.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for the SSMF Administration

SSMF Administration	0	635,000	0	635,000	0	0
Total - General Fund	0	635,000	0	635,000	0	0

Background

The Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund (SSMF) was established in 1919 to provide veterans and their families with temporary assistance for rental or mortgage interest payments, utility and medical bills, prescription costs and funeral expenses. Since 1937 the investment and custody of the fund, currently valued at \$68.0 million, has been the responsibility of the State of Connecticut. PA 13-247, the general government implementer, transferred the administration of the SSMF to the American Legion.

Governor

Provide funding of \$635,000 to the American Legion for administrative costs related to providing eligible veterans with services from the SSMF.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Distribute Lapses

Personal Services	0	0	0	(157,348)	0	(157,348)
Other Expenses	0	0	0	(69,450)	0	(69,450)
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	(226,798)	0	(226,798)

Background

The Governor's Revised FY 15 budget included a bottom line General Lapse of \$14,243,700, a General Other Expenses Lapse of \$4,000,000, and a Statewide Hiring Reduction Lapse of \$6,796,754. These lapse amounts would have been determined and distributed to agencies by OPM at the beginning of FY 15.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$116,133 to reflect distribution of the General Lapse, \$45,938 for the General Other Expense Lapse, and \$64,727 for the Statewide Hiring Reduction Lapse.

Adjust Funding for GAAP

Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals	0	0	0	(8,963)	0	(8,963)
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	(8,963)	0	(8,963)

Legislative

Adjust funding by \$8,963 in FY 15 to reflect changes to GAAP accruals as a result of policy changes.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 15		Legislative FY 15		Difference from Governor	
	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$
Original Appropriation - GF	248	29,321,131	248	29,321,131	0	0
Current Services	0	(6,631)	0	(6,631)	0	0
Policy Revisions	0	338,229	0	102,468	0	(235,761)
Total Recommended - GF	248	29,652,729	248	29,416,968	0	(235,761)

Other Significant Legislation

PA 14-47, An Act Making Adjustments to State Expenditures and Revenues for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

Sections 30 and 31 contain provisions that allow the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to allocate specific lapses to state agencies in the three branches of government (these are typically called holdbacks). The agency's FY 15 appropriation levels will be reduced by the amounts shown in the table to achieve the lapses included in PA 14-47. This includes a General Lapse of \$101,040 and a Statewide Hiring Reduction Lapse of \$111,500. See the FY 15 Holdbacks schedule in Section VI of this document for a further description of these statewide savings targets.

Account	Appropriation \$	Reduction Amount \$	Net Remaining \$	% Reduction
Personal Services	22,898,344	(193,644)	22,704,700	0.85%
Other Expenses	5,241,629	(18,896)	5,222,733	0.36%