



# DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS ISSUES

EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
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ISSUE BRIEF

This document summarizes the Analyst's recommendations for subcommittee action.

## **Intent Language**

*Under terms of Section 63J-1-603(3)(a) Utah Code Annotated, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs in Item 3, Chapter 10, Laws of Utah 2016 not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2017. Use of any nonlapsing funds is limited to: Purchase of up to two vehicles and Military Affairs one-time operations costs.*

*The Legislature intends that the Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs be allowed to increase its vehicle fleet by up to two vehicles with funding from existing appropriations.*

*The Legislature intends that the Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs report by October 17, 2017 to the Executive Appropriations Committee on the following performance measures for the Veterans' and Military Affairs line item: (1) Provide programs that assist veterans with filing and receiving compensation, pension, and educational benefits administered by the U.S. Veterans' Administration (Target = 5% annual growth); (2) Assist in ensuring veterans are employed in the Utah workforce (Target = Veterans' unemployment rate no greater than the statewide unemployment rate); (3) Increase the number of current conflict veterans that are connected to appropriate services (Target = 10% annual increase); (4) Provide veterans with a full range of burial services and related benefits that reflect dignity, compassion, and respect (Target = 95% satisfaction); and (5) Identify, plan, and advise on military mission workload opportunities through engagement with federal and state parties and decision makers (Target = 95%).*

*The Legislature intends that the Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs report by October 17, 2017 to the Executive Appropriations Committee on the following performance measures for the Veterans' Nursing Home Fund line item: (1) Occupancy rate (Target = 95% average); (2) Compliance with all state and federal regulations for operations, licensing, and payments (Target = 95%); (3) Best in class rating in all national customer satisfaction surveys (Target = 80%); and (4) Deviations in operations, safety, or payments are addressed within specified times (Target = 95%).*

## **Dedicated Credits**

The DVMA expects to collect additional money from burial fees and private donations, which are deposited as dedicated credits. The increases from private donations come from license plate collections. The Analyst recommends the Legislature increase the agency's appropriations from dedicated credits by \$50,000 in FY 2017 and by \$75,000 in FY 2018 to account for the increase. Current dedicated credits appropriations are approximately \$230,000 per year. An increase of \$50,000 in FY17 represents an increase of 22 percent; an increase of \$75,000 in FY 2018 represents an increase of 33 percent.

**Fee Changes**

	<b>Old Fee</b>	<b>Old Quantity</b>	<b>New Fee</b>	<b>New Quantity</b>	<b>Fee Change</b>	<b>Est Rev Change</b>
<b>Dept of Veterans' and Military Affairs</b>						
1 Veterans' Burial	\$747.00	0	\$749.00	385	\$2.00	\$770.00
2 Cement Burial Vault	\$700.00	0	\$0.00	0	-\$700.00	-\$700.00
3 Spouse/Dependent Burial	\$747.00	0	\$749.00	117	\$2.00	\$234.00
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$304.00</b>

The burial rate is set by the federal Veterans' Administration. The change above reflects the federal adjustment for FY 2018.

**Federal Funds**

Please see the following page.

# Supplemental Federal Funds Request Summary for State FY 2017

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Grant Title	CFDA Number	ARRA mark "X"	Federal Annual Award	Annual Match Requirement						Notes/In Kind Source/Fed Requirements	New Permanent Staff	Received Award Letter/Similar Documentation? (Y/N)	Award Letter/Similar Documentation Included? (Y/N)	
				Matching State Funds			Total State Match	Local/Other	% Pass-Through					
				General Fund	Dedicated Credits	Restricted Funds								Other Funds
<b>VETERANS' AFFAIRS</b>														
1 Veterans State Nursing Home Care	64.015		\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	0.00	N	N
2 Veterans Prescription Service	64.012		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	0.00	N	N
3 Veterans Burial Allowance	64.101		\$52,365	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	0.00	N	N
4 State Approving Agency for Veterans Education	None		\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	0.00	Y	Y
5 Veterans Administration	None		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	60%	0.00	Y	Y
Division/Program Totals			\$72,365	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	0.00		
<b>VETERANS' AFFAIRS TOTALS</b>														
State FY 2017			\$72,365	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	0.00		

NOTE: re: "% Pass-Through" was inadvertently not reported on previous FY17 report; & "Pass thru Recipients" = other States desiring to do this same project - currently authorized for 5, though only 3 on board, and the Veicom contract (\$200/mo); no "Federal Requirement to receive funds", only requires an annual report after funds dispersed.

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				Matching State Funds											% Pass-Through			
				General Fund	Dedicated Credits	Restricted Funds	Other Funds	In Kind	Maint. Of Effort	Total State Match						Local/Other		
<b>VETERANS' AFFAIRS</b>																		
1 Veterans State Nursing Home Care	64.015		\$21,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	0.00	N	N	
2 Veterans Prescription Service	64.012		\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	0.00	N	N	
3 Veterans Burial Allowance	64.101		\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	0.00	N	N	
4 State Approving Agency for Veterans Education	None		\$159,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	0.00	N	N	
Division/Program Totals				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	0.00			
<b>VETERANS' AFFAIRS TOTALS</b>																		
State FY 2018				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	0.00		