Greenbook

LSC Analysis of Enacted Budget

Veterans' Organizations

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Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item

Veterans' Organizations

OVERVIEW

Organizational Subsidies

The state of Ohio currently grants subsidies to 13 different organizations that serve Ohio's veterans. The primary mission of all these organizations is to promote and provide assistance to veterans of their particular community. This includes providing services to veterans and their families to help assist with accessing benefits, job placement and training, transportation to and from Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities, and emergency assistance.

These state subsidies are primarily used to pay salaries and wages for service officers, transportation and meeting expenses, as well as other organizational operating expenses. Each organization's subsidy is not released until it has submitted a required annual report that has been reviewed and determined by the Director of Veterans Services to be satisfactory.¹ In addition to these subsidies, each organization may receive funding through federal grants, membership dues, fundraising efforts, and private donations.

Appropriation Overview

As shown in the table below, these subsidies to veterans' organizations are paid for solely with money appropriated from the GRF. For this purpose, the budget appropriates \$1,887,755 in FY 2018 and FY 2019, an amount that is \$63,231, or 3.5%, more than FY 2017 expenditures of \$1,824,755.

| Veterans' Subsidy Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2018-FY 2019 (Am. Sub. H.B. 49) | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--|
| Fund Group | FY 2017* FY 2018 F | | % change, FY 2017-FY 2018 | FY 2019 | % change, FY 2018-FY 2019 | |
| General Revenue | \$1,824,755 | \$1,887,986 | 3.5% | \$1,887,986 | 0% | |
| TOTAL | \$1,824,755 | \$1,887,986 | 3.5% | \$1,887,986 | 0% | |

*FY 2017 figures represent actual expenditures.

- GRF subsidies flat-funded
- \$1.9 million in annual subsidies for 13 veterans' organizations
- Department of Veterans Services to cover building rent

¹ R.C. 5902.02.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

Veterans' Subsidy Program

The FY 2018 and FY 2019 line item appropriations for each of the 13 veterans' organizations receiving a subsidy are summarized in the table below. The appropriations generally reflect what might be termed "flat funding," meaning that the appropriations are identical to the amounts appropriated for, and expended in, FY 2017. There are, however, two exceptions. In FY 2017, neither the subsidy for the Jewish War Veterans (\$34,321) nor the American Ex-Prisoners of War (\$28,910) was released. It appears that: (1) the Jewish War Veterans did not submit the required annual report for FY 2017, and (2) the American Ex-Prisoners of War FY 2017 subsidy will be released at some point in FY 2018.

Also notable is a temporary law provision in the budget requiring the Department of Veterans Services to use GRF line item 900408, Department of Veterans Services, to pay veterans' organizations' rent in buildings managed by the Department of Administrative Services.

| Appropriations for Veterans' Subsidy Program | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Fund | | ALI and Name | FY 2018 | FY 2019 | | | | |
| General Revenue Fund | | | | | | | | |
| GRF | 743501 | American Ex-Prisoners of War | \$28,910 | \$28,910 | | | | |
| GRF | F 746501 Army and Navy Union, USA, Inc. | | \$63,539 | \$63,539 | | | | |
| GRF 747501 K | | Korean War Veterans | \$57,118 | \$57,118 | | | | |
| GRF 748501 | | Jewish War Veterans | \$34,321 | \$34,321 | | | | |
| GRF 749501 Ca | | Catholic War Veterans | \$66,978 | \$66,978 | | | | |
| GRF | 750501 | Military Order of the Purple Heart | \$65,116 | \$65,116 | | | | |
| GRF | 751501 | Vietnam Veterans of America | \$214,776 | \$214,776 | | | | |
| GRF | 752501 | American Legion of Ohio | \$349,189 | \$349,189 | | | | |
| GRF | 753501 | AMVETS | \$332,547 | \$332,547 | | | | |
| GRF | 754501 | Disabled American Veterans | \$249,836 | \$249,836 | | | | |
| GRF | 756501 | Marine Corps League | \$133,947 | \$133,947 | | | | |
| GRF | 757501 | 37th Division Veterans' Association | \$6,868 | \$6,868 | | | | |
| GRF | 758501 | Veterans of Foreign Wars | \$284,841 | \$284,841 | | | | |
| | | General Revenue Fund Subtotal | \$1,887,986 | \$1,887,986 | | | | |
| Total Funding: Veterans' Subsidy Program\$1,887,986\$1,887,986 | | | | | | | | |

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FY 2018 - FY 2019 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

| Line I | tem Detail | by Agency | | | Appropriation | FY 2017 to FY 2018 | Appropriation | FY 2018 to FY 2019 |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | % Change | FY 2019 | % Change |
| Repor | rt For Ma | in Operating Appropriations Bill | T. | ersion: As E | nacted | | | |
| VTO | Veterans | ' Organizations | | | | | | |
| GRF | 743501 | American Ex-Prisoners of War | \$ 28,910 | \$0 | \$ 28,910 | N/A | \$ 28,910 | 0.00% |
| GRF | 746501 | Army and Navy Union, USA, Inc. | \$ 63,539 | \$ 63,539 | \$ 63,539 | 0.00% | \$ 63,539 | 0.00% |
| GRF | 747501 | Korean War Veterans | \$ 57,118 | \$ 57,118 | \$ 57,118 | 0.00% | \$ 57,118 | 0.00% |
| GRF | 748501 | Jewish War Veterans | \$ 34,321 | \$0 | \$ 34,321 | N/A | \$ 34,321 | 0.00% |
| GRF | 749501 | Catholic War Veterans | \$ 66,978 | \$ 66,978 | \$ 66,978 | 0.00% | \$ 66,978 | 0.00% |
| GRF | 750501 | Military Order of the Purple Heart | \$ 65,116 | \$ 65,116 | \$ 65,116 | 0.00% | \$ 65,116 | 0.00% |
| GRF | 751501 | Vietnam Veterans of America | \$ 214,776 | \$ 214,776 | \$ 214,776 | 0.00% | \$ 214,776 | 0.00% |
| GRF | 752501 | American Legion of Ohio | \$ 349,189 | \$ 349,189 | \$ 349,189 | 0.00% | \$ 349,189 | 0.00% |
| GRF | 753501 | AMVETS | \$ 332,547 | \$ 332,547 | \$ 332,547 | 0.00% | \$ 332,547 | 0.00% |
| GRF | 754501 | Disabled American Veterans | \$ 249,836 | \$ 249,836 | \$ 249,836 | 0.00% | \$ 249,836 | 0.00% |
| GRF | 756501 | Marine Corps League | \$ 133,947 | \$ 133,947 | \$ 133,947 | 0.00% | \$ 133,947 | 0.00% |
| GRF | 757501 | 37th Division Veterans' Association | \$ 6,868 | \$ 6,868 | \$ 6,868 | 0.00% | \$ 6,868 | 0.00% |
| GRF | 758501 | Veterans of Foreign Wars | \$ 284,841 | \$ 284,841 | \$ 284,841 | 0.00% | \$ 284,841 | 0.00% |
| General Revenue Fund Total | | \$ 1,887,986 | \$ 1,824,755 | \$ 1,887,986 | 3.47% | \$ 1,887,986 | 0.00% | |
| Vetera | ns' Organiza | ations Total | \$ 1,887,986 | \$ 1,824,755 | \$ 1,887,986 | 3.47% | \$ 1,887,986 | 0.00% |