

VETERANS' CHILD WELFARE SERVICE OFFICE

Enabling Laws

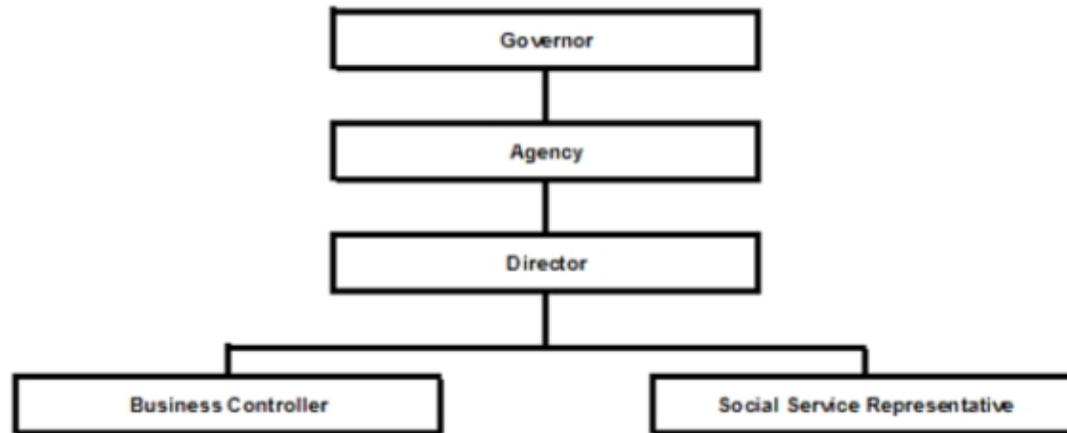
Act 36 of 2010
A.C.A. §20-81-101

History and Organization

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 189 of 1969 changed the name of the Agency to the Arkansas Veterans Child Welfare Service Office. 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 assistance for the minor age children of hospitalized and recently deceased Honorably Discharged Veterans who reside in Arkansas.

Act 100 of 1997 allowed our Agency to assist children of Honorably Discharged Arkansas Veterans who are deceased, hospitalized or medically incapacitated. Funds for the Agency are procured by funded appropriation from the State of Arkansas and from the American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units through memorials, donations and contributions received throughout the year.



Agency Commentary

The Veterans Child Welfare Service Office is delegated the responsibility of providing temporary assistance to the minor age children of Honorably Discharged Veterans if recently deceased, hospitalized or medically incapacitated. Funding for this Agency consists of general revenue funding. The Agency consists of three (3) positions: Veterans Child Welfare Director, Business Operations Specialist, and Fiscal Support Specialist.

The Agency is requesting Base Level for the 2011-2013 biennium.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
 AUDIT OF :
 ARKANSAS VETERANS' CHILD WELFARE SERVICE
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	0	1	1	100 %
Black Employees	0	0	0	0 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			0	0 %
Total Employees			1	100 %

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
None	NA	N	N	0	NA

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2008 - 2009						FY2009 - 2010						FY2010 - 2011					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total		
3	2	1	3	0	33.33 %	3	1	2	3	0	66.67 %	3	1	2	3	0	66.67 %

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 064 - Vet Child Welfare Operations

Funding Sources: HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

The Veterans' Child Welfare Service offers temporary financial assistance to the minor children of recently deceased, hospitalized or medically incapacitated 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 program is also subsidized by the American Legion and its Auxiliary. This appropriation is funded from general revenue.

Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Career Service Payments. The Base Level salary of the unclassified position reflects the FY11 line item maximum.

The Agency Request provides for Base Level for the 2011-2013 biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2009-2010 Actual	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Authorized	2011-2012			2012-2013		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	66,613	102,925	102,748	102,925	102,925	102,925	102,925	102,925	102,925
#Positions		2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Personal Services Matching	5010003	26,180	34,738	34,535	34,800	34,800	34,800	34,800	34,800	34,800
Operating Expenses	5020002	1,999	2,132	2,512	2,132	2,132	2,132	2,132	2,132	2,132
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	42,296	44,746	44,746	44,746	44,746	44,746	44,746	44,746	44,746
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		137,088	184,541	184,541	184,603	184,603	184,603	184,603	184,603	184,603
Funding Sources										
General Revenue	4000010	137,088	184,541		184,603	184,603	184,603	184,603	184,603	184,603
Total Funding		137,088	184,541		184,603	184,603	184,603	184,603	184,603	184,603
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		137,088	184,541		184,603	184,603	184,603	184,603	184,603	184,603

The FY11 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2009-2011 biennium.