

Department of Veterans' Affairs

DVA21000

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	239	241	241	241	241	245	247

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	22,239,904	21,919,442	22,917,263	23,298,956	23,298,956	23,565,623	23,687,289
Other Expenses	3,454,105	3,221,896	3,066,113	4,066,113	4,066,113	4,086,113	4,106,113
Other Current Expenses							
SSMF Administration	546,396	560,345	546,396	560,345	560,345	560,345	560,345
Veterans' Opportunity Pilot	-	38,041	-	245,047	245,047	245,047	245,047
Veterans' Rally Point	500,000	512,764	500,000	512,764	512,764	512,764	512,764
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Burial Expenses	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666
Headstones	183,175	166,759	307,834	307,834	307,834	307,834	307,834
Agency Total - General Fund	26,930,246	26,425,913	27,344,272	28,997,725	28,997,725	29,284,392	29,426,058

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

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for DVA Office of Advocacy and Assistance

Personal Services	-	-	266,667	388,333	266,667	388,333
Other Expenses	-	-	20,000	40,000	20,000	40,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	286,667	428,333	286,667	428,333
Positions - General Fund	-	-	4	6	4	6

Legislative

Provide funding of \$286,667 in FY 26 and \$428,333 beginning in FY 27 to support DVA's Office of Advocacy and Assistance. The funding will support three veterans' service officers and one clerical position in FY 26, and four veterans' service officers and two clerical positions in FY 27. These positions will staff two new veterans' service offices, one in the northeastern and another in the northwestern part of the state.

Transfer Veterans' Opportunity Pilot to DVA

Veterans' Opportunity Pilot	245,047	245,047	245,047	245,047	-	-
Total - General Fund	245,047	245,047	245,047	245,047	-	-

Background

The Veterans Opportunity Pilot Program was created within the Department of Labor (DOL) in 2014 to assist veterans seeking job opportunities. Due to the pandemic, this program ceased operations in March 2020, and it has not since been reestablished.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$245,047 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Veterans' Opportunity Pilot from the Department of Labor to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to better align with programmatic requirements.

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

Legislative

Same as Governor.

Current Services

Annualize FY 2025 Private Provider COLA

SSMF Administration	13,949	13,949	13,949	13,949	-	-
Veterans' Rally Point	12,764	12,764	12,764	12,764	-	-
Total - General Fund	26,713	26,713	26,713	26,713	-	-

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$26,713 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Legislative

Same as Governor.

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

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

Governor

Increase funding by \$1,000,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to address increased costs in the Other Expenses account due to rising food, utility, and medication costs in the department's skilled nursing facility.

Legislative

Same as Governor.

Reduce Funding to Reflect Current Staffing Levels

Personal Services	(600,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(600,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$600,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Legislative

Same as Governor.

Annualize Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	981,693	981,693	981,693	981,693	-	-
Total - General Fund	981,693	981,693	981,693	981,693	-	-

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 \$981,693 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

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	27,344,272	27,344,272	27,344,272	27,344,272	-	-
Policy Revisions	245,047	245,047	531,714	673,380	286,667	428,333
Current Services	1,408,406	1,408,406	1,408,406	1,408,406	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	28,997,725	28,997,725	29,284,392	29,426,058	286,667	428,333

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	241	241	241	241	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	4	6	4	6
Total Recommended - GF	241	241	245	247	4	6