

- FY 2004 appropriations represent a 23.5% increase over FY 2003 expenditures
- GRF accounts for 57.46% of the Ohio Veterans' Home total budget in FY 2004, and 50.50% in FY 2005

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ROLE

In 1886, the General Assembly established the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, located on a 100-acre campus in Sandusky. The Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Home was renamed to the Ohio Veterans' Home in 1979. House Bill 675 of 124th General Assembly renamed the Ohio Veterans' Home to the Ohio Veterans' Home Agency (OVH) to reflect the creation of the second Veterans' Home in Georgetown, Ohio. Since its opening in 1888, over 50,000 veterans have lived at the Home. To be eligible for admission, a veteran must have served during wartime, been honorably discharged, and have been a resident of Ohio for five consecutive years prior to admission.

The Ohio Veterans' Home in Sandusky provides long-term care to veterans in three different settings. The 293-bed Veterans Hall domiciliary provides independence and freedom comparable to community living for residents able to care for themselves. Currently, 225 of the 293 beds in the domiciliary are occupied. A second level of care, referred to as "dom-plus," offers an intermediate level of care for 42 residents. The third level of care, Secrest-Giffin nursing home, provides a greater level of care for 427 residents who require more assistance with daily activities and those who require around-the-clock medical care. Among the 427 nursing home residents, 140 of them are in special care units for Alzheimer's, wandering, and other related dementias.

The Ohio Veterans' Home Agency plans to open and operate a 168 bed veterans' home in Georgetown, Ohio, with 84 nursing home beds and 84 special care nursing home beds. This facility is being built with a federal grant and state matching funds. The Agency expects to admit the first residents in the middle of October 2003. The facility will be fully operational sometime in FY 2004.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
746	\$48.0 million	\$49.4 million	\$27.6 million	\$25.4 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 95

*Notes:

- 1) Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003. It represents positions on the roster as of June 28, 2003.
- 2) According to the OVH, the filled positions as of June 28, 2003 are 720.
- 3) Employee head count does not include staff that will be hired for the operation of the Georgetown Veterans' Home. It is estimated that 217.5 employees will be needed for the Georgetown Veterans' Home.

OVERVIEW

Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th General Assembly appropriates \$48.0 million for FY 2004, a 23.5% increase over FY 2003 expenditures and \$49.4 million for FY 2005, a 2.9% increase over FY 2004 appropriation levels. The appropriation increase will allow the Veterans' Home: (1) to maintain current service levels for the Sandusky Veterans' Home throughout the FY 2004-2005 biennium, and (2) to operate the Georgetown Veterans' Home beginning in the fall of 2003 (i.e., FY 2004) and continuing through the biennium.

BUDGET ISSUES

SOURCE OF REVENUES

As stated in the table below, the largest source of revenue for OVH is the GRF. The next largest source of revenue is federal grant moneys.

Year	State GRF	Federal	Resident	Rotary Fund (GSF 484)
1995	67.06	21.54	11.40	N/A
1996	61.76	24.94	13.30	N/A
1997	60.46	25.07	14.46	N/A
1998	58.80	26.51	14.68	N/A
1999	59.27	24.98	15.75	N/A
2000	58.68	25.26	15.75	.31
2001	56.08	28.42	14.46	1.05
2002	53.91	26.46	18.44	1.20
2003	52.83	28.29	17.59	1.29
2004	57.46	25.46	15.61	1.48
2005	50.50	29.77	17.30	1.44

The funding sources for the veterans' homes are significantly different for FYs 2004 and 2005. The budget assumed the Georgetown Veterans' Home would be filling up throughout the course of FY 2004, as residents will be admitted gradually throughout the fiscal year. The revenues generated from the VA per diem and resident assessments will gradually increase throughout the year, since these revenues are dependant upon the number of residents actually living at the new home. In FY 2005, the budget assumes that all 168 residents would be living at the Georgetown Veterans' Home for the entire fiscal year. Thus, the revenues generated from the VA per diem and assessments represent a full year's collections for all 168 residents.

AVERAGE DAILY COSTS

Average daily costs for residents in both the Secrest-Giffin nursing home and the Veterans Hall domiciliary have continued to increase. Unlike other nursing homes, the cost of care at the Veterans' Home includes all ancillary services, as well as physician, dental, and optometric care. The average daily costs are summarized in the table below.

Fiscal Year	Veterans Hall Domiciliary	Percent Change	Secrest-Giffin Nursing Home	Percent Change
1996	\$63.79	N/A	\$147.80	N/A
1997	\$63.09	(1.1)	\$150.91	2.1
1998	\$64.82	2.7	\$156.36	3.6
1999	\$63.57	(1.9)	\$159.61	2.1
2000	\$72.60	14.2	\$170.34	6.7
2001	\$78.20	7.7	\$174.11	2.2
2002	\$84.77	8.4	\$177.79	2.1



FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Group

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003:</i>	<i>FY 2004 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2003 to 2004:</i>	<i>FY 2005 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2004 to 2005:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted						
OVH Ohio Veterans' Home Agency									
GRF	430-100	Personal Services	\$ 13,934,450	\$ 14,515,770	\$15,414,502	\$ 20,664,311	34.06%	\$ 18,877,112	-8.65%
GRF	430-200	Maintenance	\$ 5,297,387	\$ 5,147,940	\$5,115,195	\$ 6,912,553	35.14%	\$ 6,546,928	-5.29%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 19,231,837	\$ 19,663,710	\$ 20,529,697	\$ 27,576,864	34.33%	\$ 25,424,040	-7.81%
484	430-603	Rental and Service Revenue	\$ 354,273	\$ 436,655	\$501,704	\$ 709,737	41.47%	\$ 709,737	0.00%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 354,273	\$ 436,655	\$ 501,704	\$ 709,737	41.47%	\$ 709,737	0.00%
3L2	430-601	Federal Grants	\$ 9,585,358	\$ 9,650,843	\$10,811,840	\$ 12,220,340	13.03%	\$ 14,696,578	20.26%
319	430-608	Southern Home Equipment	---	---	\$183,003	---	N/A	---	N/A
Federal Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 9,585,358	\$ 9,650,843	\$ 10,994,843	\$ 12,220,340	11.15%	\$ 14,696,578	20.26%
4E2	430-602	Veterans Home Operating	\$ 4,272,087	\$ 6,069,290	\$6,057,746	\$ 6,719,938	10.93%	\$ 7,769,277	15.62%
604	430-604	Veterans Home Improvement	\$ 500,271	\$ 655,117	\$777,285	\$ 770,096	-0.92%	\$ 770,096	0.00%
State Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 4,772,358	\$ 6,724,406	\$ 6,835,031	\$ 7,490,034	9.58%	\$ 8,539,373	14.01%
Ohio Veterans' Home Agency Total			\$ 33,943,825	\$ 36,475,614	\$ 38,861,275	\$ 47,996,975	23.51%	\$ 49,369,728	2.86%