

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),

maintains 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 575 operating beds comprised of three levels of care (nursing, domiciliary and infirmary) 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; Audiology; 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 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2019
	Actuals Achieved	Current Year Budget Estimate Target	Total Department Request Target	Total Governor's Recommended Target
Number of Veterans Assisted with Veterans Trust Fund	280	175	175	175
Number of Eligible Injured Veterans Receiving Grants	4	4	4	4
Number of Veterans Receiving Military Homeownership Grant	524	400	400	400
Number of Nursing Beds Filled	441	440	440	440
% of Residents Satisfied with the # of Organized Activities	81	85	85	85

Financial Summary

Object Category	FY 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2019 Total Department Request	FY 2019 Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
State Appropriations	11,956,603	11,318,622	11,318,622	11,216,581
Receipts from Other Entities	23,786,323	22,945,110	23,314,684	23,314,684
Interest, Dividends, Bonds & Loans	223,313	129,800	130,000	130,000
Fees, Licenses & Permits	41,100	42,000	42,000	42,000
Refunds & Reimbursements	50,045,063	51,185,083	51,185,093	51,185,093
Sales, Rents & Services	369,621	394,877	384,138	384,138
Miscellaneous	114,624	12,325	12,225	12,225
Beginning Balance and Adjustments	30,537,549	32,182,345	32,082,544	31,002,275
Total Resources	117,074,196	118,210,162	118,469,306	117,286,996
Expenditures				
Personal Services	65,803,785	66,915,182	66,738,628	66,738,628
Travel & Subsistence	148,072	207,571	165,661	165,661
Supplies & Materials	5,380,315	5,499,892	5,458,145	5,458,145
Contractual Services and Transfers	12,639,888	12,506,567	11,350,556	11,350,556
Equipment & Repairs	775,888	1,938,424	1,356,514	1,356,514
Claims & Miscellaneous	96,290	92,235	92,235	92,235
Licenses, Permits, Refunds & Other	8,421	8,516	8,516	8,516
State Aid & Credits	39,000	39,500	42,000	42,000
Plant Improvements & Additions	170	0	0	0
Budget Adjustments	0	0	0	(1,302,041)
Reversions	22	0	0	0
Balance Carry Forward	32,182,345	31,002,275	33,257,051	33,376,782
Total Expenditures	117,074,196	118,210,162	118,469,306	117,286,996
Full Time Equivalents	822	820	818	818

Appropriations from General Fund

Appropriations	FY 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2019 Total Department Request	FY 2019 Total Governor's Recommended
General Administration	1,150,503	1,142,557	1,142,557	1,115,580
Vets Home Ownership Program	2,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Veterans County Grants	990,000	947,925	947,925	938,025
Total Veterans Affairs, Department of	4,640,503	4,090,482	4,090,482	4,053,605
Iowa Veterans Home	7,316,100	7,228,140	7,228,140	7,162,976
Total Iowa Veterans Home	7,316,100	7,228,140	7,228,140	7,162,976

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 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2019 Total Department Request	FY 2019 Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Balance Brought Forward (Approps)	13	0	0	0
Appropriation	1,200,546	1,142,557	1,142,557	1,115,580
Legislative Reductions	(50,043)	0	0	0
Refunds & Reimbursements	1,200	2	2	2
Unearned Receipts	70	50	50	50
Total Resources	1,151,786	1,142,609	1,142,609	1,115,632
Expenditures				
Personal Services-Salaries	975,084	1,018,088	1,018,088	1,018,088
Personal Travel In State	373	501	501	501
State Vehicle Operation	4,521	1,001	1,001	1,001
Personal Travel Out of State	0	2	2	2
Office Supplies	4,625	4,001	4,001	4,001
Facility Maintenance Supplies	67	2	2	2
Equipment Maintenance Supplies	114	1	1	1
Professional & Scientific Supplies	115	0	0	0
Housing & Subsistence Supplies	0	1	1	1
Ag., Conservation & Horticulture Supply	5,373	1	1	1
Other Supplies	6,716	2	2	2
Printing & Binding	74	0	0	0
Uniforms & Related Items	113	1	1	1
Postage	1,001	1,000	1,000	1,000
Communications	6,401	3,501	3,501	3,501
Rentals	964	651	651	651
Utilities	8,584	2,501	2,501	2,501
Outside Services	5,265	101	101	101
Outside Repairs/Service	1,070	101	101	101
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	5,725	6,400	6,400	6,400
ITS Reimbursements	5,058	4,750	4,750	4,750
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies Services	101,053	98,001	98,001	98,001
Equipment	10,236	0	0	0
Equipment - Non-Inventory	1,100	2	2	2
IT Equipment	8,132	2,000	2,000	2,000
Reversions	22	0	0	0
Recommendation Adjustment	0	0	0	(26,977)
Total Expenditures	1,151,786	1,142,609	1,142,609	1,115,632

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 587 operating 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 orthopaedic); 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 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2019 Total Department Request	FY 2019 Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Balance Brought Forward (Approps)	3,969,833	3,522,907	1,200,000	0
Appropriation	7,594,996	7,228,140	7,228,140	7,162,976
Legislative Reductions	(278,896)	0	0	0
Federal Support	20,601,293	19,849,440	20,227,960	20,227,960
Reimbursement from Other Agencies	3,809	4,668	0	0
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies	6,993	0	6,993	6,993
Fees, Licenses & Permits	5,400	2,000	2,000	2,000
Refunds & Reimbursements	50,004,635	51,183,980	51,183,990	51,183,990
Sale Of Equipment & Salvage	272	1,010	0	0
Rents & Leases	16,960	16,500	16,500	16,500
Other Sales & Services	38,843	40,000	20,000	20,000
Other	15	175	175	175
Total Resources	81,964,153	81,848,820	79,885,758	78,620,594
Expenditures				
Personal Services-Salaries	64,645,889	65,647,191	65,470,637	65,470,637
Personal Travel In State	24,288	25,370	25,360	25,360
State Vehicle Operation	71,870	80,075	80,075	80,075
Depreciation	42,331	50,000	50,000	50,000
Personal Travel Out of State	1,312	10,000	2,070	2,070
Office Supplies	105,212	105,212	92,540	92,540
Facility Maintenance Supplies	193,608	226,980	201,915	201,915
Equipment Maintenance Supplies	290,429	466,405	466,405	466,405
Professional & Scientific Supplies	787,698	863,010	863,010	863,010
Housing & Subsistence Supplies	406,411	418,405	418,405	418,405
Ag., Conservation & Horticulture Supply	829	5,200	5,200	5,200
Other Supplies	100,293	132,950	132,940	132,940
Drugs & Biologicals	1,308,096	1,500,010	1,500,010	1,500,010
Food	1,546,412	1,532,545	1,532,545	1,532,545
Uniforms & Related Items	9,228	10,365	8,365	8,365
Postage	16,037	22,100	20,100	20,100
Communications	201,366	205,000	205,000	205,000

Iowa Veterans Home Financial Summary (Continued)

Object Class	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2019
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Rentals	78,459	131,245	81,245	81,245
Utilities	1,190,017	1,230,538	1,230,538	1,230,538
Professional & Scientific Services	649,985	691,065	711,020	711,020
Outside Services	3,033,298	3,079,500	3,079,510	3,079,510
Intra-State Transfers	395,583	62,000	64,000	64,000
Advertising & Publicity	11,029	14,290	14,300	14,300
Outside Repairs/Service	196,909	182,520	132,585	132,585
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	334,441	360,644	360,486	360,486
ITS Reimbursements	1,408,803	2,226,783	1,150,000	1,150,000
Workers Comp. Reimbursement	465,971	458,308	458,308	458,308
IT Outside Services	3,866	5,000	5,000	5,000
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Auditor of State Services	77,367	85,000	85,000	85,000
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies Services	6,323	5,040	5,030	5,030
Equipment	92,978	869,530	407,630	407,630
Office Equipment	21,552	20	20	20
Equipment - Non-Inventory	72,725	125,370	125,360	125,360
IT Equipment	547,245	921,499	801,499	801,499
Claims	1,649	710	710	710
Other Expense & Obligations	93,772	90,625	90,625	90,625
Licenses	7,796	8,295	8,295	8,295
Refunds-Other	0	20	20	20
Capitals	170	0	0	0
Balance Carry Forward (Approps)	3,522,907	0	0	0
Recommendation Adjustment	0	0	0	(1,265,164)
Total Expenditures	81,964,153	81,848,820	79,885,758	78,620,594

Vets Home Ownership Program

General Fund

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.

Appropriation Description

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

Vets Home Ownership Program Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2019
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Appropriation	2,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total Resources	2,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Expenditures				
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	2,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total Expenditures	2,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000

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 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2019
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Balance Brought Forward (Approps)	246,397	233,897	216,397	216,397
Total Resources	246,397	233,897	216,397	216,397
Expenditures				
Aid to Individuals	12,500	17,500	20,000	20,000
Balance Carry Forward (Approps)	233,897	216,397	196,397	196,397
Total Expenditures	246,397	233,897	216,397	216,397

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 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2019 Total Department Request	FY 2019 Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Balance Brought Forward (Approps)	236,005	223,970	165,924	165,924
Appropriation	990,000	947,925	947,925	938,025
Refunds & Reimbursements	33,834	1	1	1
Total Resources	1,259,839	1,171,896	1,113,850	1,103,950
Expenditures				
Personal Travel In State	0	33,971	1	1
Personal Travel Out of State	879	1	1	1
Rentals	14,855	10,000	10,000	10,000
Professional & Scientific Services	16,922	12,000	12,000	12,000
Outside Services	1,003,211	950,000	950,000	950,000
Balance Carry Forward (Approps)	223,970	165,924	141,848	141,848
Recommendation Adjustment	0	0	0	(9,900)
Total Expenditures	1,259,839	1,171,896	1,113,850	1,103,950

Fund Detail

Veterans Affairs, Department of Fund Detail

Funds	FY 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2019 Total Department Request	FY 2019 Total Governor's Recommended
Veterans Affairs, Department of	29,628,565	31,442,073	33,739,825	33,859,556
Veterans License Plate Fund	629,267	279,020	303,700	328,720
Iowa Veterans Trust Fund	27,147,487	29,217,322	31,482,573	31,438,222
Iowa Veterans Cemetery	1,851,811	1,945,731	1,953,552	2,092,614
Iowa Veterans Home	323,456	370,867	370,867	370,867
Iowa Veterans Home Canteen	323,456	370,867	370,867	370,867

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 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2019 Total Department Request	FY 2019 Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Balance Brought Forward (Funds)	24,107,397	26,295,422	28,560,573	28,516,222
Adjustment to Balance Forward	150	0	0	0
Intra State Receipts	2,831,821	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000
Interest	207,057	120,800	121,000	121,000
Unearned Receipts	1,062	1,100	1,000	1,000
Total Iowa Veterans Trust Fund	27,147,487	29,217,322	31,482,573	31,438,222
Expenditures				
Rentals	335	500	500	500
Utilities	0	500	500	500
Professional & Scientific Services	122,601	95,000	95,000	95,000
Outside Services	146,117	75,100	75,000	75,000
Intra-State Transfers	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Outside Repairs/Service	238,817	190,000	190,000	190,000
Equipment - Non-Inventory	17,345	18,000	18,000	18,000
State Aid	26,500	21,000	21,000	21,000
Aid to Individuals	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Balance Carry Forward (Funds)	26,295,422	28,516,222	30,781,573	30,737,222
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies Services	350	0	0	0
Total Iowa Veterans Trust Fund	27,147,487	29,217,322	31,482,573	31,438,222