

LSC Greenbook

Analysis of the Enacted Budget

Veterans' Organizations

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Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item

Veterans' Organizations

- Total appropriations of \$1.8 million each fiscal year, an 11.4% increase over FY 2009 expenditures

OVERVIEW

Agency Overview

The state of Ohio currently grants subsidies to 13 different organizations that serve Ohio's veterans. The primary mission of all of these organizations is to promote and provide assistance to veterans. These groups educate veterans and their dependents on the various benefits available to them. Some of the organizations provide emergency assistance. All of the various veterans' organizations promote the remembrance of their fellow veterans and the wars in which they fought.

All 13 veterans' organizations receive a GRF subsidy. In addition to state GRF, each organization receives funding through federal grants, membership dues, fundraising efforts, and private donations.

Appropriation Overview

Agency Appropriations by Fund Group					
Fund Group	FY 2009	FY 2010	% change	FY 2011	% change
General Revenue	\$1,614,194	\$1,798,082	11.4%	\$1,798,082	0.0%

*FY 2009 figures represent actual expenditures.

As can be seen in the above table, the organizations receive state funding from the General Revenue Fund (GRF) only. The budget provides an 11.4% increase in FY 2010 from the FY 2009 actual expenditure and flat funding for FY 2011. The amounts appropriated in FY 2010 and FY 2011 equal the amounts appropriated in H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly for FY 2009 before executive ordered budget reductions were made.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

Veterans' Organizations

The following table shows the GRF appropriations for each of the 13 veterans' organizations. The budget provides an 11.4% increase over FY 2009 expenditures for each organization.

Appropriations for the Veterans' Organizations				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2010	FY 2011
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	743501	American Ex-Prisoners of War	\$27,533	\$27,533
GRF	746501	Army & Navy Union, USA, Inc.	\$60,513	\$60,513
GRF	747501	Korean War Veterans	\$54,398	\$54,398
GRF	748501	Jewish War Veterans	\$32,687	\$32,687
GRF	749501	Catholic War Veterans	\$63,789	\$63,789
GRF	750501	Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$62,015	\$62,015
GRF	751501	Vietnam Veterans of America	\$204,549	\$204,549
GRF	752501	American Legion of Ohio	\$332,561	\$332,561
GRF	753501	Amvets	\$316,711	\$316,711
GRF	754501	Disabled American Veterans	\$237,939	\$237,939
GRF	756501	Marine Corps League	\$127,569	\$127,569
GRF	757501	37th Division AEF Veterans' Association	\$6,541	\$6,541
GRF	758501	Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$271,277	\$271,277
General Revenue Fund Group Subtotal			\$1,798,082	\$1,798,082
Total Funding: Veterans' Organizations Subsidies			\$1,798,082	\$1,798,082

American Ex-Prisoners of War (743501)

This GRF line item supports travel, training, and lodging expenses for the five National Service Officers of the American Ex-Prisoners of War organization. Additionally, the organization mails a quarterly newsletter to approximately 1,600 former prisoners of war informing them of possible benefits available to them. A portion of funds is also sent to the 15 subordinate chapters throughout the state to help veterans in their area.

Army & Navy Union, USA, Inc. (746501)

This GRF line item supports the Army & Navy Union, USA, Inc., which was founded in 1886 and is the oldest veterans' organization in America. This line item funds various services or activities of the organization such as wages for service

officers, veterans' emergency aid, patriotic observances, web site maintenance, training expenses, utilities, etc.

Korean War Veterans (747501)

This GRF line item supports the Korean War Veterans organization. The organization consists of 20 local chapters and 2,368 members. The funds are used for expenses for organization officers and committees, as well as mileage reimbursements for meetings, reimbursements to local chapters for approved expenses incurred, and general operating expenses. Additionally, funds are used to support veterans in need, veterans' homes, and other service and educational activities.

Jewish War Veterans (748501)

This GRF line item supports the Jewish War Veterans organization. The organization has six local posts and 900 members. The posts are located in Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland (which is also the headquarters), Columbus, and Dayton. The funds are used for expenses for organization officers, as well as to support the monthly wages of a service officer located at the Federal Building VA Regional Office. Additionally, funds are used to support veteran medical centers and outpatient clinics for veterans.

Catholic War Veterans (749501)

This GRF line item supports the Catholic War Veterans organization. The organization in Ohio was formed in 1945 to serve any and all Ohio veterans. The funds are used for a variety of purposes, such as general office expenses, payroll for an office manager, reimbursement for board officers, scholarships to high schools, a quarterly publication that informs members of current events and benefit information, etc.

Military Order of the Purple Heart (750501)

This GRF line item supports the Military Order of the Purple Heart organization. The organization serves all combat wounded veterans who received the Purple Heart Medal. The Purple Heart Medal is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of an armed force or any civilian national of the United States who, while serving in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services after April 5, 1917, has been wounded or killed, or who has died, or may later die after being wounded. The organization has several service officers to assist veterans. The funds are used for a variety of purposes, such as general office expenses, administrative part-time staff salaries, newsletters and communications, reimbursement for officers, convention and other regional meetings, etc.

Vietnam Veterans of America (751501)

This GRF line item supports the Vietnam Veterans of America organization. The organization is the only Vietnam veteran organization chartered by Congress and

exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families. The organization has two service representatives – one in Cleveland and one in Columbus – that assist veterans in obtaining benefits. Additionally, the organization has a board of directors, consisting of five executive members and six district directors. The line item helps to, among other things, pay for general operations, accounting and legal fees, travel, printing of publications, education and training, conferences, and compensation of current officers, and veterans aid activities.

American Legion of Ohio (752501)

This GRF line item supports the American Legion of Ohio organization. The organization has 600 posts and 140,000 members statewide and is Ohio's largest veterans' organization. The organization assists veterans, widows, and dependents in obtaining benefits from governmental entities and other community resources. The organization has service offices in Delaware, Dayton, Cincinnati, and Cleveland. These offices have one service officer at each location. There is an additional office in Cleveland that has four service officers. Clerical staff is provided in Cleveland and Delaware. The line item helps the organization employ clerical assistants, train service officers, and provide training and resource materials to various locations.

Amvets (753501)

This GRF line item supports the American Veterans of WWII – Korea – Vietnam organization. The organization is popularly known as "AMVETS." The organization is the fourth largest veterans' organization in Ohio. The organization has service officers and support staff at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in Brecksville, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Wade Park. Service officers and staff are also provided in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Portsmouth. The organization assists veterans in obtaining benefits. In addition, the organization sponsors, among other things, Christmas baskets for the needy, veterans aid activities, Special Olympics, and youth athletic programs. The line item supports salaries for service officers and support staff, office equipment, etc.

Disabled American Veterans (754501)

This GRF line item supports the Disabled American Veterans organization. The organization was founded in 1921 and has over 100 chapters in Ohio. The organization has seven service officers working at all Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers in Ohio, as well as the Columbus VA Clinic. The officers assist the hospitalized veterans with problems regarding medical care and begin claims processing for benefits. Additionally, each service officer coordinates the organization's Department of Ohio Van Transportation Network. This network has 60 Ford passenger vans that provide free transportation for veterans to and from VA Medical Centers throughout Ohio. The vans were purchased by the organization's chapters. The organization also has a

service officer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The organization also provides support to the VA Medical Centers, VA Clinics, and both of the veterans homes located in Ohio. The line item also helps pay for general operating expenses. The service officers also work with the organization's 11 nationally accredited service officers in Cleveland and Cincinnati to gather necessary information to process VA benefit claims.

Marine Corps League (756501)

This GRF line item supports the Marine Corps League organization. The organization consists of 34 detachments. The detachments total over 1,500 members who are all active duty, reserve, retired, and former Marines. The organization's Veteran Services Program serves veterans of all branches of the military. There are five service officers located in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Hamilton. This funding pays wages and other operating expenses.

37th Division AEF Veterans' Association (757501)

This GRF line item supports the 37th Division AEF (AEF) Veterans' Association. The Association was formed in 1918 by veterans of the 37th Infantry Division who fought in Europe during World War I with the American Expeditionary Forces. The 37th Infantry Division has served with distinction in World War I, World War II, and Korea. The Association assists veterans in obtaining medical and other administrative records and securing medals earned. Additionally, the Association assists families of deceased veterans in obtaining burial details. The line item helps pay for things such as general operating expenses and wages.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (758501)

This GRF line item supports the Veterans of Foreign Wars, or the VFW, organization. The organization has been a voice for veterans for over a century and is the nation's oldest major veterans' organization. The organization has many posts throughout Ohio. The organization has four service officers in the field and three service officers and three temporary staff members in the Cleveland Regional Office. The funding pays for the salaries only of these individuals.

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FY 2010 - 2011 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 2008</i>	<i>FY 2009</i>	<i>FY 2010 Appropriations</i>	<i>% Change FY09 - FY10</i>	<i>FY 2011 Appropriations</i>	<i>% Change FY10 - FY11</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted					
VTO Veterans' Organizations								
GRF	743501	American Ex-Prisoners of War	\$ 27,533	\$ 24,717	\$ 27,533	11.39%	\$ 27,533	0.00%
GRF	746501	Army and Navy Union, USA, Inc.	\$ 60,513	\$ 54,325	\$ 60,513	11.39%	\$ 60,513	0.00%
GRF	747501	Korean War Veterans	\$ 54,398	\$ 48,835	\$ 54,398	11.39%	\$ 54,398	0.00%
GRF	748501	Jewish War Veterans	\$ 32,687	\$ 29,344	\$ 32,687	11.39%	\$ 32,687	0.00%
GRF	749501	Catholic War Veterans	\$ 63,789	\$ 57,265	\$ 63,789	11.39%	\$ 63,789	0.00%
GRF	750501	Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$ 62,015	\$ 55,673	\$ 62,015	11.39%	\$ 62,015	0.00%
GRF	751501	Vietnam Veterans of America	\$ 204,549	\$ 183,630	\$ 204,549	11.39%	\$ 204,549	0.00%
GRF	752501	American Legion of Ohio	\$ 332,561	\$ 298,550	\$ 332,561	11.39%	\$ 332,561	0.00%
GRF	753501	Amvets	\$ 312,506	\$ 284,321	\$ 316,711	11.39%	\$ 316,711	0.00%
GRF	754501	Disabled American Veterans	\$ 237,939	\$ 213,605	\$ 237,939	11.39%	\$ 237,939	0.00%
GRF	756501	Marine Corps League	\$ 127,569	\$ 114,522	\$ 127,569	11.39%	\$ 127,569	0.00%
GRF	757501	37th Div AEF Veterans' Association	\$ 6,541	\$ 5,872	\$ 6,541	11.39%	\$ 6,541	0.00%
GRF	758501	Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$ 271,277	\$ 243,533	\$ 271,277	11.39%	\$ 271,277	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 1,793,877	\$ 1,614,194	\$ 1,798,082	11.39%	\$ 1,798,082	0.00%
Veterans' Organizations Total			\$ 1,793,877	\$ 1,614,194	\$ 1,798,082	11.39%	\$ 1,798,082	0.00%