

Veterans' Organizations

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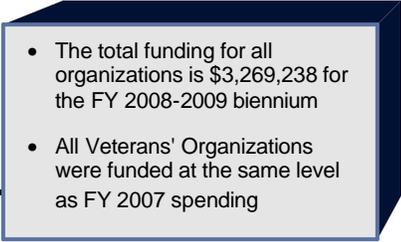
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Veterans' Organizations

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- The total funding for all organizations is \$3,269,238 for the FY 2008-2009 biennium
 - All Veterans' Organizations were funded at the same level as FY 2007 spending

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 2008-2009

The proposed funding for the Veterans' Organizations is funded at the same level as estimated FY 2007 spending: \$1,634,619 in FY 2008 and FY 2009, respectively.

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

Single Program Series

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 2008	FY 2009
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	\$302,328	\$302,328
GRF	753-501	American Veterans of WWII-Korea-Vietnam	\$287,919	\$287,919
GRF	754-501	Disabled American Veterans	\$216,3087	\$216,3087
GRF	756-501	Marine Corps League	\$115,972	\$115,972
GRF	757-501	37th Division AEF Veterans Association	\$5,946	\$5,946
GRF	758-501	Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$246,615	\$246,615
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$1,634,619	\$1,634,619
Total Funding: Veterans' Organizations			\$1,634,619	\$1,634,619

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: The table above lists all of the line items and groups that are funded.

Implication of Executive Recommendation: Each of the veterans' organizations received the same level as estimated FY 2007 spending.

Temporary and Permanent Law Provisions

Release of Funds (Section 415.10). 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 415.10). 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.

VAL American Legion of Ohio (Section 212.27). Earmarks at least \$50,000 each fiscal year from the appropriation line item 752-501 VAL American Legion, to be used to fund service officer expenses.

Veterans Service Commission Education (Section 415.10). Earmarks up to \$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.

VII AMVETS (Section 415.10). Earmarks at least \$50,000 each fiscal year from the appropriation line item 753-501, State Support AMVETS, to be used to fund service officer expenses.

VAV Disabled American Veterans (Section 415.10). Earmarks at least \$50,000 each fiscal year from the appropriation line item 754-501, State Support VAV Disabled American Veterans, to be used to fund service officer expenses.

VMC Marine Corps League (Section 415.10). Earmarks at least \$30,000 each fiscal year from the appropriation line item 756-501, State Support VMC Marine Corps League, to be used to fund service officer expenses.

VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars (Section 415.10). Earmarks at least \$50,000 each fiscal year from the appropriation line item 758-501, State Support VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars, to be used to fund service officer expenses.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

There are 13 veterans' organizations that receive a GRF subsidy. All 13 veterans' organizations were funded at FY 2007 levels: \$1,634,619 in FY 2008 and \$1,634,619 in FY 2009. Several organizations had asked for an up to 3% increase in appropriations.

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General Revenue Fund

GRF 743-501 American Ex-Prisoners of War

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$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 212.27 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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.

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$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 212.27 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$53,953	\$49,453	\$49,453	\$49,453	\$49,453	\$49,453
	-8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 212.27 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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 748-501 Jewish War Veterans

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$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 212.27 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$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 212.27 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$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 212.27 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$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 212.27 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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 at least \$50,000 each year is made to support the activities of the Central Ohio USO.

GRF 752-501 American Legion of Ohio

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$252,328	\$252,328	\$302,328	\$302,328	\$302,328	\$302,328
	0.0%	19.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 212.27 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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 at least \$50,000 in each fiscal year is made to support service officer expenses.

GRF 753-501 Amvets

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$237,415	\$220,341	\$270,938	\$287,919	\$287,919	\$287,919
	-7.2%	23.0%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 212.27 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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. Up to \$20,000 in each fiscal year may be used for reimbursements to county veterans service commissions. Additionally, an earmark of at least \$50,000 in each fiscal year is made to support service officer expenses.

GRF 754-501 Disabled American Veterans

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$166,308	\$166,308	\$216,308	\$216,308	\$216,308	\$216,308
	0.0%	30.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 212.27 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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 at least \$50,000 in each fiscal year is made to support service officer expenses.

GRF 756-501 Marine Corps League

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$85,972	\$85,972	\$115,972	\$115,972	\$115,972	\$115,972
	0.0%	34.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 212.27 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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 at least \$30,000 in each fiscal year is made to support service officer expenses.

GRF 757-501 37th Div AEF Veterans Association

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$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 212.27 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$196,615	\$196,615	\$246,615	\$246,615	\$246,615	\$246,615
	0.0%	25.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Section 212.27 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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 at least \$50,000 in each fiscal year is made to support service officer expenses.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2008 - FY 2009

<i>Fund ALI ALI Title</i>	<i>Estimated 2007</i>	<i>As Introduced 2008</i>	<i>House Passed 2008</i>	<i>% Change Est. 2007 to House 2008</i>	<i>As Introduced 2009</i>	<i>House Passed 2009</i>	<i>% Change House 2008 to House 2009</i>
<i>VET Veterans' Organizations</i>							
GRF 743-501 American Ex-Prisoners of War	\$25,030	\$ 25,030	\$ 25,030	0.0%	\$ 25,030	\$ 25,030	0.0%
GRF 746-501 Army and Navy Union, USA, Inc.	\$55,012	\$ 55,012	\$ 55,012	0.0%	\$ 55,012	\$ 55,012	0.0%
GRF 747-501 Korean War Veterans	\$49,453	\$ 49,453	\$ 49,453	0.0%	\$ 49,453	\$ 49,453	0.0%
GRF 748-501 Jewish War Veterans	\$29,715	\$ 29,715	\$ 29,715	0.0%	\$ 29,715	\$ 29,715	0.0%
GRF 749-501 Catholic War Veterans	\$57,990	\$ 57,990	\$ 57,990	0.0%	\$ 57,990	\$ 57,990	0.0%
GRF 750-501 Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$56,377	\$ 56,377	\$ 56,377	0.0%	\$ 56,377	\$ 56,377	0.0%
GRF 751-501 Vietnam Veterans of America	\$185,954	\$ 185,954	\$ 185,954	0.0%	\$ 185,954	\$ 185,954	0.0%
GRF 752-501 American Legion of Ohio	\$302,328	\$ 302,328	\$ 302,328	0.0%	\$ 302,328	\$ 302,328	0.0%
GRF 753-501 Amvets	\$287,919	\$ 287,919	\$ 287,919	0.0%	\$ 287,919	\$ 287,919	0.0%
GRF 754-501 Disabled American Veterans	\$216,308	\$ 216,308	\$ 216,308	0.0%	\$ 216,308	\$ 216,308	0.0%
GRF 756-501 Marine Corps League	\$115,972	\$ 115,972	\$ 115,972	0.0%	\$ 115,972	\$ 115,972	0.0%
GRF 757-501 37th Div AEF Veterans Association	\$5,946	\$ 5,946	\$ 5,946	0.0%	\$ 5,946	\$ 5,946	0.0%
GRF 758-501 Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$246,615	\$ 246,615	\$ 246,615	0.0%	\$ 246,615	\$ 246,615	0.0%
General Revenue Fund Total	\$ 1,634,619	\$ 1,634,619	\$ 1,634,619	0.0%	\$ 1,634,619	\$ 1,634,619	0.0%
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Total All Budget Fund Groups	\$ 1,634,619	\$ 1,634,619	\$ 1,634,619	0.0%	\$ 1,634,619	\$ 1,634,619	0.0%
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As Introduced (Executive)	As Passed by the House
1 (CD-361-VET) Release of Funds	
Section: 415.10	Section: 415.10
Requires the release of all line items contained within the Veterans' Organizations upon approval of the Director of OBM.	Same as the Executive.
2 (CD-362-VET) Central Ohio United Services Organization	
Section: 415.10	Section: 415.10
Requires that \$50,000 of GRF appropriation item 751-501, State Support-Vietnam Veterans of America, be used in each fiscal year to support the activities of the Central Ohio USO.	Same as the Executive.
3 (CD-363-VET) Veterans Service Commission Education	
Section: 415.10	Section: 415.10
Authorizes the use of up to \$20,000 of GRF appropriation item 753-501, State Support-AMVETS, in each fiscal year to provide moneys to the Association of County Veterans Service Commissioners to reimburse its member county veteran service commissions for costs incurred in carrying out educational and outreach duties required under section 5901.03 of the Revised Code. Requires that these reimbursement amounts be itemized, then approved by the Governor's Office of Veterans Affairs, before they are released by OBM.	Same as the Executive.

As Introduced (Executive)	As Passed by the House
<p>4 (CD-543-VET) VMC Marine Corps League</p> <p>Section: 415.10</p> <p>Requires that at least \$30,000 in each year of GRF appropriation item 756-501, VMC Marine Corps League, be used to fund service officer expenses.</p>	<p>Section: 415.10</p> <p>Same as the Executive.</p>
<p>5 (CD-544-VET) VAL American Legion of Ohio</p> <p>Section: 415.10</p> <p>Requires that at least \$50,000 in each year of GRF appropriation item 752-501, VAL American Legion, be used to fund service officer expenses.</p>	<p>Section: 415.10</p> <p>Same as the Executive.</p>
<p>6 (CD-545-VET) VII AMVETS</p> <p>Section: 415.10</p> <p>Requires that at least \$50,000 in each year of GRF appropriation item 753-501, VII AMVETS, be used to fund service officer expenses.</p>	<p>Section: 415.10</p> <p>Same as the Executive.</p>
<p>7 (CD-546-VET) VAV Disabled American Veterans</p> <p>Section: 415.10</p> <p>Requires that at least \$50,000 in each year of GRF appropriation item 754-501, VAV Disabled American Veterans, be used to fund service officer expenses.</p>	<p>Section: 415.10</p> <p>Same as the Executive.</p>

As Introduced (Executive)

As Passed by the House

8 (CD-547-VET) VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars

Section: 415.10

Requires that at least \$50,000 in each year of GRF appropriation item 758-501, VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars, be used to fund service officer expenses.

Section: 415.10

Same as the Executive.