

Dept of Veterans Affairs Budgets

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Veterans Affairs, Department of

Mission Statement

To provide a continuum of care to Iowa's veterans and their spouses in an environment focusing on individualized services to enhance their quality of life.

Description

Veteran Affairs is the department in state government that provides services to veterans and works to increase the public's awareness of veteran's issues. These services encompass two divisions (advocacy services and long-term health care). One division is the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs administration office located at Camp Dodge. It provides services and support to veterans including education regarding their entitlements under state and federal laws and enhancing their awareness of outreach programs available to them. This division conducts two service schools of instruction each year for the Commissioners and County Directors of Veterans Affairs to update them on benefits for veterans. It also files all reports of separation (Form DD 214), main-

tains 4 million records of Iowa veterans from the past four wars, maintains a database of veterans in nursing homes and determines if they have applied for federal Veteran's benefits, and processes and maintains all registration documents for Veterans buried in Iowa. A state aid program for War Orphans paid to a school of higher learning is provided. The second division located in Marshalltown is the Iowa Veterans Home. It delivers long-term health care services for eligible veterans and/or their spouses/widows. The Iowa Veterans Home has 560 operating beds comprised of two levels of care (nursing and domiciliary) and offers 24 hour medical coverage. A full range of services is available including: Food and Nutrition Services; Pharmacy; Recreation Therapy; Transportation to medical appointments at the V.A. Hospitals and Clinics; Contract Services (dentist; optometrist; dermatologist); Speech Therapy; Physical Therapy; Occupational Therapy; Wheelchair Services; Activity Centers (ceramics, woodworking, arts and crafts, and library); Social Work Services; Pastoral Care; Psychology Services; and Psychiatry Services.

Performance Measures

Measure	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025
	Actuals Achieved	Current Year Budget Estimate Target	Total Department Request Target	Total Governor's Recommended Target
Number of Veterans Assisted with Veterans Trust Fund	169	375	375	375
Number of Eligible Injured Veterans Receiving Grants	3	4	4	4
Number of Veterans Receiving Military Homeownership Grant	394	440	440	440
Number of Nursing Beds Filled	335	335	335	335
% of Residents Satisfied with the # of Organized Activities	89	85	85	85

Financial Summary

Object Category	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
State Appropriations	11,351,315	11,338,624	11,338,624	13,165,329
Receipts from Other Entities	26,938,551	23,683,471	27,367,883	27,367,883
Interest, Dividends, Bonds & Loans	1,042,591	106,200	106,200	106,200
Fees, Licenses & Permits	71,100	60,000	60,000	60,000
Refunds & Reimbursements	39,505,955	46,503,786	41,022,917	41,022,917
Sales, Rents & Services	110,424	72,500	72,500	72,500
Miscellaneous	14,594	16,151	16,151	16,151
Beginning Balance and Adjustments	58,013,488	55,859,545	41,719,350	61,984,754
Total Resources	137,048,017	137,640,277	121,703,625	143,795,734
Expenditures				
Personal Services	53,594,080	51,301,389	51,301,389	51,301,389
Travel & Subsistence	190,895	172,507	172,507	172,507
Supplies & Materials	6,070,032	6,051,866	6,016,866	7,843,571
Contractual Services and Transfers	19,548,192	16,757,368	15,002,356	15,002,356
Equipment & Repairs	1,361,154	1,188,042	1,181,597	1,181,597
Claims & Miscellaneous	369,987	114,250	114,250	114,250
Licenses, Permits, Refunds & Other	2,946	7,101	7,101	7,101
State Aid & Credits	51,181	63,000	63,000	63,000
Reversions	5	0	0	0
Balance Carry Forward	55,859,545	61,984,754	47,844,559	68,109,963
Total Expenditures	137,048,017	137,640,277	121,703,625	143,795,734
Full Time Equivalents	624	726	726	726

Appropriations from General Fund

Appropriations	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
General Administration	1,229,763	1,033,289	1,033,289	1,369,205
Cemetery Grounds Service	0	0	0	292,000
Vets Home Ownership Program	2,000,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
Veterans County Grants	990,000	990,000	990,000	990,000
Total Veterans Affairs, Department of	4,219,763	4,223,289	4,223,289	4,851,205
Iowa Veterans Home	7,131,552	7,115,335	7,115,335	8,145,736
Total Iowa Veterans Home	7,131,552	7,115,335	7,115,335	8,145,736

Appropriations from Other Funds

Appropriations	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Cemetery Equipment Replacement	0	0	0	168,388
Total Veterans Affairs, Department of	0	0	0	168,388

Appropriations Detail

General Administration

General Fund

Appropriation Description

This appropriation funds the administrative staff located at Camp Dodge and the Iowa Veterans Cemetery to:

- 1) Educate Veterans on county, state, and federal entitlements.
- 2) Be the central point in the State governing veterans issues and the delivery of services.
- 3) Maintain 4 million records of Iowa veterans of the past five wars.
- 4) Increase the public's awareness of Veterans' issues.
- 5) Increase Veterans' awareness of the availability of outreach programming by various agencies in counties throughout Iowa.
- 6) Process and maintain all registration documents for Veterans buried in Iowa.
- 7) Conduct service schools of instruction each year for the Commissioners, County Directors and Administrators of Veterans Affairs.
- 8) File all reports of separation (Form DD 214), which are currently received for all Veterans discharged from the Armed Forces.
- 9) Provide a State aid program for War Orphans paid to a school of higher learning.
- 10) Maintain database of veterans in nursing homes and identify if federal benefits have been applied for.
- 11) Direct operation of the Iowa Veterans Cemetery.
- 12) Administer the Injured Veterans Grant Program.
- 13) Administer the Veterans County Allocation Program.
- 14) Administer the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund.
- 15) Approve applications for the Iowa Military Homeowners Program and Iowa Drivers License designations.
- 16) Provide administrative support for the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs.
- 17) Administer the Iowa Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship program.
- 18) Administer the Veterans License Plate fund.

General Administration Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2025 Total Department Request	FY 2025 Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Appropriation	1,229,763	1,033,289	1,033,289	1,369,205
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies	9,057	0	0	0
Total Resources	1,238,820	1,033,289	1,033,289	1,369,205
Expenditures				
Personal Services-Salaries	994,109	783,934	783,934	783,934
Personal Travel In State	2,134	3,001	3,001	3,001
State Vehicle Operation	1,338	3,001	3,001	3,001
Personal Travel Out of State	2,218	2	2	2
Office Supplies	1,749	3,001	3,001	338,917
Facility Maintenance Supplies	250	3,001	3,001	3,001
Equipment Maintenance Supplies	0	2	2	2
Professional & Scientific Supplies	0	1	1	1
Ag., Conservation & Horticulture Supply	0	1	1	1
Other Supplies	9	15,001	15,001	15,001
Printing & Binding	4	0	0	0
Uniforms & Related Items	579	1	1	1
Postage	1,376	1	1	1
Communications	452	1,001	1,001	1,001
Rentals	601	1,501	1,501	1,501
Utilities	13,862	2,501	2,501	2,501
Outside Services	666	2,001	2,001	2,001
Outside Repairs/Service	2,095	7,001	7,001	7,001
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	81,521	45,000	45,000	45,000
ITS Reimbursements	12,343	15,112	15,112	15,112
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies Services	103,691	134,224	134,224	134,224
Equipment - Non-Inventory	1,405	2,001	2,001	2,001
IT Equipment	18,213	12,000	12,000	12,000
Other Expense & Obligations	200	0	0	0
Reversions	5	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	1,238,820	1,033,289	1,033,289	1,369,205

Cemetery Grounds Service

General Fund

Appropriation Description

Contract to achieve National Cemetery Association standards and grounds-keeping work

Cemetery Grounds Service Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2025 Total Department Request	FY 2025 Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Appropriation	0	0	0	292,000
Total Resources	0	0	0	292,000
Expenditures				
Office Supplies	0	0	0	292,000
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	292,000

Iowa Veterans Home

General Fund

Appropriation Description

The Iowa Veterans Home is a net budgeting agency. Therefore, the state appropriated funds are approximately 9% of its total operating budget. The total budget funds 447 nursing beds and 113 domiciliary beds of the Iowa Veterans Home, which enables delivery of the following services:

1) Provide two levels of care (nursing and domiciliary)

2) Full range of services including: Nursing & Medical Care; Food and Nutrition Services; Pharmacy; Recreation Therapy; Transportation to medical appointments at the V.A. Hospitals & Clinics; Contract Services (dentist, optometrist, dermatologist, podiatrist and orthopedic); Physical Therapy; Occupational Therapy; Wheelchair Services; Activity Centers (ceramics, arts and crafts, and library); Social Work Services; Pastoral Care; Psychology Services; Psychiatry Services; Lab, X-ray and Respiratory services.

Iowa Veterans Home Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2025 Total Department Request	FY 2025 Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Balance Brought Forward (Approps)	18,248,153	13,345,981	0	17,630,826
Appropriation	7,131,552	7,115,335	7,115,335	8,145,736
Federal Support	22,957,970	20,685,000	24,505,857	24,505,857
Intra State Receipts	213,987	0	0	0
Reimbursement from Other Agencies	8,167	0	0	0
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies	737,700	143,470	7,025	7,025
Fees, Licenses & Permits	12,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Refunds & Reimbursements	39,464,801	46,500,586	41,019,717	41,019,717
Sale Of Equipment & Salvage	281	500	500	500
Rents & Leases	14,089	20,000	20,000	20,000
Other Sales & Services	92,989	50,000	50,000	50,000
Other	108	50	50	50
Total Resources	88,881,798	87,875,922	72,733,484	91,394,711
Expenditures				
Personal Services-Salaries	52,573,059	50,282,277	50,282,277	50,282,277
Personal Travel In State	6,730	12,000	12,000	12,000
State Vehicle Operation	93,529	80,000	80,000	80,000
Depreciation	50,922	60,000	60,000	60,000
Personal Travel Out of State	13,175	8,500	8,500	8,500
Office Supplies	77,433	84,000	84,000	1,114,401
Facility Maintenance Supplies	192,487	239,500	209,500	209,500
Equipment Maintenance Supplies	342,243	349,000	344,000	344,000
Professional & Scientific Supplies	795,323	1,031,000	1,031,000	1,031,000
Housing & Subsistence Supplies	563,005	515,000	515,000	515,000
Ag., Conservation & Horticulture Supply	7,739	3,000	3,000	3,000
Other Supplies	128,572	120,750	120,750	120,750
Drugs & Biologicals	2,176,131	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Food	1,708,133	1,624,000	1,624,000	1,624,000

Iowa Veterans Home Financial Summary (Continued)

Object Class	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Uniforms & Related Items	19,974	24,000	24,000	24,000
Postage	11,592	16,000	16,000	16,000
Communications	378,797	380,000	380,000	380,000
Rentals	70,249	66,500	66,500	66,500
Utilities	1,661,772	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000
Professional & Scientific Services	644,193	715,000	700,000	700,000
Outside Services	3,571,508	3,416,000	3,386,000	3,386,000
Intra-State Transfers	(609)	60,000	60,000	60,000
Advertising & Publicity	9,413	10,000	10,000	10,000
Outside Repairs/Service	312,421	233,500	183,500	183,500
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	314,798	369,262	369,262	369,262
ITS Reimbursements	2,602,928	2,600,000	2,600,000	2,600,000
Workers Comp. Reimbursement	675,966	745,850	745,850	745,850
IT Outside Services	0	400,000	400,000	400,000
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Auditor of State Services	98,333	100,000	100,000	100,000
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies Services	4,754,814	1,667,012	7,000	7,000
Equipment	293,543	300,000	300,000	300,000
Office Equipment	0	250	250	250
Equipment - Non-Inventory	98,129	256,445	250,000	250,000
IT Equipment	940,809	605,000	605,000	605,000
Claims	1,266	1,750	1,750	1,750
Other Expense & Obligations	344,495	112,500	112,500	112,500
Licenses	2,946	7,000	7,000	7,000
Balance Carry Forward (Approps)	13,345,981	17,630,826	4,284,845	21,915,671
Total Expenditures	88,881,798	87,875,922	72,733,484	91,394,711

Vets Home Ownership Program

General Fund

Appropriation Description

This program was created in 2005 to help eligible members of the armed forces purchase qualified

homes in Iowa through a \$5,000 entry cost assistance grant. These funds may be used in conjunction with the First Home and Homes for Iowans programs. Grants are subject to one-time use.

Vets Home Ownership Program Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Appropriation	2,000,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
Total Resources	2,000,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
Expenditures				
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	2,000,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
Total Expenditures	2,000,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000

Injured Veterans Grant Program

General Fund

Appropriation Description

This appropriation provides for an injured veterans grant to military veterans seriously injured in a combat zone since September 11, 2001.

Injured Veterans Grant Program Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Balance Brought Forward (Approps)	163,897	133,897	148,897	123,897
Total Resources	163,897	133,897	148,897	123,897
Expenditures				
Aid to Individuals	30,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Balance Carry Forward (Approps)	133,897	123,897	138,897	113,897
Total Expenditures	163,897	133,897	148,897	123,897

Veterans County Grants

General Fund

Appropriation Description

Matching funds up to \$10,000 are provided to counties to improve services for veterans.

Veterans County Grants Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2025 Total Department Request	FY 2025 Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Balance Brought Forward (Approps)	128,389	125,172	96,285	112,074
Appropriation	990,000	990,000	990,000	990,000
Refunds & Reimbursements	37,842	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total Resources	1,156,231	1,118,172	1,089,285	1,105,074
Expenditures				
Personal Services-Salaries	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
Personal Travel In State	15,327	1,000	1,000	1,000
Personal Travel Out of State	0	1	1	1
Rentals	9,908	5,000	5,000	5,000
Outside Services	1,005,826	997,497	997,497	997,497
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	0	100	100	100
Balance Carry Forward (Approps)	125,172	112,074	83,187	98,976
Total Expenditures	1,156,231	1,118,172	1,089,285	1,105,074

DVA Capital/Improvements

Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund

Appropriation Description

For resurfacing of the roadway at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery.

DVA Capital/Improvements Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2025 Total Department Request	FY 2025 Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Balance Brought Forward (Approps)	50,000	0	0	0
Total Resources	50,000	0	0	0
Expenditures				
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies Services	50,000	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	50,000	0	0	0

Cemetery Equipment Replacement

Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund

Appropriation Description

Cemetery Equipment Replacement

Cemetery Equipment Replacement Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2025 Total Department Request	FY 2025 Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Appropriation	0	0	0	168,388
Total Resources	0	0	0	168,388
Expenditures				
Office Supplies	0	0	0	168,388
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	168,388

Technology Equipment

Technology Reinvestment Fund

Appropriation Description

To repair and upgrade the security camera system at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery.

Technology Equipment Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2025 Total Department Request	FY 2025 Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Balance Brought Forward (Approps)	21,000	0	0	0
Total Resources	21,000	0	0	0
Expenditures				
Outside Repairs/Service	21,000	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	21,000	0	0	0

Fund Detail

Veterans Affairs, Department of Fund Detail

Funds	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2025 Total Department Request	FY 2025 Total Governor's Recommended
Veterans Affairs, Department of	43,535,622	45,278,997	44,498,670	47,142,459
Veterans License Plate Fund	469,134	482,108	430,988	482,108
Iowa Veterans Trust Fund	40,124,310	41,954,590	41,282,209	44,024,790
Iowa Veterans Cemetery	2,942,177	2,842,299	2,785,473	2,635,561
Iowa Veterans Home	649	0	0	0
Iowa Veterans Home Canteen	649	0	0	0

Iowa Veterans Trust Fund

Fund Description

The Iowa Veterans Trust Fund provides assistance to needy veterans. Examples include assisting veterans

with bills for necessary housing repairs, emergency medical care, dental expenses, eye glasses, and auto repair. Applications are reviewed and approved by the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs and administered by the department.

Iowa Veterans Trust Fund Detail

Object Class	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2025 Total Department Request	FY 2025 Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Balance Brought Forward (Funds)	36,600,809	39,313,389	38,641,008	41,383,589
Adjustment to Balance Forward	650	0	0	0
Intra State Receipts	2,537,107	2,540,000	2,540,000	2,540,000
Interest	983,555	100,200	100,200	100,200
Unearned Receipts	2,190	1,001	1,001	1,001
Total Iowa Veterans Trust Fund	40,124,310	41,954,590	41,282,209	44,024,790
Expenditures				
Facility Maintenance Supplies	0	500	500	500
Rentals	0	250	250	250
Utilities	0	250	250	250
Professional & Scientific Services	261,631	165,000	165,000	165,000
Outside Services	176,295	125,000	125,000	125,000
Outside Repairs/Service	343,618	261,001	261,001	261,001
Equipment - Non-Inventory	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Other Expense & Obligations	23,377	0	0	0
State Aid	6,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Aid to Individuals	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Balance Carry Forward (Funds)	39,313,389	41,383,589	40,711,208	43,453,789
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies Services	0	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total Iowa Veterans Trust Fund	40,124,310	41,954,590	41,282,209	44,024,790

Iowa Veterans Cemetery

Fund Description

The Veterans Cemetery Fund consists of money deposited in the fund from Federal Plot Allowance,

Spouse Burial Fees, Monument Fees, and farm rental of (currently) unused land. All money deposited into the fund is used for the perpetual operation and maintenance of the Iowa Veterans Cemetery per Iowa Code 35A.5.

Iowa Veterans Cemetery Detail

Object Class	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2025 Total Department Request	FY 2025 Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Balance Brought Forward (Funds)	2,430,942	2,525,198	2,468,372	2,318,460
Adjustment to Balance Forward	4,860	0	0	0
Federal Support	382,727	250,001	250,001	250,001
Interest	48,876	5,000	5,000	5,000
Fees, Licenses & Permits	59,100	45,000	45,000	45,000
Refunds & Reimbursements	311	100	100	100
Rents & Leases	2,015	1,500	1,500	1,500
Other Sales & Services	1,050	500	500	500
Unearned Receipts	12,296	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total Iowa Veterans Cemetery	2,942,177	2,842,299	2,785,473	2,635,561
Expenditures				
Personal Services-Salaries	26,643	231,678	231,678	231,678
Personal Travel In State	0	1	1	1
State Vehicle Operation	4,287	3,500	3,500	3,500
Office Supplies	843	201	201	201
Facility Maintenance Supplies	5,897	7,501	7,501	7,501
Equipment Maintenance Supplies	8,290	2,501	2,501	2,501
Professional & Scientific Supplies	0	50	50	50
Housing & Subsistence Supplies	0	1	1	1
Ag., Conservation & Horticulture Supply	6,080	2,001	2,001	2,001
Other Supplies	15,467	10,001	10,001	10,001
Printing & Binding	644	0	0	0
Uniforms & Related Items	5,674	1,000	1,000	1,000
Postage	0	100	100	100
Communications	8,779	10,000	10,000	10,000
Rentals	327	1,000	1,000	1,000
Utilities	302	15,000	15,000	15,000
Professional & Scientific Services	633	750	750	750
Outside Services	35,938	207,500	207,500	207,500
Outside Repairs/Service	3,655	15,001	15,001	15,001
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	0	1,001	1,001	1,001
Equipment	6,192	7,500	7,500	7,500
Equipment - Non-Inventory	1,294	2,001	2,001	2,001
Licenses	0	1	1	1
Balance Carry Forward (Funds)	2,525,198	2,318,460	2,261,634	2,111,722
IT Outside Services	4,860	2,500	2,500	2,500
IT Equipment	569	1,500	1,500	1,500
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies Services	280,605	1,550	1,550	1,550
Total Iowa Veterans Cemetery	2,942,177	2,842,299	2,785,473	2,635,561