

Veterans' Organizations

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- The total funding for all organizations is \$3,269,238 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

Duties and Responsibilities

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.

Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
N/A	\$1,634,619	\$1,634,619	\$1,634,619	\$1,634,619	Am. Sub. HB. 66

* The budgeted amounts are passed on to the veterans' organizations. The program is administered through the Governor's office.

ANALYSIS OF THE ENACTED BUDGET

Veterans' Organizations

Purpose: To provide 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 enacted 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	\$302,328	\$302,328
GRF	753-501	AMVETS	\$287,919	\$287,919
GRF	754-501	Disabled American Veterans	\$216,308	\$216,308
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	\$196,615	\$196,615
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 Veterans' Administration medical facilities, assisting veterans with job placement and training, and helping homeless and needy veterans find the assistance they need.

Funding Source: GRF

Implication of the Enacted Budget: Each of the veterans' organizations received the same level of funding as was received in FY 2005, except for the following four groups which received funding increases of \$50,000 in each fiscal year: American Legion of Ohio, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Marine Corps League funding was increased by \$30,000 in each fiscal year over FY 2005 spending levels.

Temporary and Permanent Law Provisions: 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.

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

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 provision also requires the Director of Budget and Management to release these funds upon the presentation of an itemized receipt from the Association for reasonable and appropriate expenses incurred while performing these duties. Finally, the provision requires the Association to establish uniform procedures for reimbursing member commissions.

VAV Disabled American Veterans (Section 212.27). This provision earmarks \$50,000 each fiscal year from the appropriation item 754-501, VAV Disabled American Veterans, to be used to fund service officer expenses.

VMC Marine Corps League (Section 212.27). This provision earmarks \$30,000 each fiscal year from the appropriation item 756-501, VMC Marine Corps League, to be used to fund service officer expenses.

VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars (Section 212.27). This provision earmarks \$50,000 each fiscal year from the appropriation item 758-501, VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars, to be used to fund service officer expenses.