

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES - VETERANS' HOME**

A.R.S. § 41-602

<b>State Home for Veterans' Trust Fund</b>	<b>FY 1998 Actual</b>	<b>FY 1999 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2000 Approved</b>	<b>FY 2001 Approved</b>
FTE Positions	202.5	241.0	247.8	247.8
Personal Services	4,472,500	5,013,500	5,574,400	5,686,000
Employee Related Expenditures	1,185,500	1,403,200	1,495,700	1,490,100
Professional and Outside Services	1,540,100	1,416,100	1,101,900	1,101,900
Travel - In State	200	3,800	3,800	3,800
Travel - Out of State	1,800	2,200	2,200	2,200
Food	346,600	350,000	350,000	350,000
Other Operating Expenditures	1,445,200	1,372,700	1,182,400	1,182,400
Equipment	9,200	0		
<b>Operating Subtotal</b>	<b>9,001,100</b>	<b>9,561,500</b>	<b>9,710,400</b>	<b>9,816,400</b>
Veterans' Home Contingency	0	0	592,800 <sup>1/</sup>	0
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>9,001,100</b>	<b>9,561,500</b>	<b>10,303,200<sup>2/</sup></b>	<b>9,816,400<sup>2/</sup></b>

**Program Description** — *The division operates and maintains a 200-bed skilled nursing home for Arizona veterans. The State Veterans' Nursing Home, located on the former Indian School land, opened during FY 1996.*

**General Fund Subsidy Reallocation** — In FY 1998, \$1,000,000 was appropriated from the General Fund to ensure that the Home remained solvent. The appropriation was made to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) and was subsequently made non-lapsing until the end of FY 1999. Of this amount, \$400,000 was expended for the Home's operation in FY 1998.

Since the Home is projected to attain self-sufficiency due to increased revenues in the State Home for Veterans' Trust Fund, Laws 1999, Chapter 6, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session reverted \$517,100 of the remaining \$600,000 in the non-lapsing General Fund subsidy appropriated to the ADOA.

**Nursing Staff and Operating Costs** — The approved FY 1999 amount includes a supplemental appropriation of \$1,524,000 and 38.5 new nurse and certified nursing assistant positions. The additional funding is for increased contract nursing costs, and contract physical and occupational therapy services. This amount is continued in FY 2000 and FY 2001. The increase in FTE Positions enables the Home to comply with the federal government's mandated staffing guidelines for skilled nursing homes.

**Security and Financial Staff** — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$194,900 for 5 new security officers and 1 additional accountant. In FY 2001, this amount is increased by \$500 due to higher Employee Related Expenditures associated with the new staff.

**Veterans' Home Contingency** — This Special Line Item consists of monies that the federal government provided to the state as reimbursement for construction costs associated with the Veterans' Home. Rather than allow the Federal Funds to revert to the General Fund, the Legislature appropriated these monies in a Special Line Item to be used only on a contingency basis. A General Appropriation Act footnote requires the JLBC's review of the Home's proposed use of the Contingency funds prior to their expenditure.

<sup>1/</sup> Monies in the Veterans' Home Contingency Special Line Item shall not be expended without the prior review of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

<sup>2/</sup> General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as a Lump Sum for the Program.