

Veterans' and Military Affairs

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	Page #	Analyst	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
General Fund									
Department of Veterans' Affairs	2	JP	26,425,913	27,708,254	28,809,451	29,426,058	30,806,559	1,380,501	4.69
Military Department	4	RP	6,234,423	6,603,859	6,298,315	7,060,015	7,060,015	-	-
Total - General Fund			32,660,336	34,312,113	35,107,766	36,486,073	37,866,574	1,380,501	3.78
Total - Appropriated Funds			32,660,336	34,312,113	35,107,766	36,486,073	37,866,574	1,380,501	3.78

Department of Veterans' Affairs

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
General Fund	241	241	245	247	247	-	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
Personal Services	21,919,442	22,441,618	22,915,623	23,687,289	23,802,446	115,157	0.49
Other Expenses	3,221,896	4,066,087	4,586,113	4,106,113	5,471,457	1,365,344	33.25
Other Current Expenses							
SSMF Administration	560,345	560,344	573,430	560,345	560,345	-	-
Veterans' Opportunity Pilot	38,041	-	70,047	245,047	245,047	-	-
Veterans' Rally Point	512,764	512,764	524,738	512,764	512,764	-	-
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Burial Expenses	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	-	-
Headstones	166,759	120,775	132,834	307,834	207,834	(100,000)	(32.49)
Agency Total - General Fund	26,425,913	27,708,254	28,809,451	29,426,058	30,806,559	1,380,501	4.69

Account	Governor Revised FY 27

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Free Bus Passes for Veterans

Other Expenses	1,000,000
Total - General Fund	1,000,000

Background

Section 37 of PA 25-65 requires DOT to, among other things, provide reduced bus fare of up to 50% to veterans and people 18 or younger (those under 5 currently ride free). No additional funding was provided in the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget for this requirement and the agency has not yet implemented any new fare discounts for these groups.

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides \$3.5 million for a related initiative: \$2.5 million to DOT for reduced fares for students and veterans and \$1 million to the Department of Veterans Affairs for free bus passes for veterans.

Governor

Provide \$1,000,000 in FY 27 for free bus passes for veterans.

Current Services

Provide Funding for Veteran Housing and Support Services

Personal Services	115,157
Other Expenses	365,344
Total - General Fund	480,501

Account	Governor Revised FY 27
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Background

The Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) provides temporary housing and rehabilitation support for veterans in need, operating a skilled nursing facility and various residential facilities in Rocky Hill. One such residential facility is Building 51, an apartment complex built in 1945 that consists of eighteen bedrooms in six apartments and an additional sixteen individual bedrooms.

Governor

Provide funding of \$480,501 in FY 27 to support veteran housing and support services provided at the skilled nursing facility and Building 51.

Reduce Funding for Headstones

Headstones	(100,000)
Total - General Fund	(100,000)

Background

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides headstones and grave markers for family members of veterans buried in private cemeteries. The account has consistently lapsed funding in recent years, including over \$150,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25.

Governor

Reduce funding for Headstones by \$100,000 in FY 27.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	29,426,058
Policy Revisions	1,000,000
Current Services	380,501
Total Recommended - GF	30,806,559

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	247
Total Recommended - GF	247

Military Department

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
General Fund	41	41	41	41	41	-	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
Personal Services	3,188,208	3,625,522	3,030,492	3,305,492	3,305,492	-	-
Other Expenses	2,519,175	2,511,000	2,144,823	2,144,823	2,144,823	-	-
Other Current Expenses							
Honor Guards	463,440	460,137	561,600	561,600	561,600	-	-
Veteran's Service Bonuses	63,600	7,200	61,800	379,500	379,500	-	-
JEEP Program	-	-	169,600	338,600	338,600	-	-
Governor's Guards	-	-	330,000	330,000	330,000	-	-
Agency Total - General Fund	6,234,423	6,603,859	6,298,315	7,060,015	7,060,015	-	-

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	7,060,015
Total Recommended - GF	7,060,015

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	41
Total Recommended - GF	41