

Military Department

MIL36000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	41	41	41	41	41	41	41

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	3,349,224	3,188,208	3,413,875	3,560,092	3,560,092	3,305,492	3,305,492
Other Expenses	2,342,914	2,519,175	2,344,823	2,429,823	2,429,823	2,144,823	2,144,823
Other Current Expenses							
Honor Guards	524,500	463,440	561,600	521,600	521,600	561,600	561,600
Veteran's Service Bonuses	72,050	63,600	100,000	61,800	379,500	61,800	379,500
JEEP Program	-	-	-	-	-	338,600	338,600
Governor's Guards	-	-	-	-	-	330,000	330,000
Agency Total - General Fund	6,288,688	6,234,423	6,420,298	6,573,315	6,891,015	6,742,315	7,060,015

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for the Joint Enlistment Enhancement Program

Personal Services	-	-	(129,600)	(129,600)	(129,600)	(129,600)
Other Expenses	-	-	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)
JEEP Program	-	-	338,600	338,600	338,600	338,600
Total - General Fund	-	-	169,000	169,000	169,000	169,000

Background

Section 1 of PA 25-95, *An Act Concerning Assorted Proposals to Recognize and Honor the Military Service of Members of the Armed Forces and Veterans in Connecticut*, appropriates \$169,000 in FY 26 to the Joint Enlistment Enhancement Program (JEEP).

The JEEP provides an incentive for Connecticut National Guard (CTNG) members, CTNG retirees and members of Connecticut's Organized Militia (i.e., Governor's Guard and State Guard) to recruit persons to enlist into the Connecticut National Guard. The program provides an incentive for qualified persons to receive an allowance for providing a lead that results in an enlistment.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$338,600 in FY 26 and FY 27 for the JEEP program. Reduce personal services funding by \$129,600 in FY 26 and FY 27 and other expenses funding by \$40,000 in FY 26 and FY 27.

Current Services

Provide Funding to the Governor's Foot Guard and Horse Guard

Personal Services	-	-	(125,000)	(125,000)	(125,000)	(125,000)
Other Expenses	-	-	(205,000)	(205,000)	(205,000)	(205,000)
Governor's Guards	-	-	330,000	330,000	330,000	330,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Legislative

Provide funding of \$330,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Governor's Horse Guard and the Governor's Foot Guard. Reduce Personal Services funding by \$125,000 and Other Expenses funding by \$205,000 in FY 26 and FY 27. Funding cannot be altered or reduced without approval from the Appropriations Committee, Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee, and a vote before the General Assembly.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	146,217	146,217	146,217	146,217	-	-
Total - General Fund	146,217	146,217	146,217	146,217	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$146,217 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Anticipated Payments

Other Expenses	-	-	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)
Honor Guards	(40,000)	(40,000)	-	-	40,000	40,000
Veteran's Service Bonuses	(38,200)	279,500	(38,200)	279,500	-	-
Total - General Fund	(78,200)	239,500	(78,200)	239,500	-	-

Background

The Honor Guard account funds three-member rifle squads for veteran funerals which is a supplemental benefit to the federally required presentation of the flag and playing of "taps."

The Veterans' Service Bonus program was established for National Guard members called to active service on or after September 11, 2001. The bonus is \$50 for each month of active service, up to a maximum of \$1,200 for combat service, or \$500 for non-combat service for each member who meets the eligibility qualifications.

Governor

Reduce funding of \$40,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the honor guards account and reduce funding of \$38,200 in FY 26 and increase funding of \$279,500 in FY 27 to the Veteran's Service Bonuses account to reflect anticipated costs.

Legislative

Maintain funding of \$40,000 in the honor guards account in FY 26 and FY 27 and reduce funding in the other expenses account by \$40,000 in FY 26 and FY 27. Reduce funding of \$38,200 in FY 26 and increase funding of \$279,500 in FY 27 to the Veteran's Service Bonuses account to reflect anticipated costs.

Provide Funding for the Putnam Readiness Center Operating Costs

Other Expenses	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	-	-

Background

The Putnam Readiness Center will be home to the Connecticut Army National Guard's 643rd Military Police Company which currently resides at the Readiness Center in Westbrook, which was constructed in the 1950s and does not meet current anti-terrorism and force protection standards. The 39,000 square foot facility will provide state-of-the-art training, an assembly hall, equipment storage, parking lots and will be the first National Guard facility in Windham County. Construction of the Putnam Readiness Center began in FY 19 and is expected to be completed in FY 26.

Governor

Provide funding of \$85,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support the operating costs of the Putnam Readiness Center.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	6,420,298	6,420,298	6,420,298	6,420,298	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	169,000	169,000	169,000	169,000
Current Services	153,017	470,717	153,017	470,717	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	6,573,315	6,891,015	6,742,315	7,060,015	169,000	169,000