

**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
AGENCY PROGRAM COMMENTARY
1997 - 1999**

The American Legion Child Welfare Division originated as a unit of The American Legion in 1923 to provide aid to the needy children of hospitalized and deceased veterans. Funds were provided through the American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units.

Act 302 of 1935 appropriated funds each year for payment of the Executive Secretary in charge of the Child Welfare Division of the American Legion. The Legislature continued to make such appropriations in succeeding years to assist in the program through 1948.

Act 379 of 1949 appropriated the sum of \$ 25,000.00 for emergency aid to the needy children of hospitalized and deceased veterans. A matching fund was set up to match the funds provided by the state, 2 to 1, until 1955.

Act 279 of 1956 increases the appropriation to \$ 35,000.00 for aid to veterans children. This was in addition to the salaries and maintenance. This amount continued through Fiscal year 1963.

Act 307 of 1963 provided \$ 45,000.00 per year for Fiscal year 1964-65 to assist the needy children of veterans in addition to the salaries and maintenance.

Act 278 appropriated the same amounts for Fiscal year 1966-67.

Act 189 of 1969 changed the name of the agency to The Arkansas Veterans Child Welfare Service. The agency was put under the supervision of a Director appointed by the Governor upon written recommendation by the governing body of The American Legion Department of Arkansas. The agency was delegated the responsibility of establishing temporary and interim welfare for the children of hospitalized and recently deceased veterans who reside in Arkansas.

Funds for the agency are procured by appropriation from the State of Arkansas and from the American Legion Posts and the Auxiliary Units through memorials, donations, and contributions received throughout the year.

The Arkansas Veterans Child Welfare Service Agency is housed in The American Legion Department of Arkansas Headquarters in Little Rock rent and utility free and has been since its inception. The staff of The Arkansas Veterans Child Welfare Service consists of a Director, Business Controller, and Social Service Representative. The office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

AGENCY	DIRECTOR	AGENCY PROGRAM COMMENTARY BR21	PAGE
Arkansas Veterans Child Welfare Service	William H. Bridges		545

ARKANSAS VETERANS CHILD WELFARE SERVICE
SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1995

Assets											
Assets				Liabilities			Total Equity				
Cash and Investments	Fixed	Other	Total	Current	Long-Term	Total					
\$ 52,219	\$ 7,834	\$ 820	\$ 60,873	\$ 0	\$ 683	\$ 683					\$ 60,190

Revenues					Expenditures					Other Sources (Uses)
Inter-governmental	Federal	Licenses and Fees	Other	Total	Salaries and Matching	Grants and Aid	Capital	Other Operating	Total	
\$ 138,074	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 13,077	\$ 151,151	\$ 75,358	\$ 51,508	\$ 875	\$ 2,979	\$ 130,720	\$ (18,828)

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

Audited by Division of Legislative Audit
SA1038095

SUMMARY
STATUS OF NEW PROGRAMS/EXPANSIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE 80TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AGENCY: VETERANS CHILD WELFARE SERVICE

PROGRAM AUTHORIZED	# POS. AUTH.	ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION		STATUS
		FY 95-96	FY 96-97	

Appropriation: 064 - Veterans Child Welfare Service

No new programs or expansions in the 1995-97 biennium.

**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST
1997 - 1999**

The Veterans Child Welfare Service offers temporary financial assistance to the minor children of hospitalized or recently deceased veterans with limited or no income, until a more permanent source of income is established. Veterans and their families are eligible for assistance for up to three months with rent or house payments and utilities. The Staff also counsels with families and refers them to other agencies for further assistance. The State provides for a staff of three employees, the program is also subsidized by the American Legion and its Auxiliary.

There are no priority requests for this Agency. The FY98 Base Level is \$145,657, and it is \$147,939 for FY99.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Agency Request, which includes appropriation for a 2.8% Cost of Living Allowance for positions on July 1 of each year of the biennium along with accompanying employee matching requirements.

AGENCY	APPROPRIATION	TREASURY FUND	ANALYSIS OF	PAGE
Name: Arkansas Veterans Child Welfare Service Code: 380	Name: Veterans Child Welfare - General Revenue Code: 064	Name: State General Services Code: HUA	BUDGET REQUEST BR20	549

ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM

CHARACTER TITLE	-----EXPENDITURES-----			-----97-98 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----98-99 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----			
	95-96	96-97	96-97	BASE	PRIORITY PROGRAMS	TOTAL REQUEST	BASE	PRIORITY PROGRAMS	TOTAL REQUEST	EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	AUTHORIZED APPRO							97-98	98-99	97-98	98-99
REGULAR SALARIES	60,936	64,268	57,118	70,074	0	70,074	71,988	0	71,988	70,074	71,988		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	3	3	3	3	0	3	3	0	3	3	3		
PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	17,782	17,677	15,447	22,568	0	22,568	22,936	0	22,936	22,568	22,936		
OPERATING EXPENSES	2,163	3,789	3,789	3,789	0	3,789	3,789	0	3,789	3,789	3,789		
CONF FEES & TRAVEL	40	400	400	400	0	400	400	0	400	400	400		
GRANTS/AIDS	42,434	48,826	51,531	48,826	0	48,826	48,826	0	48,826	48,826	48,826		
TOTAL	123,355	134,960	128,285	145,657	0	145,657	147,939	0	147,939	145,657	147,939		
PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES			*****										
UNDEVELOPED BALANCES			*****										
GENERAL REVENUES	123,355	128,285	*****	145,657		145,657	147,939		147,939	145,657	147,939		
SPECIAL REVENUES			*****										
STATE FUND			*****										
STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****										
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****										
STATE FUNDS			*****										
Merit Adjustment Fund		6,675	*****										
TOTAL FUNDING	123,355	134,960	*****	145,657		145,657	147,939		147,939	145,657	147,939		
CESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)			*****										
TOTAL	123,355	134,960	*****	145,657		145,657	147,939		147,939	145,657	147,939		

PT 010 SEPARATE AGENCIES
 FY 380 ARKANSAS VETERANS CHILD WELFARE SERVICE
 PRO 064 GENERAL REVENUE
 AND HUA STATE GENERAL SERVICES(000)

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

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The FY97 Budgeted amounts in Regular Salaries and/or Personal Services Matching may exceed the Authorized amounts due to the implementation of the pay plan during the 1995-97 biennium.