

AR DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2018

None

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	44	77	121	53 %
Black Employees	11	84	95	41 %
Other Racial Minorities	3	10	13	6 %
Total Minorities			108	47 %
Total Employees			229	100 %

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Department Appropriation Summary

Appropriation	Historical Data						Agency Request and Executive Recommendation							
	2017-2018		2018-2019		2018-2019		2019-2020			2020-2021				
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
224 State Operations	2,011,455	27	1,990,241	22	2,026,859	26	2,093,050	22	2,093,050	22	2,015,173	22	2,015,173	22
2QD Veterans' Homes	15,206,543	206	18,312,588	251	16,570,036	249	21,930,375	251	21,930,375	251	21,504,650	251	21,504,650	251
38S Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash In Treasury	782,191	11	970,456	12	355,064	9	823,452	12	823,452	12	871,952	12	871,952	12
490 Veterans' Cemeteries - State	309,425	5	323,640	5	341,095	6	323,343	5	323,343	5	324,081	5	324,081	5
81H Military Funeral Honor	15,200	0	75,000	0	75,000	0	16,720	0	16,720	0	16,720	0	16,720	0
X05 NLR Cemetery Expansion 2 - Federal	0	0	0	0	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	0
Total	18,324,814	249	21,671,925	290	29,368,054	290	35,186,940	290	35,186,940	290	34,732,576	290	34,732,576	290

Funding Sources		%		%		%		%		%		%	
Fund Balance	4000005	1,512,206	7.8	1,153,492	5.1	787,896	2.5	787,896	2.5	450,024	1.4	450,024	1.4
General Revenue	4000010	2,319,791	11.9	2,313,881	10.3	2,416,393	7.6	2,318,985	7.3	2,339,254	7.4	2,319,840	7.4
Federal Revenue	4000020	12,106,693	62.2	15,719,245	70.0	26,157,195	81.8	26,157,195	82.1	26,157,195	82.9	26,157,195	83.0
Special Revenue	4000030	43,220	0.2	40,000	0.2	40,000	0.1	40,000	0.1	40,000	0.1	40,000	0.1
Cash Fund	4000045	2,725,307	14.0	2,425,203	10.8	2,565,191	8.0	2,565,191	8.0	2,565,191	8.1	2,565,191	8.1
Rainy Day Fund	4000267	770,000	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	1,018	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Intra-agency Fund Transfer	4000317	0	0.0	808,000	3.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
M & R Sales	4000340	71	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total Funds		19,478,306	100.0	22,459,821	100.0	31,966,675	100.0	31,869,267	100.0	31,551,664	100.0	31,532,250	100.0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(1,153,492)		(787,896)		3,220,265		3,317,673		3,180,912		3,200,326	
Grand Total		18,324,814		21,671,925		35,186,940		35,186,940		34,732,576		34,732,576	

Variances in fund balance due to unfunded appropriation in (2QD) Veterans' Homes.
 Budget exceeds Authorized in 2QD due to transfers from the Cash Fund Holding Account.
 Budget exceeds Authorized in 38S due to transfers from the Cash Fund Holding Account.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 224 - State Operations

Funding Sources: HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

The Department of Veterans' Affairs assists Arkansas veterans, their dependents, and survivors in securing their rights and benefits under Federal and State laws. The Department supervises the activities, training, and testing of County Veterans' Service Officers and provides financial assistance to counties to defray their salaries and expenses. This appropriation provides for the administrative costs of the Department and is funded by general revenue.

The Agency is requesting \$2,093,050 for FY20 and \$2,015,173 for FY21 in appropriation and General Revenue funding.

The Agency Request includes the following:

- Operating Expenses - Increase of \$38,800 for decorating the cemeteries for Memorial Day and the 4th of July, as well as costs associated with operating 8 satellite District Veterans Offices statewide. Partially offset by reallocation from Network Services Expense and Data Processing Supplies.
- Conference and Travel - Increase of \$25,633 in FY20 and \$633 in FY21 for training and an agency sponsored conference.
- Capital Outlay - Increase of \$53,000 in FY20 to cover costs associated with remodeling a facility to house the Veterans' Service Officers and Hearings and Appeals area for meetings and teleconferences.

The Agency's request to maintain appropriation above 10% of their FY18 Actual Expenditures includes the following justifications:

- Operating Expenses - Experiencing increases for decorating the cemeteries for Memorial Day and the 4th of July, as well as costs associated with operating 8 satellite district veterans offices statewide.
- Conference and Travel - Needed for training requirements for the VA Rapid Appeals Modernization Program and CVSO Biennial Training in FY20.
- Capital Outlay - Appeals division will be relocating to the VA Regional Center at Fort Roots. Appropriation is needed for remodeling and furniture.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request in appropriation and General Revenue in the amounts of \$1,995,642 in FY20 and \$1,995,759 in FY21.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 224 - State Operations
Funding Sources: HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020		2020-2021	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	1,267,586	1,186,630	1,205,205	1,173,852	1,173,852	1,173,952	1,173,952
#Positions		27	22	26	22	22	22	22
Personal Services Matching	5010003	393,545	385,544	403,587	383,698	383,698	383,721	383,721
Operating Expenses	5020002	127,020	127,200	127,200	166,000	166,000	166,000	166,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	7,268	7,367	7,367	33,000	33,000	8,000	8,000
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	216,036	283,500	283,500	283,500	283,500	283,500	283,500
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	53,000	53,000	0	0
Total		2,011,455	1,990,241	2,026,859	2,093,050	2,093,050	2,015,173	2,015,173
Funding Sources								
General Revenue	4000010	1,989,357	1,990,241		2,093,050	1,995,642	2,015,173	1,995,759
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	1,018	0		0	0	0	0
Intra-agency Fund Transfer	4000317	21,009	0		0	0	0	0
M & R Sales	4000340	71	0		0	0	0	0
Total Funding		2,011,455	1,990,241		2,093,050	1,995,642	2,015,173	1,995,759
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	97,408	0	19,414
Grand Total		2,011,455	1,990,241		2,093,050	2,093,050	2,015,173	2,015,173

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 2QD - Veterans' Homes

Funding Sources: NVA - ADVA Cash in Treasury

This appropriation is for the care of residents at two State Veterans' Homes, one in Fayetteville and one in North Little Rock. These are long-term skilled nursing care facilities primarily funded by private room and board payments, private insurance payments, Medicaid and Medicare reimbursements, and reimbursements from the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs State Home Per Diem program.

The Agency is requesting \$21,930,375 in FY20 and \$21,504,650 in FY21.

The Agency Request includes the following changes for both years unless otherwise noted:

- Regular Salaries - Increase of \$809,000 to cover shift differentials.
- Extra Help - Increase of \$40,000 to cover 15 additional positions intended to provide administrative coverage.
- Overtime - Increase of \$293,900 to cover shifts as needed.
- Matching - Increase of \$257,413 due to Salary, Extra Help, and Overtime increases.
- Conference and Travel - Decrease of \$34,885 to better align with expenditures. Partially offset by reallocation from Conference and Seminar Fees.
- Professional Fees - Increase of \$659,000 to cover mandated services contracts.
- Capital Outlay - Increase of \$663,000 in FY20 and \$231,000 in FY21 for renovation and furniture upgrades at the Fayetteville Veterans' Home.

The Agency's request to maintain appropriation above 10% of their FY18 Actual Expenditures includes the following justifications:

- Professional Fees - Both facilities are required to provide a pharmacy consultant, a medical director, Medicare billing, Physical Therapy, Resident Medical Costs, Nutrition, and Lab fees. These services are contracted out.
- Capital Outlay - For renovation of the Fayetteville facility including remodeling, furniture, and fees.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 2QD - Veterans' Homes
Funding Sources: NVA - ADVA Cash in Treasury

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020		2020-2021	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	6,036,971	9,012,474	6,771,753	9,724,100	9,724,100	9,729,200	9,729,200
#Positions		206	251	249	251	251	251	251
Extra Help	5010001	94,526	40,000	40,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
#Extra Help		5	4	15	30	30	30	30
Personal Services Matching	5010003	2,551,720	3,389,505	2,812,398	3,635,375	3,635,375	3,636,550	3,636,550
Overtime	5010006	456,863	236,000	246,000	539,900	539,900	539,900	539,900
Operating Expenses	5020002	5,792,144	5,294,609	6,248,000	6,248,000	6,248,000	6,248,000	6,248,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	15,469	40,000	50,885	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
Professional Fees	5060010	214,696	240,000	341,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	44,154	60,000	60,000	687,000	687,000	255,000	255,000
Total		15,206,543	18,312,588	16,570,036	21,930,375	21,930,375	21,504,650	21,504,650

Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	706,350	651,740		0	0	0	0
Federal Revenue	4000020	11,762,626	15,287,245		15,747,595	15,747,595	15,747,595	15,747,595
Cash Fund	4000045	2,581,307	2,373,603		2,512,491	2,512,491	2,512,491	2,512,491
Intra-agency Fund Transfer	4000317	808,000	0		0	0	0	0
Total Funding		15,858,283	18,312,588		18,260,086	18,260,086	18,260,086	18,260,086
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(651,740)	0		3,670,289	3,670,289	3,244,564	3,244,564
Grand Total		15,206,543	18,312,588		21,930,375	21,930,375	21,504,650	21,504,650

FY19 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2017-2019 Biennium. Budget Number of Positions may exceed the Authorized Number due to single salary section in appropriation act.
 Expenditure of Appropriation is contingent upon available funding.
 Increase in salaries is for shift differentials.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 38S - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash In Treasury

Funding Sources: NVA - ADVA Cash in Treasury

This appropriation is funded with federal revenue and cash from burial fees that the Agency has accumulated specifically for use at the State Veterans' Cemetery located in North Little Rock, AR. This appropriation is utilized to support the operations of, and to provide land improvements for, the Arkansas State Veterans' Cemetery.

The Agency is requesting \$823,452 for FY20 and \$871,952 for FY21.

The Agency Request includes the following for both years unless otherwise noted:

- Extra Help - Increase of \$24,000 due to the cemetery expansion project
- Matching - Increase of \$1,850 due increase in Extra Help
- Operating Expenses - Increase of \$6,050 in order to provide in-house training, develop a storm contingency plan, and provide internet connectivity infrastructure. Partially offset by reallocation from Office Equipment Maintenance and Fuel Purchases.
- Capital Outlay - Increase of \$59,000 for FY20 and \$107,500 for FY21 to replace equipment

The Agency's request to maintain appropriation above 10% of their FY18 Actual Expenditures includes the following justifications:

- Operating Expenses - The agency would like to maintain and increase appropriation to provide in-house training, develop a storm contingency plan, and provide internet connectivity infrastructure. These items are needed to meet federal code requirements.
- Conference and Travel - Agency needs appropriation in order to continue training and ensure continued compliance with the National Cemetery Administration standards and regulations.
- Capital Outlay - Equipment and Internet Connectivity are required at both locations.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 38S - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash In Treasury

Funding Sources: NVA - ADVA Cash in Treasury

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020		2020-2021	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	321,584	438,429	143,792	431,666	431,666	431,666	431,666
#Positions		11	12	9	12	12	12	12
Extra Help	5010001	0	0	0	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
#Extra Help		0	4	5	5	5	5	5
Personal Services Matching	5010003	130,485	162,027	71,272	162,736	162,736	162,736	162,736
Operating Expenses	5020002	94,258	300,000	135,000	141,050	141,050	141,050	141,050
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Professional Fees	5060010	191,468	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	44,396	60,000	0	59,000	59,000	107,500	107,500
Total		782,191	970,456	355,064	823,452	823,452	871,952	871,952

Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	615,898	283,774		604,918	604,918	243,766	243,766
Federal Revenue	4000020	344,067	432,000		409,600	409,600	409,600	409,600
Cash Fund	4000045	144,000	51,600		52,700	52,700	52,700	52,700
Rainy Day Fund	4000267	770,000	0		0	0	0	0
Intra-agency Fund Transfer	4000317	(808,000)	808,000		0	0	0	0
Total Funding		1,065,965	1,575,374		1,067,218	1,067,218	706,066	706,066
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(283,774)	(604,918)		(243,766)	(243,766)	165,886	165,886
Grand Total		782,191	970,456		823,452	823,452	871,952	871,952

FY19 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2017-2019 Biennium. Budget Number of Positions may exceed the Authorized Number due to single salary section in appropriation act.

Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Operating Expenses, Conference and Travel, and Capital Outlay due to a transfers from the Cash Fund Holding Account.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 490 - Veterans' Cemeteries - State

Funding Sources: HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

Act 270 of 1999 authorized appropriation for the construction of a State Veterans' Cemetery. This appropriation is used to provide for the daily operations and grounds maintenance for the Cemetery and is funded from general revenue.

Act 913 of 2007 established the appropriation for purchase and construction of a National Veterans' Affairs Cemetery in Cross, St. Francis, or Poinsett County. One hundred (100) acres of land was purchased in Birdeye, Arkansas (Cross County) for the future site of the cemetery. Archeological, boundary/topographical, and geotech/geological surveys were completed to ensure the site is appropriate for the construction and development of a the cemetery.

The Agency is requesting \$323,343 for FY20 and \$324,081 for FY21.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 490 - Veterans' Cemeteries - State

Funding Sources: HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020		2020-2021		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive	
Regular Salaries	5010000	168,980	170,701	180,837	170,327	170,327	170,927	170,927	
#Positions		5	5	6	5	5	5	5	
Personal Services Matching	5010003	59,992	63,989	71,308	64,066	64,066	64,204	64,204	
Operating Expenses	5020002	80,453	88,950	88,950	88,950	88,950	88,950	88,950	
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total		309,425	323,640	341,095	323,343	323,343	324,081	324,081	
Funding Sources									
General Revenue	4000010	330,434	323,640		323,343	323,343	324,081	324,081	
Intra-agency Fund Transfer	4000317	(21,009)	0		0	0	0	0	
Total Funding		309,425	323,640		323,343	323,343	324,081	324,081	
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	
Grand Total		309,425	323,640		323,343	323,343	324,081	324,081	

Funding was transferred to 224 to cover expenditures.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 81H - Military Funeral Honor

Funding Sources: SMF - Funeral Honor

This appropriation is utilized to pay for the costs of providing military funeral honors at veterans' funerals. Funding is through the sale of special military license plates.

The Agency is requesting \$16,720 each year of the biennium.

The Agency Request includes a decrease of appropriation by \$58,280 to align more closely with actual expenditures.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 81H - Military Funeral Honor

Funding Sources: SMF - Funeral Honor

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020		2020-2021	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Military Honors	5900046	15,200	75,000	75,000	16,720	16,720	16,720	16,720
Total		15,200	75,000	75,000	16,720	16,720	16,720	16,720
Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	189,958	217,978		182,978	182,978	206,258	206,258
Special Revenue	4000030	43,220	40,000		40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Total Funding		233,178	257,978		222,978	222,978	246,258	246,258
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(217,978)	(182,978)		(206,258)	(206,258)	(229,538)	(229,538)
Grand Total		15,200	75,000		16,720	16,720	16,720	16,720

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: X05 - NLR Cemetery Expansion 2 - Federal

Funding Sources: FVV - NLRCEMEXP2

This appropriation is a Federally funded grant to expand the North Little Rock Cemetery. This appropriation is utilized to add columbarium niches, oversized interment crypts, a committal shelter storage building, pump house storage building, Honor Guard room, irrigation support well and improve cemetery infrastructure.

The Agency is requesting \$10,000,000 each year of the biennium.

The Agency's request to maintain appropriation above 10% of their FY18 Actual Expenditures includes the following justifications:

- Appropriation was not able to be used in FY18 due to lack of funding. Funding is expected in the 2019-2021 Biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: X05 - NLR Cemetery Expansion 2 - Federal

Funding Sources: FVV - NLRCEMEXP2

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020		2020-2021	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Construction	5090005	0	0	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Total		0	0	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Funding Sources								
Federal Revenue	4000020	0	0		10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Total Funding		0	0		10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0
Grand Total		0	0		10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000