

Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (650)

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FY'18 Projected Division/Program Funding By Source							
		Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Local	Other*	Total
Division 6	Nursing Care	20,174,043.46	\$92,545,534	\$23,196,557		\$1,722,382	\$137,638,516
Division 10	Capital Lease	883,783.00				\$266	\$884,049
Division 11	Central Office	3,471,229.50		\$5,000		\$789,680	\$4,265,910
Division 20	Claims and Benefits	3,382,844.04		\$170,000			\$3,552,844
Division 30	State Accrediting Agency		\$552,160				\$552,160
Division 88	Information Technology	2,934,172.00		\$902,738			\$3,836,910
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Total		\$30,846,072	\$93,097,694	\$24,274,295	\$0	\$2,512,328	\$150,730,389

*Source of "Other" and % of "Other" total for each.
 Payroll lapsed in FY 17 was rebudgeted for the same purpose in FY 18. (GALT services)
 Due to the delay in Central Office new building move, money that was originally budgeted in FY 17 was unbudgeted and rebudgeted in FY 18. (Dept 11)

FY'17 Carryover by Funding Source							
		Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Local	Other*	Total
FY'17 Carryover		\$2,512,328					\$2,512,328

*Source of "Other" and % of "Other" total for each.

What Changes did the Agency Make between FY'17 and FY'18?

- 1.) Are there any services no longer provided because of budget cuts?**
 No services have been discontinued.
- 2.) What services are provided at a higher cost to the user?**
 No increases in any fees.
 Agency continues to maintain occupancy rates as high as possible.
 While the agency continuously monitors expenditures for efficiency, more strenuous efforts will be initiated.
- 3.) What services are still provided but with a slower response rate?**
 None.
- 4.) Did the agency provide any pay raises that were not legislatively/statutorily required? If so, please provide a detailed description in a separate document.**
 None.

FY'19 Requested Division/Program Funding By Source							
		Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Other	Total	% Change
Division 6- Nursing Care		\$27,874,043	\$94,701,482	\$25,260,716		\$147,836,241	7.4%
Division 10- Capital Lease		883,783.00				\$883,783	0.0%
Division 11- Central Office		3,471,229.50		\$5,000		\$3,476,230	-18.5%
Division 20- Claims & Benefits		3,382,844.04		\$170,000		\$3,552,844	0.0%
Division 30- State Accrediting Agency			\$552,160			\$552,160	0.0%
Division 88- Information Technology		2,934,172.00		\$902,738		\$3,836,910	0.0%
Division 91	Relocation of Talihina Veterans Center	\$20,000,000				\$20,000,000	
						\$0	
Total		\$58,546,072	\$95,253,642	\$26,338,454	\$0	\$180,138,168	119.5%

*Source of "Other" and % of "Other" total for each.
 Increase in Nursing Care to Meet CMS Standards Compliance Requirement for all seven centers

FY'19 Top Five Appropriation Funding Requests

		\$ Amount
Request 1	Relocation of Talihina Veterans Center	\$20,000,000
Request 2	Meet CMS Standards Compliance Requirement for all seven centers	\$7,700,000
Total Increase above FY-19 Request		\$ 27,700,000

How would the agency handle a 2% appropriation reduction in FY'19?

2% appropriation reduction would translate to \$556,921.44 reduction to our agency. Any appropriation reduction will have an adverse impact on the cost of care.

How would the agency handle a 4% appropriation reduction in FY'19?

4% appropriation reduction would translate to \$1,113,842.88 reduction to our agency. Any appropriation reduction will have an adverse impact on the cost of care which has a direct impact on federal revenue generated by the agency.
 This reduction also would impact the Capital improvement projects that require 35% state match.

How would the agency handle a 6% appropriation reduction in FY'19?

6% appropriation reduction would translate to \$1,670,764.32 reduction to our agency.
 Currently, our agency (ODVA) is targeting only a small segment of the veterans population through long-term nursing care.
 To comply with the Governor's intention to outreach all the veterans in the State of Oklahoma, ODVA Director has created a Veterans Services Division. This reduction would result in staff reduction and outreach services to the veterans.

Is the agency seeking any fee increases for FY'18?

		\$ Amount
Increase 1	None	
Increase 2		
Increase 3		

What are the agency's top 2-3 capital or technology (one-time) requests, if applicable?

Nurse Call Ardmore, Sulphur and Talihina \$ 857,132 65% Federal 35% State-ODVA Request

Federal Government Impact

1.) How much federal money received by the agency is tied to a mandate by the Federal Government?

State Veterans Home (SVH) Per Diem program standards and operational procedures are found in Title 38 of the US Code of Federal Regulations.

VA per diem for nursing home care is paid for any Veteran who is eligible for such care in a VA facility (38 U.S.C. §1741).

VA is also required to make higher nursing home per diem payments for certain Veterans with service-connected disabilities. (38 CFR §51.41)

Hence, 100% of the federal revenue received by the agency is mandated by the federal government for the operation of all seven veterans centers.

2.) Are any of those funds inadequate to pay for the federal mandate?

Yes. The federal revenue covers only 66.8% of the cost of care provided to veterans at the centers. The rest of the cost is borne by state appropriations of (13.64%) and the agency revolving fund from the patient maintenance collections of 19.56%.

3.) What would the consequences be of ending all of the federal funded programs for your agency?

The mission of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs is to ensure all Oklahoma veterans and their families receive all benefits to which they may be entitled and to provide excellent health services and long-term skilled care in a residential environment to all qualified veterans residing in the state.

Legislative action many years ago established a system of payment for services that enables all honorably discharged veterans to receive quality care through the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Centers regardless of their ability to pay. Through various agreements with the USDVA and federal law, pension, compensation and Aid and Attendance payments are made to veterans by the federal government that enables them to participate in the cost of their care without pauperizing their spouse who is left at home, thus allowing them to put money back into the economy of their local communities and live without the need for Medicaid assistance. Hence, ending all of the federal funded program would result in closing all the veterans centers.

4.) How will your agency be affected by federal budget cuts in the coming fiscal year?

In addition to the above response:

Funding for ODVA construction projects, in general, is shared between the state and federal government.

The USDVA pays 65% of the cost of construction or renovation once the project is put on the federally approved construction priority list.

Projects currently on the approved list for the State of Oklahoma are life safety issues.

5.) Has the agency requested any additional federal earmarks or increases?

No. The agency has not requested any additional earmarks or increases. However, the annual federal basic per diem rate reflects cost of living adjustment rate increase.

Per diem payments for certain Veterans with service-connected disabilities had a slight increase effective October 2017.

Division and Program Descriptions

Division 6	Nursing Care The agency provides a home for eligible Veterans who can no longer be cared for in their own homes. The clients are provided with long-term skilled nursing care.
Division 11	Central Administration The Central Administrative program for the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs provides administration, direction, and planning assistance to the seven long term care facilities and five Claims and Benefits division offices and field staff operated by the Department. It sets standards, policies and procedures, and goals for programs and monitors programs to ensure the required standards are met. The Administrative program consists of the following programs/functions: Administrative Services, Affirmative Action, Human Resources, and Fiscal Services. This program also provides administrative support for the office of the Executive Director as well as the Veterans Commission.
Division 20	Claims and Benefits This program provides assistance to veterans relative to obtaining benefits from state and federal agencies. intermediary financial assistance to eligible veterans that are temporarily unable to obtain basic necessities and other benefits.

FY'18 Budgeted FTE

		Supervisors	Classified	Unclassified	\$0 - \$35 K	\$35 K - \$70 K	\$70 K - \$\$\$
Division 6	Nursing Care	267	1585	459	1271	547	69
Division 11	Central Office	11	14	16	2	19	9
Division 20	Claims and Benefits	8	36	11	8	37	2
Division 30	State Accrediting Agency	1	1	3		3	1
Total		287	1636	489	1281	606	81

FTE History						
		2018 Budgeted	2017	2016	2015	2014
Division 6	Nursing Care	2,044	1,931.51	2028.73	1863.0	1943.8
Division 11	Central Office	30	30.81	32.71	27.2	26.6
Division 20	Claims and Benefits	47	39.19	30.30	28.0	25.9
Division 30	State Accrediting Agency	4	5.18	4.61	5.0	4.4
Total		2,125	2,006.69	2,096.35	1,923.02	2,000.70

*** includes 157 GALT employees

Performance Measure Review						
		FY'17	FY'16	FY'15	FY'14	FY'13
Administration						
1. Percent of Total Budget		4.29%	4.64%	4.15%	4.40%	4.11%
Claims & Benefits						
1. Increase submittals for consideration		95,308	56,172	47,501	42,967	40,152
Nursing Care						
1. Percentage of facilities receiving USDVA certification		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2. Monitoring Turnover Rate		38.97%	46.88%	39.33%	39.73%	33.48%
3. Statewide waiting list		795	745	810	423	134
4. Average length of stay*		5.39	2.22	1.93	1.87	1.7
5. Average out of pocket for veteran per year		29,526	28,692	29,628	28,728	27,690
6. Average out of pocket for veteran per month		2,461	2,391	2,469	2,394	2,308
7. Average age of veteran		77.14	78.63	77.9	77.4	77
*This is an average of those that have passed away within the fiscal year. We have quite a few residents that have been in our Centers for over 30 years.						

Revolving Funds (200 Series Funds)			
	FY'15-17 Avg. Revenues	FY'15-17 Avg. Expenditures	June '17 Balance
ODVA Revolving Fund - 220 To pay the general operating expenses of the Veterans Centers, including the payment of salaries and wages of officials and employees, to pay for the employee safety programs and incentive awards provided for in Section 63.10a of this title, and to remodel, repair, construct, build additions, modernize, or add improvements of domiciliary or hospital buildings necessary for the care of veterans.	28,189,434.78	24,608,243	7,510,527 **Outstanding Encumbrance (6,588,157)
ODVA Trust Fund- 205 Retirement of Bonds, State Match for Construction Projects Source is the transfer from ODVA Revolving Fund.	3,202,370	3,514,606	5,204,454 ***Outstanding Encumbrance \$ 4,183,370
Total All Funds	\$31,391,804	\$28,122,849	\$10,310,194