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- The total funding for all organizations is \$2,809,238 for the FY 2006-2007 biennium
- The Rainbow Division Veterans' Association and the Veterans of World War I requested no funding for the biennium

OVERVIEW

The state of Ohio currently grants subsidies to 13 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 13 veterans' organizations receive a GRF subsidy. In addition to state funding, each organization provides much of its own funding through federal grants, membership dues, fundraising efforts, and private donations.

Recommended Funding FYs 2006-2007

The proposed funding for the Veterans' Organizations is flat-funded at estimated FY 2005 spending levels: \$1,404,619 in FY 2006 and FY 2007, respectively. However, the Both the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association and Veterans' of World War I requested no funding for the FY 2006-2007 biennium.

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

Veterans' Organizations

Purpose: This program series provides a subsidy payment to each of 13 veterans' groups to support the needs of their memberships.

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

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Revenue Fund				
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	756-501	Marine Corps League	\$85,972	\$85,972
GRF	757-501	37th Division AEF Veterans Association	\$5,946	\$5,946
GRF	758-501	Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$196,615	\$196,615
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$1,404,619	\$1,404,619
Total Funding: Veterans' Organizations			\$1,404,619	\$1,404,619

Veterans' Organizations Subsidy

Program Description: This program supports the activities of the 13 veterans' groups. Activities of these groups include assisting veterans in the benefits claiming process, transporting veterans to VA medical facilities, assisting veterans with job placement and training, and helping homeless and needy veterans find the assistance they need.

Funding Source: GRF

Line Items: 743-501, 746-501, 747-501, 748-501, 749-501, 750-501, 751-501, 752-501, 753-501, 754-501, 756-501, 757-501, and 758-501

Implication of Executive Recommendation: Each of the veterans' organizations received the same level of funding as was received in FY 2005. As is indicated in the "Requests Not Funded" section, this level of funding is slightly less than what was requested by three organizations.

Temporary and Permanent Law Provisions:

Release of Funds (Section 212.27). This provision allows for the Veterans' Organizations' line items to be released upon approval by the Director of Budget and Management.

Central Ohio United Services Organization (Section 212.27). This provision earmarks \$50,000 each fiscal year from the appropriation line item 751-501 Vietnam Veterans of America, to be used to support the activities of the Central Ohio USO.

Veterans Service Commission Education (Section 212.27). This provision earmarks \$20,000 in each fiscal year in appropriation line item 753-501, 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

There are 13 veterans' organizations that receive a GRF subsidy. Of that number three have requested additional funding above that amount issued in the executive recommendation.

Veterans Organizations						
Fund Line Item	FY 2006 Requested	FY 2006 Recommended	Difference	FY 2007 Requested	FY 2007 Recommended	Difference
746-501	\$55,800	\$55,012	\$788	\$55,800	\$55,012	\$788
750-501	\$59,000	\$56,377	\$2,623	\$61,000	\$56,377	\$4,623
756-501	\$88,551	\$85,972	\$2,579	\$88,551	\$85,972	\$2,579
TOTALS	\$203,351	\$197,361	\$5,990	\$205,351	\$197,361	\$7,990

Army and Navy Union

The first request not funded is 746-501, Army and Navy Union. This organization submitted a list of estimated costs for the upcoming biennium. The executive funding level falls \$788 short of what this organization anticipates to be its costs in both FY 2006 and FY 2007. This organization will need to reduce various costs throughout the biennium in order to provide services within the funding level provided.

Military Order of the Purple Heart

The second request not funded is 750-501, Military Order of the Purple Heart. This organization requested a funding increase to increase its communications through a more regular newsletter that updates veterans on their rights and benefits. The current funding level will allow the organization to continue providing the same level of services to veterans.

Marine Corps League

The final request not funded is 756-501, Marine Corps League. The Marine Corps League indicates that it has not had an increase in funding since FY 2000. The organization notes that previous budget cuts have been absorbed by reducing work hours in two service offices. The League indicates that service levels have been maintained despite these cuts.

General Revenue Fund

GRF 743-501 American Ex-Prisoners of War

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$25,030	\$25,030	\$25,030	\$25,030	\$25,030	\$25,030
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 110 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A. (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 215 of the 122nd G.A.)

Purpose: General Revenue Fund appropriations made to this agency are used to subsidize 13 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.

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$55,012	\$55,012	\$55,012	\$55,012	\$55,012	\$55,012
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 110 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

Purpose: General Revenue Fund appropriations made to this agency are used to subsidize 13 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

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$49,452	\$49,453	\$53,953	\$49,453	\$49,453	\$49,453
	0.0%	9.1%	-8.3%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 110 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

Purpose: General Revenue Fund appropriations made to this agency are used to subsidize 13 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. The Korean War Veterans will receive \$4,500 in fiscal year 2004 for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the war.

GRF 748-501 Jewish War Veterans

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$29,715	\$29,715	\$29,715	\$29,715	\$29,715	\$29,715
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 110 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

Purpose: General Revenue Fund appropriations made to this agency are used to subsidize 13 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

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$57,990	\$57,990	\$57,990	\$57,990	\$57,990	\$57,990
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 110 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

Purpose: General Revenue Fund appropriations made to this agency are used to subsidize 13 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

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$56,377	\$56,377	\$56,377	\$56,377	\$56,377	\$56,377
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 110 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

Purpose: General Revenue Fund appropriations made to this agency are used to subsidize 13 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 Vietnam Veterans of America

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$185,954	\$185,954	\$185,954	\$185,954	\$185,954	\$185,954
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 110 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

Purpose: General Revenue Fund appropriations made to this agency are used to subsidize 13 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 2004 and FY 2005.

GRF 752-501 American Legion of Ohio

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$252,328	\$252,328	\$252,328	\$252,328	\$252,328	\$252,328
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 110 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

Purpose: General Revenue Fund appropriations made to this agency are used to subsidize 13 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

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$237,919	\$235,882	\$237,415	\$237,919	\$237,919	\$237,919
	-0.9%	0.6%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 110 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

Purpose: General Revenue Fund appropriations made to this agency are used to subsidize 13 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. Up to \$20,000 in each fiscal year may be used for reimbursements to county veterans service commissions.

GRF 754-501 Disabled American Veterans

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$165,998	\$166,308	\$166,308	\$166,308	\$166,308	\$166,308
	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 110 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

Purpose: General Revenue Fund appropriations made to this agency are used to subsidize 13 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

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$85,972	\$85,972	\$85,972	\$85,972	\$85,972	\$85,972
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 110 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

Purpose: General Revenue Fund appropriations made to this agency are used to subsidize 13 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

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$5,946	\$5,946	\$5,946	\$5,946	\$5,946	\$5,946
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 110 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

Purpose: General Revenue Fund appropriations made to this agency are used to subsidize 13 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

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$196,615	\$196,615	\$196,615	\$196,615	\$196,615	\$196,615
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 110 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

Purpose: General Revenue Fund appropriations made to this agency are used to subsidize 13 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

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$24,780	\$24,780	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	0.0%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item

Purpose: General Revenue Fund appropriations made to this agency are used to subsidize 13 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. The Veterans of World War I will receive no funding due to declining membership.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2006 - FY 2007

Fund	ALI	ALI Title	2004	Estimated 2005	Executive 2006	% Change 2005 to 2006	Executive 2007	% Change 2006 to 2007
VET Veterans' Organizations								
GRF	743-501	American Ex-Prisoners of War	\$ 25,030	\$25,030	\$ 25,030	0.0%	\$ 25,030	0.0%
GRF	746-501	Army and Navy Union, USA, Inc.	\$ 55,012	\$55,012	\$ 55,012	0.0%	\$ 55,012	0.0%
GRF	747-501	Korean War Veterans	\$ 53,953	\$49,453	\$ 49,453	0.0%	\$ 49,453	0.0%
GRF	748-501	Jewish War Veterans	\$ 29,715	\$29,715	\$ 29,715	0.0%	\$ 29,715	0.0%
GRF	749-501	Catholic War Veterans	\$ 57,990	\$57,990	\$ 57,990	0.0%	\$ 57,990	0.0%
GRF	750-501	Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$ 56,377	\$56,377	\$ 56,377	0.0%	\$ 56,377	0.0%
GRF	751-501	Vietnam Veterans of America	\$ 185,954	\$185,954	\$ 185,954	0.0%	\$ 185,954	0.0%
GRF	752-501	American Legion of Ohio	\$ 252,328	\$252,328	\$ 252,328	0.0%	\$ 252,328	0.0%
GRF	753-501	Amvets	\$ 237,415	\$237,919	\$ 237,919	0.0%	\$ 237,919	0.0%
GRF	754-501	Disabled American Veterans	\$ 166,308	\$166,308	\$ 166,308	0.0%	\$ 166,308	0.0%
GRF	756-501	Marine Corps League	\$ 85,972	\$85,972	\$ 85,972	0.0%	\$ 85,972	0.0%
GRF	757-501	37th Div AEF Veterans Association	\$ 5,946	\$5,946	\$ 5,946	0.0%	\$ 5,946	0.0%
GRF	758-501	Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$ 196,615	\$196,615	\$ 196,615	0.0%	\$ 196,615	0.0%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 1,408,615	\$ 1,404,619	\$ 1,404,619	0.0%	\$ 1,404,619	0.0%
Total All Budget Fund Groups			\$ 1,408,615	\$ 1,404,619	\$ 1,404,619	0.0%	\$ 1,404,619	0.0%