

- The total funding for all organizations is slightly over \$2.8 million for the biennium.
- Funding levels remain constant for FYs 2002 and 2003.

Veterans' Organizations

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ROLE

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. The organizations receive a GRF subsidy as well as federal grants, membership dues, fund-raising efforts, and private donations.


Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
0	\$1.4 million	\$1.4 million	\$1.4 million	\$1.4 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 94

OVERVIEW

The Veterans' Organizations will receive \$1,433,625 for each fiscal year in the upcoming biennium. This is the same amount received by the organizations for FY 2001. Each individual veterans' organization received approximately the same funding levels for this biennium 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 FY 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.

BUDGET ISSUES

VETERANS' SPECIALISTS WITHIN ODJFS

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 FY 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. ODJFS has since taken steps to remedy this. 

FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

FY 1999: *FY 2000:* *FY 2001:* **FY 2002** *% Change* **FY 2003** *% Change*
Appropriations: *Appropriations:* *Appropriations:* *2001 to 2002:* *Appropriations:* *2002 to 2003:*

Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill

Version: Enacted

VET Veterans' Organizations

GRF	743-501	American Ex-Prisoners of War	\$ 23,894	\$ 24,444	\$25,030	\$ 25,030	0.00%	\$ 25,030	0.00%
GRF	746-501	Army and Navy Union, USA, Inc.	\$ 52,515	\$ 53,723	\$55,012	\$ 55,012	0.00%	\$ 55,012	0.00%
GRF	747-501	Korean War Veterans	\$ 47,208	\$ 47,751	\$49,452	\$ 49,453	0.00%	\$ 49,453	0.00%
GRF	748-501	Jewish War Veterans	\$ 28,092	\$ 28,692	\$29,367	\$ 29,715	1.19%	\$ 29,715	0.00%
GRF	749-501	Catholic War Veterans	\$ 55,358	\$ 56,631	\$57,990	\$ 57,990	0.00%	\$ 57,990	0.00%
GRF	750-501	Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$ 53,818	\$ 55,056	\$56,377	\$ 56,377	0.00%	\$ 56,377	0.00%
GRF	751-501	Viet Nam Veterans of America	\$ 170,284	\$ 177,946	\$181,950	\$ 185,954	2.20%	\$ 185,954	0.00%
GRF	752-501	American Legion of Ohio	\$ 231,064	\$ 241,462	\$252,328	\$ 252,328	0.00%	\$ 252,328	0.00%
GRF	753-501	American Veterans of WWII	\$ 197,627	\$ 217,979	\$887,919	\$ 237,919	-73.20%	\$ 237,919	0.00%
GRF	754-501	Disabled American Veterans	\$ 150,821	\$ 159,146	\$165,998	\$ 166,308	0.19%	\$ 166,308	0.00%
GRF	755-501	Rainbow Division Veterans Associatio	\$ 2,017	\$ 4,127		\$ 4,226	N/A	\$ 4,226	0.00%
GRF	756-501	Marine Corps League	\$ 78,727	\$ 82,270	\$85,972	\$ 85,972	0.00%	\$ 85,972	0.00%
GRF	757-501	37th Div AEF Veterans Association	\$ 5,540	\$ 5,807	\$5,946	\$ 5,946	0.00%	\$ 5,946	0.00%
GRF	758-501	Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$ 136,538	\$ 163,846	\$196,615	\$ 196,615	0.00%	\$ 196,615	0.00%
GRF	759-501	Veterans of World War I	\$ 23,894	\$ 24,444	\$25,030	\$ 24,780	-1.00%	\$ 24,780	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 1,257,397	\$ 1,343,324	\$ 2,074,985	\$ 1,433,625	-30.91%	\$ 1,433,625	0.00%
Veterans' Organizations Total			\$ 1,257,397	\$ 1,343,324	\$ 2,074,985	\$ 1,433,625	-30.91%	\$ 1,433,625	0.00%