

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES - SUMMARY**

A.R.S. § 41-602

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**General Fund and Other  
Appropriated Funds****FY 1998  
Actual****FY 1999  
Estimate****FY 2000  
Approved****FY 2001  
Approved**Program Summary

Veterans' Services and Administration	1,491,700	1,981,900	2,102,200	2,082,400
Veterans' Home	9,001,100	9,561,500	10,303,200	9,816,400
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>10,492,800</b>	<b>11,543,400</b>	<b>12,405,400</b>	<b>11,898,800</b>

Expenditure Detail

FTE Positions	243.5	286.0	293.0	293.0
Personal Services	5,362,300	6,191,600	6,899,700	7,037,900
Employee Related Expenditures	1,407,700	1,695,900	1,799,500	1,806,700
Professional and Outside Services	1,581,600	1,435,100	1,140,300	1,140,900
Travel - In State	39,100	41,300	41,300	41,300
Travel - Out of State	5,500	5,400	5,400	5,400
Food	346,600	350,000	350,000	350,000
Other Operating Expenditures	1,688,500	1,673,800	1,384,900	1,384,900
Equipment	21,500	110,300	151,500	91,700
<b>Operating Subtotal</b>	<b>10,452,800</b>	<b>11,503,400</b>	<b>11,772,600</b>	<b>11,858,800</b>
Special Line Items	40,000	40,000	632,800	40,000
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>10,492,800</b>	<b>11,543,400</b>	<b>12,405,400</b> <sup>1/2/</sup>	<b>11,898,800</b> <sup>1/2/</sup>

Fund Summary

General Fund	964,100	1,599,300	1,700,500	1,648,200
State Veterans' Conservatorship Fund	527,600	382,600	401,700	434,200
State Home for Veterans' Trust Fund	9,001,100	9,561,500	10,303,200	9,816,400
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>10,492,800</b>	<b>11,543,400</b>	<b>12,405,400</b>	<b>11,898,800</b>

**Agency Description** — *The agency assists veterans in developing and filing claims for federal entitlements, acts as a guardian or conservator for incapacitated veterans or their families and supervises state educational and training programs for veterans. In addition, the agency began operating and maintaining a skilled nursing-home for Arizona veterans in FY 1996. The 200-bed State Veterans' Nursing Home is located in Phoenix on the former Indian School Land.*

**Additional Legislation:** Director of Veterans' Services; Commission (Chapter 164) — This bill replaces the Veterans' Service Commission with a new cabinet level agency, named the "Department of Veterans' Services." All of the powers and duties of the commission are transferred to the department. The Arizona Veterans' Service Advisory Commission was established in place of the Veterans' Service Commission and consists of 7 veterans appointed by the Governor for 3-year terms.

Veterans' Service Commission; Procurement Exemption (Chapter 338) — This bill provides an exemption from procurement requirements, allowing the agency to use the federal General Services Administration catalog for

supplies and materials at the Arizona State Veterans' Home. The legislation also allows the Director of the department to solicit and receive donations, including in-kind donations, from the public for veterans.

**Other Issues:** FY 1999 Supplemental — The approved FY 1999 amounts for the Veterans' Services and Administration cost center and the Veterans' Home cost center include supplemental funding totaling \$1,917,800. Of this amount, \$578,200 consists of additional General Fund monies that were allocated to the agency's Fiduciary division for new personnel and a new computer system, and for other programs in the Veterans' Services and Administration cost center. Of the \$578,200 Veterans'

<sup>1/</sup> General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as a Lump Sum for the Program.

<sup>2/</sup> Beginning on July 1, 1999, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee shall review all proposed Arizona Veterans' Service Commission contracts above \$20,000, except contracts for nursing and dietary services. (General Appropriation Act footnote.)

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Services and Administration supplemental, \$517,100 is being funded by a reduction in an unspent FY 1998 appropriation for the Veterans' Home in the Department of Administration budget. The Veterans' Services and Administration FY 1999 supplemental includes a decrease of \$(184,400) from the State Veterans' Conservatorship Fund. (*See the individual section for further detail.*)

In addition, the Veterans' Home received a FY 1999 supplemental totaling \$1,524,000 to pay for increased operating expenditures, which is described in the following pages. The Home's supplemental was funded from the State Home for Veterans' Trust Fund. These amounts are summarized in the table below.

<u>FY 1999 Supplementals</u>		
Fiduciary	(GF)	\$ 578,200
	(OF)	(184,400)
Veterans' Home	(OF)	<u>1,524,000</u>
		<b><u>\$1,917,800</u></b>
Fund Sources:		
General Fund		\$ 578,200
Veterans' Home Trust Fund		1,524,000
Conservatorship Fund		<u>(184,400)</u>
		<b><u>\$1,917,800</u></b>