

Veterans' Organizations

OVERVIEW

The State of Ohio currently grants subsidies to 15 different organizations that serve Ohio's veterans. The primary mission of all of these organizations is to promote and provide assistance to veterans in Ohio. 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 they fought.

All 15 veterans' organizations receive a GRF subsidy. In addition to state funding, each organization provides much of its own funding through federal grants, membership dues, fund-raising efforts, and private donations.

The total proposed funding for the Veterans' Organizations is \$1,433,625 in FY2002 and \$1,433,625 in FY2003. The Veterans' Organizations, for the most part, received the same funding levels as in FY 2001. The only major change in funding was for the American Veterans of World War II. The fund received \$887,919 in 2001 and \$237,919 in both FY 2002 and 2003. This reduction is due to a one-time contribution to the National World War II Memorial made in FY 2001.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

According to the Plain Dealer Bureau (February 2, 2001), Ohio returned more than \$400,000 set aside by the federal government to assist veterans in 2000. This was due to a lack of Veterans Specialists hired by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services. These positions were unfilled even though the wages and benefits of the specialists are paid by the U.S. Department of Labor. The same amount of federal funds are likely to be lost in May of this year due to 18 Veterans Specialists vacancies.

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

VETERAN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Purpose Promote and provide assistance to the various veterans in Ohio

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this program series, as well as the Governor's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
GRF	743-501	American Ex-Prisoners of War	\$25,030	\$25,030
GRF	746-501	Army and Navy Union, USA, Inc.	\$55,012	\$55,012
GRF	747-501	Korean War Veterans	\$49,453	\$49,453
GRF	748-501	Jewish War Veterans	\$29,715	\$29,715
GRF	749-501	Catholic War Veterans	\$57,990	\$57,990
GRF	750-501	Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$56,377	\$56,377
GRF	751-501	Vietnam Veterans of America	\$185,954	\$185,954
GRF	752-501	American Legion of Ohio	\$252,328	\$252,328
GRF	753-501	American Veterans of WWII-Korea-Vietnam	\$237,919	\$237,919
GRF	754-501	Disabled American Veterans	\$166,308	\$166,308
GRF	755-501	Rainbow Division Veterans' Assoc	\$4,226	\$4,226
GRF	756-501	Marine Corps League	\$85,972	\$85,972
GRF	757-501	37 th Div AEF Veterans Assoc	\$5,946	\$5,946
GRF	758-501	Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$196,615	\$196,615
GRF	759-501	Veterans of World War I	\$24,780	\$24,780
Total funding: Veterans Organizations			\$1,433,625	\$1,433,625

VETERAN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Program Description: No specific statutory reference establishes this group or requires that a subsidy be granted to it.

Funding Source: GRF

Line Items: The line items for the Veterans' Organizations are listed above.

Implication of Recommendation: The Executive recommended that the funding of the Veteran's Organizations remain steady from FY 2001 to FY 2003 with few decreases and no increases in funding. The total appropriation for 2002 decreases by 31.2% from 2001. A large portion of this decrease is due to the one-time contribution of \$500,000 in FY 2001 to the National World War II Memorial Fund. This was given to the American Veterans of WWII-Korea-Vietnam fund. Another smaller decrease affects the Veterans of World War I. The fund received \$24,780 in FYs 2002 and 2003, which is \$251 or 1% less than their appropriations in FY 2001.

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW

This section describes permanent and temporary law provisions contained in the executive budget that will affect the department's activities and spending decisions during the next biennium.

Temporary Law Provisions

Release of Funds (Section 106 of the bill)

The foregoing appropriation items 743-501, 746-501, 747-501, 748-501, 749-501, 750-501, 751-501, 752-501, 753-501, 754-501, 755-501, 756-501, 757-501, 758-501, and 759-501, State Support, shall be released upon approval by the Director of Budget and Management.

American Ex-Prisoners of War (Section 106 of the bill)

The American Ex-Prisoners of War shall be permitted to share an office with the Veterans of World War I.

Funds for Central Ohio USO (Section 106 of the bill)

\$50,000 of the Vietnam Veterans of America (item 751-501) fund is earmarked to support the activities of the Central Ohio USO. This earmark is for each year of the biennium.

Veterans Service Commission Education (Section 106 of the bill)

Of the foregoing appropriation item 753-501, State Support, American Veterans of WWII, up to \$20,000 in each fiscal year may be used to provide money to the Association of County Veterans Service Commissioners to reimburse county veterans service commissions for costs incurred while carrying out educational and outreach duties required under divisions (E) and (F) of section 5901.03 of the Revised Code. The Office of Veterans Affairs shall direct the Auditor of State to reimburse commissions for reasonable expenses incurred while performing these duties after receiving an itemized statement. The association shall establish uniform procedures for reimbursing member commissions.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

The Executive recommendations funded a portion of the total request made by the Veterans' Organizations. For FY 2002, the total request was for \$1,650,458 and the Executive proposed \$1,433,625. For FY 2003, the Veterans' requested \$1,797,240, while the Executive funded \$1,433,625. The Executive did not fund \$200,202 in FY 2002 and \$332,847 in FY 2003 for a total of \$533,049.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2002 - FY 2003

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>Estimated 2001</i>	<i>Executive 2002</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002</i>	<i>Executive 2003</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003</i>
VET Veterans' Organizations								
GRF	743-501	American Ex-Prisoners of War	\$ 24,444	\$25,030	\$ 25,030	0.0%	\$ 25,030	0.0%
GRF	746-501	Army and Navy Union, USA, Inc.	\$ 53,723	\$55,012	\$ 55,012	0.0%	\$ 55,012	0.0%
GRF	747-501	Korean War Veterans	\$ 47,751	\$49,453	\$ 49,453	0.0%	\$ 49,453	0.0%
GRF	748-501	Jewish War Veterans	\$ 28,692	\$29,715	\$ 29,715	0.0%	\$ 29,715	0.0%
GRF	749-501	Catholic War Veterans	\$ 56,631	\$57,990	\$ 57,990	0.0%	\$ 57,990	0.0%
GRF	750-501	Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$ 55,056	\$56,377	\$ 56,377	0.0%	\$ 56,377	0.0%
GRF	751-501	Viet Nam Veterans of America	\$ 177,946	\$185,954	\$ 185,954	0.0%	\$ 185,954	0.0%
GRF	752-501	American Legion of Ohio	\$ 241,462	\$252,328	\$ 252,328	0.0%	\$ 252,328	0.0%
GRF	753-501	American Veterans of WWII	\$ 217,979	\$887,919	\$ 237,919	-73.2%	\$ 237,919	0.0%
GRF	754-501	Disabled American Veterans	\$ 159,146	\$166,308	\$ 166,308	0.0%	\$ 166,308	0.0%
GRF	755-501	Rainbow Division Veterans Association	\$ 4,127	\$4,226	\$ 4,226	0.0%	\$ 4,226	0.0%
GRF	756-501	Marine Corps League	\$ 82,270	\$85,972	\$ 85,972	0.0%	\$ 85,972	0.0%
GRF	757-501	37th Div AEF Veterans Association	\$ 5,807	\$5,946	\$ 5,946	0.0%	\$ 5,946	0.0%
GRF	758-501	Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$ 163,846	\$196,615	\$ 196,615	0.0%	\$ 196,615	0.0%
GRF	759-501	Veterans of World War I	\$ 24,444	\$25,031	\$ 24,780	-1.0%	\$ 24,780	0.0%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 1,343,324	\$ 2,083,876	\$ 1,433,625	-31.2%	\$ 1,433,625	0.0%
Total All Budget Fund Groups			\$ 1,343,324	\$ 2,083,876	\$ 1,433,625	-31.2%	\$ 1,433,625	0.0%

General Revenue Fund

GRF 743-501 American Ex-Prisoners of War

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$23,478	\$23,894	\$24,444	\$25,030	\$25,030	\$25,030
	1.8%	2.3%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: No specific statutory reference establishes this group or requires that a subsidy be granted to it (first received funding in Am. Sub. H.B. 215 of the 122nd G.A.).

Purpose: These appropriation items subsidize 15 veterans' groups. These organizations assist veterans and their dependents in acquiring benefits to which they are entitled under state and federal law. Each organization receives a separate appropriation.

GRF 746-501 Army and Navy Union, USA, Inc.

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$51,500	\$52,515	\$53,723	\$55,012	\$55,012	\$55,012
	2.0%	2.3%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

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GRF 747-501 Korean War Veterans

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$44,948	\$47,208	\$47,751	\$49,453	\$49,453	\$49,453
	5.0%	1.2%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: No specific statutory reference establishes this group or requires that a subsidy be granted to it.

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GRF 748-501 Jewish War Veterans

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$27,413	\$28,092	\$28,692	\$29,715	\$29,715	\$29,715
	2.5%	2.1%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: No specific statutory reference establishes this group or requires that a subsidy be granted to it.

Purpose: These appropriation items subsidize 15 veterans' groups. These organizations assist veterans and their dependents in acquiring benefits to which they are entitled under state and federal law. Each organization receives a separate appropriation.

GRF 749-501 Catholic War Veterans

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$54,288	\$55,358	\$56,631	\$57,990	\$57,990	\$57,990
	2.0%	2.3%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: No specific statutory reference establishes this group or requires that a subsidy be granted to it.

Purpose: These appropriation items subsidize 15 veterans' groups. These organizations assist veterans and their dependents in acquiring benefits to which they are entitled under state and federal law. Each organization receives a separate appropriation.

GRF 750-501 Military Order of the Purple Heart

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$52,778	\$53,818	\$55,056	\$56,377	\$56,377	\$56,377
	2.0%	2.3%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: No specific statutory reference establishes this group or requires that a subsidy be granted to it.

Purpose: These appropriation items subsidize 15 veterans' groups. These organizations assist veterans and their dependents in acquiring benefits to which they are entitled under state and federal law. Each organization receives a separate appropriation.

GRF 751-501 Viet Nam Veterans of America

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$168,450	\$170,284	\$177,946	\$185,954	\$185,954	\$185,954
	1.1%	4.5%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: No specific statutory reference establishes this group or requires that a subsidy be granted to it.

Purpose: These appropriation items subsidize 15 veterans' groups. These organizations assist veterans and their dependents in acquiring benefits to which they are entitled under state and federal law. Each organization receives a separate appropriation. An earmark of \$50,000 each year is made to support the activities of the Central Ohio USO for FY 2002 and FY 2003.

GRF 752-501 American Legion of Ohio

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$251,600	\$231,064	\$241,462	\$252,328	\$252,328	\$252,328
	-8.2%	4.5%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: No specific statutory reference establishes this group or requires that a subsidy be granted to it.

Purpose: These appropriation items subsidize 15 veterans' groups. These organizations assist veterans and their dependents in acquiring benefits to which they are entitled under state and federal law. Each organization receives a separate appropriation.

GRF 753-501 American Veterans of WWII

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$195,700	\$197,627	\$217,979	\$887,919	\$237,919	\$237,919
	1.0%	10.3%	307.3%	-73.2%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: No specific statutory reference establishes this group or requires that a subsidy be granted to it.

Purpose: These appropriation items subsidize 15 veterans' groups. These organizations assist veterans and their dependents in acquiring benefits to which they are entitled under state and federal law. Each organization receives a separate appropriation. \$500,000 was earmarked in FY 2000 (and carried over to FY 2001) as a contribution to the World War II Memorial Fund. \$20,000 in each fiscal year (FY 2002 and FY 2003) is earmarked for the reimbursements of county veterans service commissions.

GRF 754-501 Disabled American Veterans

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$145,000	\$150,821	\$159,146	\$166,308	\$166,308	\$166,308
	4.0%	5.5%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: No specific statutory reference establishes this group or requires that a subsidy be granted to it.

Purpose: These appropriation items subsidize 15 veterans' groups. These organizations assist veterans and their dependents in acquiring benefits to which they are entitled under state and federal law. Each organization receives a separate appropriation.

GRF 755-501 Rainbow Division Veterans Association

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$0	\$2,017	\$4,127	\$4,226	\$4,226	\$4,226
	N/A	104.6%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: No specific statutory reference establishes this group or requires that a subsidy be granted to it.

Purpose: These appropriation items subsidize 15 veterans' groups. These organizations assist veterans and their dependents in acquiring benefits to which they are entitled under state and federal law. Each organization receives a separate appropriation.

GRF 756-501 Marine Corps League

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$77,206	\$78,727	\$82,270	\$85,972	\$85,972	\$85,972
	2.0%	4.5%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: No specific statutory reference establishes this group or requires that a subsidy be granted to it.

Purpose: These appropriation items subsidize 15 veterans' groups. These organizations assist veterans and their dependents in acquiring benefits to which they are entitled under state and federal law. Each organization receives a separate appropriation.

GRF 757-501 37th Div AEF Veterans Association

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$5,404	\$5,540	\$5,807	\$5,946	\$5,946	\$5,946
	2.5%	4.8%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: No specific statutory reference establishes this group or requires that a subsidy be granted to it.

Purpose: These appropriation items subsidize 15 veterans' groups. These organizations assist veterans and their dependents in acquiring benefits to which they are entitled under state and federal law. Each organization receives a separate appropriation.

GRF 758-501 Veterans of Foreign Wars

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$133,900	\$136,538	\$163,846	\$196,615	\$196,615	\$196,615
	2.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: No specific statutory reference establishes this group or requires that a subsidy be granted to it.

Purpose: These appropriation items subsidize 15 veterans' groups. These organizations assist veterans and their dependents in acquiring benefits to which they are entitled under state and federal law. Each organization receives a separate appropriation.

GRF 759-501 Veterans of World War I

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$23,478	\$23,894	\$24,444	\$25,031	\$24,780	\$24,780
	1.8%	2.3%	2.4%	-1.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

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Purpose: These appropriation items subsidize 15 veterans' groups. These organizations assist veterans and their dependents in acquiring benefits to which they are entitled under state and federal law. Each organization receives a separate appropriation.