
(OVH) OHIO VETERANS' HOME AGENCY

Administrative Building Fund	\$600,000
Veterans' Home Improvement Fund	\$1,279,500
TOTAL - All Funds	\$1,879,500

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING FUND (026)

CAP-775 Emergency Generator **\$600,000**

Category: Capital Equipment

County: Erie

Funding will be used to install a new emergency generator system. This new central system will replace four existing, freestanding, independent systems.

The four existing generators, which are located in several different areas, provide back-up power for the Boiler House (installed in 1979), Secrest Nursing Home (installed in 1979), Giffin Care Facility (installed in 1984) and Veterans Hall (installed in 1992). The new system will be located adjacent to the existing powerhouse in order to use the underground fuel tank storage facility for the boilers. This location will also allow for 24 hour, seven-day a week oversight by the boiler operators. This new centralized emergency generator system will have sufficient capacity to supply the present load and have additional capacity to accommodate the energy needs of more modern and updated medical, kitchen, and plant equipment in an emergency situation.

This project is eligible for a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) federal grant. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1,790,000. A total of 65 percent of the cost (\$1,163,500) will be funded by the VA. The state is required to appropriate the remaining 35 percent (\$626,500) in order to obtain the grant.

A total of \$600,000 of the state share will be funded out of the Administrative Building Fund (Fund 026) and the remaining \$26,500 will be funded out of Veterans' Home Improvement Fund (Fund 604). See the description for appropriation item CAP-773, Emergency Generator, for further information regarding this project.

VETERANS' HOME IMPROVEMENT FUND (604)

CAP-766 Secrest Motor Coordinators **\$33,000**

Category: Renovation/Replacement

County: Erie

Funding will be used to replace several electrical safety devices that are attached to mechanical equipment located throughout the Secrest Nursing Home. The existing electrical equipment in the Secrest Nursing Home was first installed in 1977. Much of the equipment,

and especially the switches, have been discontinued by the manufacturer; therefore, parts are no longer available.

CAP-769 Water and Air Balance **\$190,000**

Category: Other

County: Erie

Funding will be used to have the air and water flow for the heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems in the Secrest Nursing Home, Giffin Nursing Home, and Veterans Hall tested, adjusted, and balanced to improve the in-door air quality, omit the pressure differences, improve the comfort level of the residents, and increase the efficiency of the HVAC systems. All of the residents of the Ohio Veterans Home are located in either the Giffin Nursing Home, Secrest Nursing Home, or Veterans Hall. These three buildings were constructed or renovated over an extended period of time and are connected to each other by a series of hallways and corridors.

CAP-770 Secrest Nursing Home Case Goods **\$200,000**

Category: Capital Equipment

County: Erie

Funding will be used to replace the furniture in the resident rooms in the Secrest Nursing Home. The nursing home, which was built in 1977, currently houses 290 residents. The three-story structure has two units on each floor. With the exception of the 40-bed special care unit on the first floor, each unit houses 50 residents. Each resident is provided a bed, three-drawer dresser, lockable nightstand, and a wardrobe.

Funding for replacement furniture for 200 rooms was included in the FY 1999-2000 and FY 2001-2002 biennium budgets. This funding will be used to replace the furniture for the remaining 90 residents on the first floor of the nursing home.

CAP-771 Elevator Giffin **\$190,000**

Category: Renovation/Replacement

County: Erie

Funding will be used to construct a new elevator in the Giffin Nursing Home, which will provide the residents, employees, and those who transport the residents easy access to the chapel, exercise therapy room, Information Technology department, pharmacy, X-Ray room, and copy center.

CAP-772 Demolish Cline and Cameron Cottages **\$45,000**

Category: Other

County: Erie

Funding will be used to demolish Cline and Cameron cottages. The cottages previously housed domiciliary residents. However, they have not been used for this purpose since April 1992.

There are currently eight century-old cottages on the Veterans Home campus. Pursuant to the terms of a 1989 Memorandum of Agreement between the Veterans Home, United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Ohio Historic Preservation Office, and Federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, these buildings were authorized for removal in September 1999, if alternative uses could not be found using a marketing plan. To date, the marketing plan has resulted in limited viable uses for the cottages. According to OVH, maintaining the six cottages that will remain after the demolition will preserve and protect the intent of the Memorandum of Agreement.

CAP-773 Emergency Generator **\$26,500**

Category: Capital Equipment

County: Erie

These funds will be used to pay a portion of the state share of the costs for installation of a new emergency generator. The other portion of the state share (\$600,000) will be paid for through the Administrative Building Fund (Fund 026). See the description for appropriation item CAP-775, Emergency Generator, for further detail regarding this project.

CAP-774 Fire Alarm Security System **\$595,000**

Category: Renovation/Replacement

County: Erie

These funds will be used to install: (1) a new fire alarm system in the Giffin Care Facility - Administration Building, Veterans Hall, and the Boiler House; and (2) security and safety measures at the Veterans Home.

(1) Giffin - Veterans Hall Fire Alarm System

The existing fire alarm system was installed in the Giffin facility in 1983 and was expanded to the Boiler House and Veterans Hall in 1990. The existing system is incapable of identifying the location within the building from which the alarm originates. The new system will provide specific information regarding the location of any alarm. All alarms within the facility will be able to report to a central monitor and printer located in the dispatching area of the police department. In addition, the new system will allow for remote monitoring and adjustment of the sensitivity setting on the addressable smoke detectors. Presently, testing and adjustments are being performed manually for over 1,000 smoke detectors each year.

This project is eligible for a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) federal grant. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1,200,000. A total of 65 percent of the cost (\$780,000) will be provided by the VA. The state is required to appropriate the remaining 35 percent

(\$420,000) in order to obtain the grant.

(2) Security System Improvements

The project includes installation of: (1) higher poles with new fixtures and new copper wiring, buried in conduit at the existing parking lot and roadway; (2) security cameras at the parking lots and selected outside areas of the campus; (3) card access gates at two of the three entrances; (4) cameras, monitors, and alarms in the existing exterior courtyard; (5) additional control monitor at the two existing nursing units in the Secrest Nursing Home; (6) cameras and programmable door alarms at all exit doors of the buildings; (7) card access devices at the entrances to the treasurer's office, warehouse, and pharmacy; (8) motion detectors and infrared sensors at the treasurer's office, warehouse, and pharmacy; (9) additional security cameras in select locations within the buildings.

This project is also eligible for a VA grant. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$500,000. A total of 65 percent of that cost (\$325,000) will be provided by the VA. The state is required to appropriate the remaining 35 percent (\$175,000) in order to obtain the grant.