

# Veterans Affairs, Department of

## Mission Statement

To provide a continuum of care to Iowa's veterans and their spouses in an environment focusing on individualized services to enhance their quality of life.

## Description

Veteran Affairs is the department in state government that provides services to veterans and works to increase the public's awareness of veteran's issues. These services encompass two divisions (advocacy services and long-term health care). One division is the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs administration office located at Camp Dodge. It provides services and support to veterans including education regarding their entitlements under state and federal laws and enhancing their awareness of outreach programs available to them. This division conducts two service schools of instruction each year for the Commissioners and County Directors of Veterans Affairs to update them on benefits for veterans. It also files all reports of separation (Form DD 214), maintains 4 million records of Iowa veterans from the past four wars, maintains a database of veterans in nursing homes and determines if they have applied for federal Veteran's benefits, and processes and maintains all registration documents for Veterans buried in Iowa. A state aid program for War Orphans paid to a school of higher learning is provided. The second division located in Marshalltown is the Iowa Veterans Home. It delivers long-term health care services for eligible veterans and/or their spouses/widows. The Iowa Veterans Home has 560 operating beds comprised of two levels of care (nursing and domiciliary) and offers 24 hour medical coverage. A full range of services is available including: Food and Nutrition Services; Pharmacy; Recreation Therapy; Transportation to medical appointments at the V.A. Hospitals and Clinics; Contract Services (dentist; optometrist; dermatologist); Speech Therapy; Physical Therapy; Occupational Therapy; Wheelchair Services; Activity Centers (ceramics, woodworking, arts and crafts, and library); Social Work Services; Pastoral Care; Psychology Services; and Psychiatry Services.

## Financial Summary

Object Category	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
<b>Resources</b>				
State Appropriations	12,873,329	12,704,941	48,272,838	12,704,941
Receipts from Other Entities	36,559,839	28,511,343	28,511,343	28,511,343
Interest, Dividends, Bonds & Loans	2,080,328	1,025,200	1,025,200	1,025,200
Fees, Licenses & Permits	81,960	80,000	80,000	80,000
Refunds & Reimbursements	44,365,041	42,308,889	42,308,889	42,308,889
Sales, Rents & Services	304,715	271,500	271,500	271,500
Miscellaneous	18,549	17,651	17,651	17,651
Beginning Balance and Adjustments	62,313,389	76,373,682	57,343,970	73,409,420
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>158,597,149</b>	<b>161,293,206</b>	<b>177,831,391</b>	<b>158,328,944</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Personal Services	56,957,298	60,696,476	60,696,476	60,696,476
Travel & Subsistence	192,333	249,454	249,454	249,454
Supplies & Materials	7,366,396	7,278,341	7,278,341	7,278,341
Contractual Services and Transfers	15,451,463	17,333,664	52,901,561	17,333,664
Equipment & Repairs	2,163,592	2,141,500	2,141,500	2,141,500
Claims & Miscellaneous	72,320	114,250	114,250	114,250

## Financial Summary

Object Category	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Licenses, Permits, Refunds & Other	1,847	7,101	7,101	7,101
State Aid & Credits	18,219	63,000	63,000	63,000
Balance Carry Forward	76,373,682	73,409,420	54,379,708	70,445,158
Total Expenditures	158,597,149	161,293,206	177,831,391	158,328,944
Full Time Equivalents	636	735	735	735

## Appropriations from General Fund

Appropriations	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
General Administration	1,369,205	1,369,205	1,369,205	1,369,205
Vets Home Ownership Program	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
Veterans County Grants	990,000	990,000	990,000	990,000
Total Veterans Affairs, Department of	4,559,205	4,559,205	4,559,205	4,559,205
Iowa Veterans Home	8,145,736	8,145,736	8,145,736	8,145,736
Total Iowa Veterans Home	8,145,736	8,145,736	8,145,736	8,145,736

## Appropriations from Other Funds

Appropriations	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Cemetery Equipment Replacement	168,388	—	—	—
Total Veterans Affairs, Department of	168,388	—	—	—
Dietary Expansion Project	—	—	35,567,897	—
Total Iowa Veterans Home	—	—	35,567,897	—

## Appropriations Detail

### General Administration

#### General Fund

#### Appropriation Description

This appropriation funds the administrative staff located at Camp Dodge and the Iowa Veterans Cemetery to:

- 1) Educate Veterans on county, state, and federal entitlements.
- 2) Be the central point in the State governing veterans issues and the delivery of services.
- 3) Maintain 4 million records of Iowa veterans of the past five wars.
- 4) Increase the public's awareness of Veterans' issues.
- 5) Increase Veterans' awareness of the availability of outreach programming by various agencies in counties throughout Iowa.
- 6) Process and maintain all registration documents for Veterans buried in Iowa.
- 7) Conduct service schools of instruction each year for the Commissioners, County Directors and Administrators of Veterans Affairs.
- 8) File all reports of separation (Form DD 214), which are currently received for all Veterans discharged from the Armed Forces.
- 9) Provide a State aid program for War Orphans paid to a school of higher learning.
- 10) Maintain database of veterans in nursing homes and identify if federal benefits have been applied for.
- 11) Direct operation of the Iowa Veterans Cemetery.
- 12) Administer the Injured Veterans Grant Program.
- 13) Administer the Veterans County Allocation Program.
- 14) Administer the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund.
- 15) Approve applications for the Iowa Military Homeowners Program and Iowa Drivers License designations.
- 16) Provide administrative support for the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs.
- 17) Administer the Iowa Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship program.
- 18) Administer the Veterans License Plate fund.

### General Administration Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
<b>Resources</b>				
Appropriation	1,369,205	1,369,205	1,369,205	1,369,205
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies	4,400	—	—	—
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>1,373,605</b>	<b>1,369,205</b>	<b>1,369,205</b>	<b>1,369,205</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Personal Services-Salaries	1,103,611	1,004,611	1,004,611	1,004,611
Personal Travel In State	1,085	3,000	3,000	3,000
State Vehicle Operation	3,141	3,001	3,001	3,001
Personal Travel Out of State	5,617	6,001	6,001	6,001
Office Supplies	1,845	3,001	3,001	3,001
Facility Maintenance Supplies	—	3,001	3,001	3,001
Equipment Maintenance Supplies	915	1,000	1,000	1,000
Professional & Scientific Supplies	—	2,000	2,000	2,000

## General Administration Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Highway Maintenance Supplies	63	60	60	60
Ag., Conservation & Horticulture Supply	397	—	—	—
Other Supplies	—	15,001	15,001	15,001
Printing & Binding	—	2	2	2
Postage	13	20	20	20
Communications	2,789	3,001	3,001	3,001
Rentals	26,405	26,376	26,376	26,376
Utilities	486	2,501	2,501	2,501
Outside Services	—	2,001	2,001	2,001
Advertising & Publicity	124	126	126	126
Outside Repairs/Service	43,470	44,000	44,000	44,000
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	129,825	102,000	102,000	102,000
ITS Reimbursements	46,473	39,500	39,500	39,500
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies Services	—	80,001	80,001	80,001
Equipment - Non-Inventory	—	2,001	2,001	2,001
IT Equipment	7,348	27,000	27,000	27,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,373,605</b>	<b>1,369,205</b>	<b>1,369,205</b>	<b>1,369,205</b>

## Iowa Veterans Home

### General Fund

#### Appropriation Description

The Iowa Veterans Home is a net budgeting agency. Therefore, the state appropriated funds are approximately 9% of its total operating budget. The total budget funds 447 nursing beds and 113 domiciliary beds of the Iowa Veterans Home, which enables delivery of the following services:

- 1) Provide two levels of care (nursing and domiciliary)
- 2) Full range of services including: Nursing & Medical Care; Food and Nutrition Services; Pharmacy; Recreation Therapy; Transportation to medical appointments at the V.A. Hospitals & Clinics; Contract Services (dentist, optometrist, dermatologist, podiatrist and orthopedic); Physical Therapy; Occupational Therapy; Wheelchair Services; Activity Centers (ceramics, arts and crafts, and library); Social Work Services; Pastoral Care; Psychology Services; Psychiatry Services; Lab, X-ray and Respiratory services.

#### Iowa Veterans Home Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
<b>Resources</b>				
Balance Brought Forward (Approps)	16,835,203	26,820,135	10,000,000	20,872,938
Appropriation	8,145,736	8,145,736	8,145,736	8,145,736
Federal Support	32,400,740	25,142,000	25,142,000	25,142,000
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies	1,021,199	139,342	139,342	139,342
Interest	7	—	—	—
Fees, Licenses & Permits	9,500	15,000	15,000	15,000
Refunds & Reimbursements	44,335,333	42,305,689	42,305,689	42,305,689
Sale Of Equipment & Salvage	385	500	500	500
Rents & Leases	19,280	19,000	19,000	19,000
Other Sales & Services	284,800	250,000	250,000	250,000
Other	—	50	50	50
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>103,052,182</b>	<b>102,837,452</b>	<b>86,017,317</b>	<b>96,890,255</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Personal Services-Salaries	55,818,867	59,484,066	59,484,066	59,484,066
Personal Travel In State	8,144	12,000	12,000	12,000
State Vehicle Operation	113,288	110,000	110,000	110,000
Depreciation	29,248	60,000	60,000	60,000
Personal Travel Out of State	23,206	25,000	25,000	25,000
Office Supplies	69,272	95,000	95,000	95,000
Facility Maintenance Supplies	158,773	209,500	209,500	209,500
Equipment Maintenance Supplies	496,593	500,000	500,000	500,000
Professional & Scientific Supplies	837,601	1,031,000	1,031,000	1,031,000
Housing & Subsistence Supplies	649,331	650,000	650,000	650,000
Ag., Conservation & Horticulture Supply	6,231	8,000	8,000	8,000
Other Supplies	160,938	150,000	150,000	150,000
Printing & Binding	—	—	—	—
Drugs & Biologicals	3,010,545	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000
Food	1,879,719	1,725,000	1,725,000	1,725,000

## Iowa Veterans Home Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Uniforms & Related Items	11,380	18,000	18,000	18,000
Postage	18,190	18,000	18,000	18,000
Communications	478,841	520,000	520,000	520,000
Rentals	74,846	66,500	66,500	66,500
Utilities	1,365,843	1,775,000	1,775,000	1,775,000
Professional & Scientific Services	962,342	800,000	800,000	800,000
Outside Services	3,711,886	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Intra-State Transfers	—	1	1	1
Advertising & Publicity	4,642	10,000	10,000	10,000
Outside Repairs/Service	386,460	350,000	350,000	350,000
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	347,626	380,000	380,000	380,000
ITS Reimbursements	2,445,465	2,600,000	2,600,000	2,600,000
Workers Comp. Reimbursement	901,362	873,947	873,947	873,947
IT Outside Services	42,906	30,000	30,000	30,000
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Auditor of State Services	113,763	120,000	120,000	120,000
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies Services	103,005	367,000	367,000	367,000
Equipment	567,312	750,000	750,000	750,000
Office Equipment	—	250	250	250
Equipment - Non-Inventory	192,594	350,000	350,000	350,000
IT Equipment	1,167,664	955,000	955,000	955,000
Claims	1,597	1,750	1,750	1,750
Other Expense & Obligations	70,723	112,500	112,500	112,500
Licenses	1,847	7,000	7,000	7,000
Balance Carry Forward (Approps)	26,820,135	20,872,938	4,052,803	14,925,741
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>103,052,182</b>	<b>102,837,452</b>	<b>86,017,317</b>	<b>96,890,255</b>

## Vets Home Ownership Program

### General Fund

#### Appropriation Description

This program was created in 2005 to help eligible members of the armed forces purchase qualified homes in Iowa through a \$5,000 entry cost assistance grant. These funds may be used in conjunction with the First Home and Homes for Iowans programs. Grants are subject to one-time use.

### Vets Home Ownership Program Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
<b>Resources</b>				
Appropriation	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
Total Resources	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
Total Expenditures	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000

## Injured Veterans Grant Program

### General Fund

#### Appropriation Description

This appropriation provides for an injured veterans grant to military veterans seriously injured in a combat zone since September 11, 2001.

### Injured Veterans Grant Program Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
<b>Resources</b>				
Balance Brought Forward (Approps)	123,897	106,397	113,897	96,397
Total Resources	123,897	106,397	113,897	96,397
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Aid to Individuals	17,500	10,000	10,000	10,000
Balance Carry Forward (Approps)	106,397	96,397	103,897	86,397
Total Expenditures	123,897	106,397	113,897	96,397

## Veterans County Grants

### General Fund

### Appropriation Description

Matching funds up to \$10,000 are provided to counties to improve services for veterans.

### Veterans County Grants Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
<b>Resources</b>				
Balance Brought Forward (Approps)	120,047	416,443	106,949	671,843
Appropriation	990,000	990,000	990,000	990,000
Intra State Receipts	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Refunds & Reimbursements	29,708	3,000	3,000	3,000
Unearned Receipts	1,452	1,500	1,500	1,500
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>1,441,208</b>	<b>1,710,943</b>	<b>1,401,449</b>	<b>1,966,343</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Personal Services-Salaries	—	2,500	2,500	2,500
Personal Travel In State	—	10,000	10,000	10,000
Personal Travel Out of State	—	11,500	11,500	11,500
Food	9,684	—	—	—
Rentals	410	5,000	5,000	5,000
Outside Services	1,014,671	1,010,000	1,010,000	1,010,000
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	—	100	100	100
Balance Carry Forward (Approps)	416,443	671,843	362,349	927,243
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,441,208</b>	<b>1,710,943</b>	<b>1,401,449</b>	<b>1,966,343</b>

## Cemetery Equipment Replacement

Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund

### Appropriation Description

Cemetery Equipment Replacement

### Cemetery Equipment Replacement Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
<b>Resources</b>				
Appropriation	168,388	—	—	—
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>168,388</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Professional & Scientific Supplies	2,060	—	—	—
Other Supplies	2,394	—	—	—
Outside Repairs/Service	7,420	—	—	—
Equipment	137,730	—	—	—
Equipment - Non-Inventory	6,399	—	—	—
IT Equipment	12,386	—	—	—
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>168,388</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

## Dietary Expansion Project

### Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund

#### Appropriation Description

The Iowa Veterans Home (IVH), Marshalltown, Iowa, is seeking funds to expand and renovate the dietary kitchen. The existing dietary kitchen has been in continual operation for 24 years and the workflow, equipment and environmental needs have diminished to a point that regular preventive and routine maintenance have been exceeded. The existing flooring in the kitchen cannot be replaced due to the product being no longer produced and is unsanitary because of the separation of the rubberized material. Environmental HVAC capacities have changed due to the equipment at end of life and are not maintaining consistent temperatures for the kitchen and dining room. The roof for these areas is at the end of its 25-year lifecycle and are continually being patched due to its age.

#### Dietary Expansion Project Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
<b>Resources</b>				
Appropriation	—	—	35,567,897	—
<b>Total Resources</b>	—	—	35,567,897	—
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	—	—	35,567,897	—
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	—	—	35,567,897	—

## Fund Detail

### Veterans Affairs, Department of Fund Detail

Funds	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Veterans Affairs, Department of	50,406,257	53,069,209	51,161,626	55,806,744
Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund	168,388	—	—	—
Veterans License Plate Fund	335,614	410,936	322,297	410,936
Iowa Veterans Trust Fund	46,976,543	49,612,822	48,388,014	52,425,022
Iowa Veterans Cemetery	2,925,713	3,045,451	2,451,315	2,970,786
Iowa Veterans Home	—	—	35,567,897	—
Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund	—	—	35,567,897	—

## Iowa Veterans Trust Fund

### Fund Description

The Iowa Veterans Trust Fund provides assistance to needy veterans. Examples include assisting veterans with bills for necessary housing repairs, emergency medical care, dental expenses, eye glasses, and auto repair. Applications are reviewed and approved by the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs and administered by the department.

### Iowa Veterans Trust Fund Detail

Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
<b>Resources</b>				
Balance Brought Forward (Funds)	42,776,613	46,071,621	44,846,813	48,883,821
Adjustment to Balance Forward	5,579	—	—	—
Intra State Receipts	2,227,427	2,540,000	2,540,000	2,540,000
Interest	1,966,739	1,000,200	1,000,200	1,000,200
Unearned Receipts	184	1,001	1,001	1,001
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>46,976,543</b>	<b>49,612,822</b>	<b>48,388,014</b>	<b>52,425,022</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Facility Maintenance Supplies	—	500	500	500
Professional & Scientific Supplies	3,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Rentals	—	250	250	250
Utilities	—	250	250	250
Professional & Scientific Services	214,294	195,000	195,000	195,000
Outside Services	326,031	195,000	195,000	195,000
Outside Repairs/Service	298,188	300,001	300,001	300,001
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies Services	—	15,000	15,000	15,000
Equipment - Non-Inventory	62,690	19,000	19,000	19,000
State Aid	719	2,000	2,000	2,000
Aid to Individuals	—	1,000	1,000	1,000
Balance Carry Forward (Funds)	46,071,621	48,883,821	47,659,013	51,696,021
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>46,976,543</b>	<b>49,612,822</b>	<b>48,388,014</b>	<b>52,425,022</b>

## Iowa Veterans Cemetery

### Fund Description

The Veterans Cemetery Fund consists of money deposited in the fund from Federal Plot Allowance, Spouse Burial Fees, Monument Fees, and farm rental of (currently) unused land. All money deposited into the fund is used for the perpetual operation and maintenance of the Iowa Veterans Cemetery per Iowa Code 35A.5.

### Iowa Veterans Cemetery Detail

Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
<b>Resources</b>				
Balance Brought Forward (Funds)	2,224,952	2,643,350	2,049,214	2,568,685
Federal Support	509,365	305,001	305,001	305,001
Interest	101,773	15,000	15,000	15,000
Fees, Licenses & Permits	72,460	65,000	65,000	65,000
Refunds & Reimbursements	—	100	100	100
Rents & Leases	—	1,500	1,500	1,500
Other Sales & Services	250	500	500	500
Unearned Receipts	16,913	15,000	15,000	15,000
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>2,925,713</b>	<b>3,045,451</b>	<b>2,451,315</b>	<b>2,970,786</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Personal Services-Salaries	34,821	204,299	204,299	204,299
Personal Travel In State	—	1	1	1
State Vehicle Operation	3,893	3,500	3,500	3,500
Depreciation	1,332	450	450	450
Office Supplies	2,558	2,501	2,501	2,501
Facility Maintenance Supplies	2,876	7,501	7,501	7,501
Equipment Maintenance Supplies	6,609	5,501	5,501	5,501
Professional & Scientific Supplies	15	50	50	50
Highway Maintenance Supplies	4	5	5	5
Housing & Subsistence Supplies	2,037	1,600	1,600	1,600
Ag., Conservation & Horticulture Supply	1,977	2,001	2,001	2,001
Other Supplies	18,115	16,001	16,001	16,001
Food	2,416	2,500	2,500	2,500
Uniforms & Related Items	1,853	2,000	2,000	2,000
Postage	3,450	3,500	3,500	3,500
Communications	40,470	20,000	20,000	20,000
Rentals	2,262	2,000	2,000	2,000
Utilities	13,382	25,000	25,000	25,000
Professional & Scientific Services	1,497	1,500	1,500	1,500
Outside Services	108,188	105,000	105,000	105,000
Outside Repairs/Service	26,324	25,025	25,025	25,025
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	36	5,031	5,031	5,031
IT Outside Services	—	2,500	2,500	2,500
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies Services	279	1,550	1,550	1,550
Equipment	—	30,748	30,748	30,748

## Iowa Veterans Cemetery Detail

Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Equipment - Non-Inventory	3,439	2,001	2,001	2,001
IT Equipment	4,531	5,000	5,000	5,000
Licenses	—	1	1	1
Balance Carry Forward (Funds)	2,643,350	2,568,685	1,974,549	2,494,020
Total Expenditures	2,925,713	3,045,451	2,451,315	2,970,786