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Note: The estimated General Revenue Fund (GRF) spending for FY 2003 used in this LSC Redbook reflects the 2.5% reduction made as a result of the Governor's January 22, 2003 budget cut order. The executive reduction was applied across-the-board to FY 2003 GRF appropriations, subject to certain exceptions. Subsequent to such reductions (and not reflected in the Redbook), state agencies were permitted to reallocate the amount that each of their GRF appropriation line items was reduced, while still absorbing the 2.5% budget cut within the total amount of their GRF appropriations.

Veterans' Organizations

- The total funding for all organizations is \$2,784,955 for the biennium
- Funding decreases by 2.4% in FY 2004 and by 0.3% in FY 2005

OVERVIEW

The state of Ohio currently grants subsidies to 14 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 in which they fought.

All 14 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 \$1,394,915 in FY 2004 and \$1,390,040 in FY 2005. This represents a 2.4% decrease in funding from FY 2003 to FY 2004 and a 0.3% decrease in funding from FY 2004 to FY 2005. Funding is increased by \$4,500 in FY 2004 for the Korean War Veterans to fund activities to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. The Rainbow Division Veterans' Association serves veterans from World War I. They requested no funding for the biennium. The Veterans of World War I received a 17% decrease in funding from FY 2003 levels due to declining membership.

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

Veterans’ 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 2004	FY 2005
GRF	743-501	American Ex -Prisoners of War	\$24,404	\$24,404
GRF	746-501	Army and Navy Union, USA, Inc.	\$53,637	\$53,637
GRF	747-501	Korean War Veterans	\$53,092	\$48,217
GRF	748-501	Jewish War Veterans	\$28,972	\$28,972
GRF	749-501	Catholic War Veterans	\$56,540	\$56,540
GRF	750-501	Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$54,968	\$54,968
GRF	751-501	Vietnam Veterans of America	\$181,305	\$181,305
GRF	752-501	American Legion of Ohio	\$246,020	\$246,020
GRF	753-501	American Veterans of WWII-Korea-Vietnam	\$231,971	\$231,971
GRF	754-501	Disabled American Veterans	\$162,150	\$162,150
GRF	755-501	Rainbow Division Veterans' Assoc	\$0	\$0
GRF	756-501	Marine Corps League	\$83,823	\$83,823
GRF	757-501	37th Div AEF Veterans Assoc	\$5,797	\$5,797
GRF	758-501	Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$191,700	\$191,700
GRF	759-501	Veterans of World War I	\$20,536	\$20,536
Total funding: Veterans' Organizations			\$1,394,915	\$1,390,040

Veterans' 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 the Executive Recommendation: The majority of the Veterans’ Organizations received a 2.5% reduction in FY 2004 funding from FY 2003, while FY 2005 appropriations remain flat funded. The exception to this is the Korean War Veterans organization, which received an increase of \$4,500 in FY 2004 to fund commemoration activities of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. The organization did not receive the increase for FY 2005. The Rainbow Division Veterans' Association requested no funding and received none. This organization serves veterans from World War I. The Veterans of World War I requested and received a 17% decrease in FY 2004 and FY 2005 appropriations due to a decline in membership.

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW

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

Temporary Law Provisions

Release of Funds

This provision allows for the Veterans' Organizations' line items to be released upon approval by the Director of Budget and Management.

50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Korean War

This provision provides an earmark of \$4,500 in FY 2004 from appropriation line item 747-501, State Support – Korean War Veterans, to be used for activities relating to the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. The commemoration activities shall be carried out by the Korean War Veterans organization with input from the Governor's Office of Veterans Affairs and other veterans' organizations representing Korean War veterans.

American Ex-Prisoners of War

This provision permits the American Ex-Prisoners of War to share an office with the Veterans of World War I.

Central Ohio United Services Organization

This provision earmarks \$50,000 in each fiscal year from appropriation line item 751-501, State Support - Vietnam Veterans of America, to be used to support the activities of the Central Ohio USO.

Veterans Service Commission Education

This provision earmarks \$20,000 in each fiscal year in appropriation line item 753-501, State Support – AMVETS, to be used to provide moneys to the Association of County Veterans Service Commissioners to reimburse its member county veterans service commissions for costs incurred in carrying out educational and outreach duties. The Director of Budget and Management shall release these funds upon the presentation of an itemized receipt from the Association for reasonable and appropriate expenses incurred while performing these duties. 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. The organizations, except for Veterans of World War I, received core funding and a portion of supplemental funding. The Veterans of World War I asked for and received \$20,536 in both fiscal years. The Veterans of World War I requested funding at below their core level due to a decline in membership.

For FY 2004, the total request was for \$1,566,145 and the Executive proposed \$1,394,915. For FY 2005, the Veterans' Organizations requested \$1,720,654, while the Executive funded \$1,390,040. The Executive did not fund \$171,230 in FY 2004 and \$330,614 in FY 2005 for a total of \$501,844.

General Revenue Fund

GRF 743-501 American Ex-Prisoners of War

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$24,444	\$25,030	\$25,030	\$25,030	\$24,404	\$24,404
	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.5%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 115 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th G.A. provides funding (originally established 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.

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$53,723	\$55,012	\$55,012	\$55,012	\$53,637	\$53,637
	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.5%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 115 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th 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 747-501 Korean War Veterans

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$47,751	\$49,452	\$49,452	\$49,453	\$53,092	\$48,217
	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	7.4%	-9.2%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 115 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th 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 748-501 Jewish War Veterans

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$28,692	\$29,367	\$29,715	\$29,715	\$28,972	\$28,972
	2.4%	1.2%	0.0%	-2.5%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 115 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th 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 749-501 Catholic War Veterans

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$56,631	\$57,990	\$57,990	\$57,990	\$56,540	\$56,540
	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.5%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 115 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th 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 750-501 Military Order of the Purple Heart

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$55,056	\$56,377	\$56,377	\$56,377	\$54,968	\$54,968
	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.5%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th 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 751-501 Viet Nam Veterans of America

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$177,946	\$181,950	\$185,954	\$185,954	\$181,305	\$181,305
	2.3%	2.2%	0.0%	-2.5%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 115 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th 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. 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

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$241,462	\$252,328	\$252,328	\$252,328	\$246,020	\$246,020
	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.5%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 115 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th 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 753-501 Amvets

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$217,979	\$887,919	\$237,919	\$237,919	\$231,971	\$231,971
	307.3%	-73.2%	0.0%	-2.5%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 115 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th 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. \$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

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$159,146	\$165,998	\$165,998	\$166,308	\$162,150	\$162,150
	4.3%	0.0%	0.2%	-2.5%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 115 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th 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 755-501 Rainbow Division Veterans Association

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$4,127	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 115 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th 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 756-501 Marine Corps League

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$82,270	\$85,972	\$85,972	\$85,972	\$83,823	\$83,823
	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.5%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 115 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th 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 757-501 37th Div AEF Veterans Association

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$5,807	\$5,946	\$5,946	\$5,946	\$5,797	\$5,797
	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.5%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 115 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th 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 758-501 Veterans of Foreign Wars

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$163,846	\$196,615	\$196,615	\$196,615	\$191,700	\$191,700
	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.5%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th 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 759-501 Veterans of World War I

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$24,444	\$25,030	\$24,780	\$24,780	\$20,536	\$20,536
	2.4%	-1.0%	0.0%	-17.1%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 115 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th 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.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2004 - FY 2005

Fund	ALI	ALI Title	2002	Estimated 2003	Executive 2004	% Change 2003 to 2004	Executive 2005	% Change 2004 to 2005
VET Veterans' Organizations								
GRF	743-501	American Ex-Prisoners of War	\$ 25,030	\$25,030	\$ 24,404	-2.5%	\$ 24,404	0.0%
GRF	746-501	Army and Navy Union, USA, Inc.	\$ 55,012	\$55,012	\$ 53,637	-2.5%	\$ 53,637	0.0%
GRF	747-501	Korean War Veterans	\$ 49,452	\$49,453	\$ 53,092	7.4%	\$ 48,217	-9.2%
GRF	748-501	Jewish War Veterans	\$ 29,715	\$29,715	\$ 28,972	-2.5%	\$ 28,972	0.0%
GRF	749-501	Catholic War Veterans	\$ 57,990	\$57,990	\$ 56,540	-2.5%	\$ 56,540	0.0%
GRF	750-501	Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$ 56,377	\$56,377	\$ 54,968	-2.5%	\$ 54,968	0.0%
GRF	751-501	Viet Nam Veterans of America	\$ 185,954	\$185,954	\$ 181,305	-2.5%	\$ 181,305	0.0%
GRF	752-501	American Legion of Ohio	\$ 252,328	\$252,328	\$ 246,020	-2.5%	\$ 246,020	0.0%
GRF	753-501	Amvets	\$ 237,919	\$237,919	\$ 231,971	-2.5%	\$ 231,971	0.0%
GRF	754-501	Disabled American Veterans	\$ 165,998	\$166,308	\$ 162,150	-2.5%	\$ 162,150	0.0%
GRF	756-501	Marine Corps League	\$ 85,972	\$85,972	\$ 83,823	-2.5%	\$ 83,823	0.0%
GRF	757-501	37th Div AEF Veterans Association	\$ 5,946	\$5,946	\$ 5,797	-2.5%	\$ 5,797	0.0%
GRF	758-501	Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$ 196,615	\$196,615	\$ 191,700	-2.5%	\$ 191,700	0.0%
GRF	759-501	Veterans of World War I	\$ 24,780	\$24,780	\$ 20,536	-17.1%	\$ 20,536	0.0%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 1,429,087	\$ 1,429,399	\$ 1,394,915	-2.4%	\$ 1,390,040	-0.3%
Total All Budget Fund Groups			\$ 1,429,087	\$ 1,429,399	\$ 1,394,915	-2.4%	\$ 1,390,040	-0.3%