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Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

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<https://mn.gov/mdva/>

AT A GLANCE

- Provide seven major program areas under two divisions, each with numerous Veteran services including:
 - Skilled Nursing and Domiciliary care
 - Adult Day Center and Resources for Caregivers
 - Veteran Suicide Prevention and Awareness
 - Education and Employment Services
 - Federal Veterans Affairs (VA) Claims and Outreach Services
 - Homeless Veteran Prevention and Assistance Services
 - State benefits (State Soldiers Assistance Program)
- Operate 5 State Veterans Homes (three more under construction) and 3 State Veterans Cemeteries (one more under construction)
- Serve more than 313,912 Veterans and their families in Minnesota
- Employ approximately 1,540 staff statewide

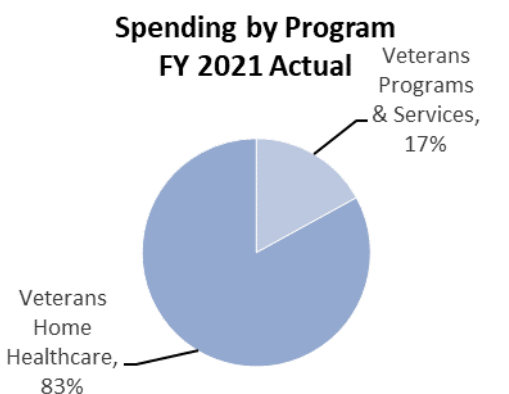
PURPOSE

The mission of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) is “Serving Minnesota Veterans, their dependents and survivors by connecting them with the federal and state care and benefits they have earned.” MDVA is a “post-war-time agency” and was created by the 1943 state Legislature to consolidate the services provided to service members; since 2007, MDVA has also operated the Minnesota State Veterans Homes. As of 2021, there were more than 313,912 Veterans in Minnesota (about 6 percent of the state’s population).

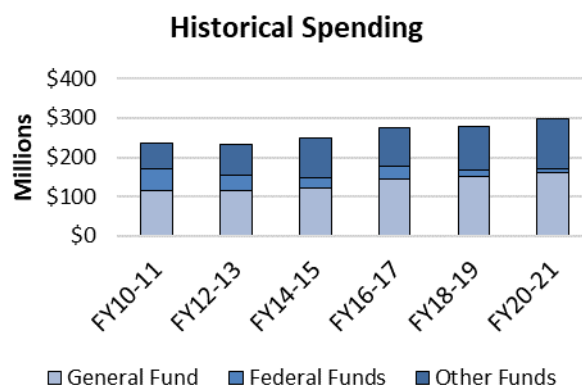
Since 9/11/01, approximately 47,081 Minnesotans have served during this period. Veterans may face many challenges including translating their military skills and experiences to civilian occupations, unemployment, and underemployment, and short- and long-term medical issues resulting from their military duty. In addition, many Veterans and their families experience both mental fatigue and physical injuries associated with military deployments. Finally, approximately 51 percent of the state’s Veteran population is aged 65 and older, many with unique long-term care needs.

MDVA exists to fulfill the needs of these Veterans and their families by providing innovative programs and services to maximize their quality of life, while monitoring and adapting to emerging needs such as high Veteran suicide rates, homelessness, and Veteran issues that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

BUDGET



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

MDVA activities were funded approximately 53% from the general fund, 4% from federal funds, and 43% from special revenue funds in the FY2020-21 biennium.

The Programs and Services Division receives nearly all its funding from the general fund. Program-specific federal funding is also received for Veteran burials in MDVA's State cemeteries to cover maintenance and development costs, and the agency receives federal funding for the work the agency does for approving higher educational institutions that offer educational programs to Veterans.

The Veterans Healthcare Division is funded through a general fund appropriation, Resident maintenance fees, VA per diem, Medicare, and other reimbursements. The historical spending graph reflects the following breakdown:

- A general fund appropriation of \$115.5 million in the FY2020-21 biennium was received and transferred to the MDVA special revenue healthcare fund as permitted in state statute. The graph above reflects the expenditure of these funds out of the general fund to show its source of funding.
- An additional \$125.3 million of receipts was received from the Federal VA for Veterans full and partial per diems; Medicare reimbursements for Medicare Part A, B, & D; receipts from Resident maintenance fees; COVID relief funds; and other miscellaneous reimbursements. The graph above reflects the expenditure of these funds in the Other Funds category rather than the Federal Funds category.

STRATEGIES

MDVA strives to enhance the lives of those it serves through the development and implementation of services that are tailored to meet the current, ongoing, and future needs of Veterans and their families. MDVA does this through two divisions: **Programs & Services** and **Veterans Healthcare** (Minnesota State Veterans Homes).

Many Veterans are not aware of the benefits that they have earned through their military service. **The Programs & Services Division** collaborates with its partners in the Veterans services community to assist Veterans in obtaining these benefits. Examples include securing or assisting in the provision of financial, educational, and medical benefits. Additionally, there are an estimated 318 Veterans without safe, stable, or affordable housing on any given night in Minnesota (<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3031/pit-and-hic-data-since-2007/>). By working with partners and stakeholders through its Homeless Veteran Registry (<https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/homelessnessandprevention/homelessveteranregistry.jsp>), MDVA works to identify and develop housing plans for Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Minnesota has achieved the effective end to Veteran homelessness in eight of ten continuums of care. (<https://mn.gov/governor/news/#/detail/appld/1/id/531374>).

MDVA operates three (soon to be four) State Veterans Cemeteries located in Duluth, Little Falls and Preston. The Redwood Falls Cemetery will open in spring 2023. (<https://mn.gov/mdva/blog/#/detail/appld/1/id/503510>)

Finally, the Programs & Services Division and partners provide resources for financial, family and mental health counseling, as well as operating three (increasing to four in spring 2023) Veterans cemeteries and coordinating funeral honors benefits.

For more information, visit: <https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/>

The Veterans Healthcare Division operates five (increasing to eight in summer 2023 - <https://mn.gov/mdva/blog/#/detail/appld/1/id/534159>) Minnesota Veterans Homes located in Fergus Falls, Hastings, Luverne, Minneapolis, and Silver Bay (new locations will include Bemidji, Montevideo and Preston). MDVA works to ensure that Veterans and their families have options for meeting their long-term care needs while providing the highest-quality care. The homes offer multiple long-term care options including 24-hour skilled nursing, domiciliary, and adult day care. The homes also offer specialty care units for Alzheimer's and dementia, as well as dental care, physical rehabilitation, work therapy, transportation, chemical dependency, psychological, spiritual, and recreational services to improve the health and quality of life of our Residents. The Healthcare

Division also leads a robust effort to reduce Veteran suicide rates in MN including participation in the “Governor’s Challenge to Reduce Veteran Suicide.” <https://mn.gov/mdva/news/pressroom/?id=1066-421871>.

For more information, visit: <https://mn.gov/mdva/homes/>

For more information, see the 2021 Annual Report for the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs ([MDVA Annual Report FY 2021 \(mn.gov\)](#)).

Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs legal authority comes from:

- Minn. Stat. 196 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/196>),
- Minn. Stat. 197 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/197>), and
- Minn. Stat. 198 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/198>).

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>								
1000 - General	22,444	20,517	24,915	62,903	27,971	27,971	62,363	36,864
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	2,588	1,598	2,299	2,782	2,627	2,541	2,627	2,541
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	118,007	122,395	121,616	138,167	126,339	127,696	145,688	158,007
2403 - Gift	686	443	828	956	960	982	960	982
3000 - Federal	24		39,394	64,345				
3010 - Coronavirus Relief	2,149	8,490	2,315					
3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery			26	174				
6000 - Miscellaneous Agency	1,276	1,648	1,432	1,428	1,490	1,490	1,490	1,490
Total	147,173	155,091	192,827	270,755	159,387	160,680	213,128	199,884
Biennial Change			161,317		(143,515)		(50,570)	
Biennial % Change			53		(31)		(11)	
Enacted Budget Change from Base							92,945	
Enacted Budget % Change from Base							29	

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Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In		3,793		5,586				
Direct Appropriation	82,141	75,914	89,530	124,749	94,276	94,276	146,548	132,011
Open Appropriation	3,028	2,645	2,414	2,925	3,200	3,200	4,669	4,669
Transfers In	13,639	14,346	13,512	14,888	13,319	13,319	15,138	15,138
Transfers Out	71,562	73,391	74,953	85,245	82,824	82,824	103,992	114,954
Cancellations		2,792						
Balance Forward Out	4,802		5,587					
Expenditures	22,444	20,517	24,915	62,903	27,971	27,971	62,363	36,864
Biennial Change in Expenditures				44,857		(31,876)		11,409
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				104		(36)		13
Enacted Budget Change from Base								43,285
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								77
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue								
Balance Forward In	2,551	2,208	2,814	2,364	1,773	1,330	1,773	1,330
Receipts	1,142	1,293	1,225	1,565	1,558	1,643	1,558	1,643
Transfers In	631	695	736	626	626	626	626	626
Transfers Out	60	80	111					
Balance Forward Out	1,676	2,518	2,365	1,773	1,330	1,058	1,330	1,058
Expenditures	2,588	1,598	2,299	2,782	2,627	2,541	2,627	2,541
Biennial Change in Expenditures				896		87		87
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				21		2		2
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue								
Balance Forward In	13,896	13,063	19,335	12,876	530	530	530	530
Receipts	58,773	68,452	53,786	55,541	56,911	58,268	56,911	58,268
Transfers In	131,225	139,456	150,411	150,510	137,746	137,702	157,095	168,013
Transfers Out	73,501	81,766	89,041	80,230	68,318	68,274	68,318	68,274
Balance Forward Out	12,387	16,810	12,875	530	530	530	530	530
Expenditures	118,007	122,395	121,616	138,167	126,339	127,696	145,688	158,007
Biennial Change in Expenditures				19,381		(5,748)		43,912

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Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				8		(2)		17
Enacted Budget Change from Base								49,660
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								20

2403 - Gift

Balance Forward In	2,065	2,115	2,461	2,618	2,579	2,634	2,579	2,634
Receipts	763	744	957	892	990	1,035	990	1,035
Transfers In	24	25	31	25	25	25	25	25
Transfers Out	69		3					
Balance Forward Out	2,097	2,440	2,617	2,579	2,634	2,712	2,634	2,712
Expenditures	686	443	828	956	960	982	960	982
Biennial Change in Expenditures				655		158		158
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				58		9		9
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

3000 - Federal

Receipts	24		39,394	64,345				
Expenditures	24		39,394	64,345				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				103,716		(103,739)		(103,739)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						(100)		(100)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

3010 - Coronavirus Relief

Direct Appropriation	2,149	8,495	2,315					
Cancellations		5						
Expenditures	2,149	8,490	2,315					
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(8,325)		(2,315)		(2,315)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(78)				
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

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Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery								
Balance Forward In				174				
Direct Appropriation			200					
Balance Forward Out			174					
Expenditures			26	174				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				200		(200)		(200)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						(100)		(100)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

6000 - Miscellaneous Agency

Balance Forward In	338	503	730	765	827	827	827	827
Receipts	1,440	1,873	1,468	1,490	1,490	1,490	1,490	1,490
Balance Forward Out	503	728	766	827	827	827	827	827
Expenditures	1,276	1,648	1,432	1,428	1,490	1,490	1,490	1,490
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(63)		120		120
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(2)		4		4
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

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Agency Change Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2023 Appropriations	128,493	128,413	128,413	256,826
Base Adjustments				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(30,986)	(30,986)	(61,972)
Current Law Base Change		(3,151)	(3,151)	(6,302)
Forecast Base	128,493	94,276	94,276	188,552
Change Items				
Maintain Current Service Levels		14,693	18,538	33,231
Establish Three New State Veterans Homes - Operational Funding		6,475	13,592	20,067
State Veterans Cemeteries		1,780	1,780	3,560
Post 9/11 Veteran Service Bonus		15,000		15,000
Recently Separated Veterans Programs Funding		350	350	700
Homeless Veterans and SOAR Program		1,035	1,035	2,070
MACV Supportive Housing Grant Funding		6,675	325	7,000
MACV - Direct Veteran Assistance		440		440
Extend Spending Authority for MNVEST FY23 Funds to FY24	(3,000)	3,000		3,000
Veterans Community Health Program Established		400	400	800
Minnesota Service Core		475	475	950
Domiciliary Study		190		190
Veteran Resilience Project		100	100	200
Metro Meals on Wheels		540	540	1,080
LinkVet- Funding Adjustment		150	150	300
MN Military & Veterans Museum Grant			225	225
Every 3rd Saturday Grant		100	100	200
Camp Bliss Veterans Retreat		75	75	150
Veterans on the Lake Grant		50	50	100
Extend Spending Authority for Campground Wastewater System Funding	(744)	744		744
Total Enacted Budget	124,749	146,548	132,011	278,559
Open				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2023 Appropriations	3,500	3,500	3,500	7,000
Base Adjustments				
November Forecast Adjustment	(300)	(300)	(300)	(600)
February Forecast Adjustment	(275)			
Forecast Base	2,925	3,200	3,200	6,400
Change Items				
Minnesota GI Bill		1,469	1,469	2,938
Total Enacted Budget	2,925	4,669	4,669	9,338

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
<i>Dedicated</i>				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	2,782	2,627	2,541	5,168
Forecast Base	2,782	2,627	2,541	5,168
Total Enacted Budget	2,782	2,627	2,541	5,168
Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	138,167	126,339	127,696	254,035
Forecast Base	138,167	126,339	127,696	254,035
Change Items				
Maintain Current Service Levels		12,874	16,719	29,593
Establish Three New State Veterans Homes - Operational Funding		6,475	13,592	20,067
Total Enacted Budget	138,167	145,688	158,007	303,695
Fund: 2403 - Gift				
Planned Spending	956	960	982	1,942
Forecast Base	956	960	982	1,942
Total Enacted Budget	956	960	982	1,942
Fund: 3000 - Federal				
Planned Spending	64,345			
Forecast Base	64,345			
Total Enacted Budget	64,345			
Fund: 6000 - Miscellaneous Agency				
Planned Spending	1,428	1,490	1,490	2,980
Forecast Base	1,428	1,490	1,490	2,980
Total Enacted Budget	1,428	1,490	1,490	2,980
<i>Revenue Change Summary</i>				
<i>Dedicated</i>				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	1,565	1,558	1,643	3,201
Total Enacted Budget	1,565	1,558	1,643	3,201
Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	55,541	56,911	58,268	115,179
Total Enacted Budget	55,541	56,911	58,268	115,179

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
Fund: 2403 - Gift				
Forecast Revenues	892	990	1,035	2,025
Total Enacted Budget	892	990	1,035	2,025
Fund: 3000 - Federal				
Forecast Revenues	64,345			
Total Enacted Budget	64,345			
Fund: 6000 - Miscellaneous Agency				
Forecast Revenues	1,490	1,490	1,490	2,980
Total Enacted Budget	1,490	1,490	1,490	2,980

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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Maintain Current Service Levels

This provision provides additional funding to maintain current service levels at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	14,693	18,538	33,231	11,128	12,176	23,304
Transfers In	0	1,819	1,819	3,638	1,819	1,819	3,638
Transfers Out	0	14,693	18,538	33,231	11,128	12,176	23,304
Expenditures	0	1,819	1,819	3,638	1,819	1,819	3,638

2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue Fund Cost (Savings)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	12,874	16,719	29,593	9,309	10,357	19,666
Expenditures	0	12,874	16,719	29,593	9,309	10,357	19,666

Establish Three New State Veterans Homes - Operational Funding

This provision will provide additional funding for operating costs associated with the three new Veterans homes in Bemidji, Montevideo and Preston that are scheduled to open in the summer and fall of 2023. It will also increase funding for central office staff in MDVA's Healthcare Division.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	6,475	13,592	20,067	13,592	13,592	27,184
Transfers Out	0	6,475	13,592	20,067	13,592	13,592	27,184
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue Fund Cost (Savings)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	6,475	13,592	20,067	13,592	13,592	27,184
Expenditures	0	6,475	13,592	20,067	13,592	13,592	27,184

Minnesota GI Bill

This provision provides a policy change to the Minnesota GI Bill, Minnesota Statute 197.791, indexing the eligible Veteran lifetime benefit amount and increasing the fiscal year benefit amount. This would allow any eligible Veteran access to \$5,000 per fiscal year and \$15,000 in a lifetime for education assistance.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	1,469	1,469	2,938	1,469	1,469	2,938
Expenditures	0	1,469	1,469	2,938	1,469	1,469	2,938

State Veterans Cemeteries

This proposal will provide additional funding to go towards all salary and operational costs to maintain current service levels at each of the four Veterans Cemeteries in Minnesota.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	1,780	1,780	3,560	1,280	1,280	2,560
Expenditures	0	1,780	1,780	3,560	1,280	1,280	2,560

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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Post 9/11 Veteran Service Bonus

This provision expands eligibility criteria for Post 9/11 service bonuses and provides additional funding to meet current obligations. It also allows veterans to reapply for a bonus if they were previously denied a bonus or are entitled to receive a larger bonus than originally awarded as a result of these changes.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	15,000	0	15,000	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	15,000	0	15,000	0	0	0

Recently Separated Veterans Programs Funding

This provision increases funding for the Recently Separated Veterans Program. Funding will allow for upgrades for critical IT systems used to manage discharge data, as well as provide technical support and implementation of a new customer relationship management (CRM) system.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	350	350	700	300	300	600
Expenditures	0	350	350	700	300	300	600

Homeless Veterans and SOAR Program

This provision increases funding for the MDVA's Homeless Veterans Programs and the Veterans SOAR (Social Security Insurance, Outreach, Access and Recovery) teams. These teams connect Veterans experiencing homelessness with resources and provide advocacy services to Veterans experiencing or in danger of experiencing homelessness.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	1,035	1,035	2,070	1,344	1,344	2,688
Expenditures	0	1,035	1,035	2,070	1,344	1,344	2,688

MACV Supportive Housing Grant Funding

This provision provides additional funding to the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) to provide permanent supportive housing units as part of the Veterans Supportive Housing Options (VSHO) program. In addition to creating the housing units, ongoing funding will provide property management and residential support services.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	6,675	325	7,000	325	325	650
Expenditures	0	6,675	325	7,000	325	325	650

MACV - Direct Veteran Assistance

This provision increases funding to the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) and the direct veteran assistance grant program. This program provides assistance to Veterans at risk of experiencing homelessness through housing supports and financial assistance with the goal of finding sustainable and stable permanent housing.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	440	0	440	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	440	0	440	0	0	0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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Extend Spending Authority for MNVEST FY23 Funds to FY24

This provision allows for unspent Minnesota Veteran's Stable Tenancy (MNVEST) funding from FY 2023 to remain available in FY2024. The funds will be used to provide housing subsidies for Veterans experiencing homelessness or who are in danger of experiencing homelessness and who are not eligible for federal subsidies.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	(3,000)	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	0
Expenditures	(3,000)	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	0

Veterans Community Health Program Established

This provision establishes the Veterans Community Health Program. Social workers who are specially trained to understand Veterans' needs through the new program will be embedded in non-Veterans Affairs healthcare systems throughout the state to connect Veterans and their families with vital mental healthcare resources.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	400	400	800	400	400	800
Expenditures	0	400	400	800	400	400	800

Minnesota Service Core

This provision increases funding for the MN Service CORE program to address increased operating costs and expand staff capacity. The MN Service CORE program assists Veterans and their families with challenges including reintegration, financial management, mental health and substance use concerns, and building support networks.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	475	475	950	475	475	950
Expenditures	0	475	475	950	475	475	950

Domiciliary Study

This provision creates a working group to evaluate the quality of resident care within Veteran domiciles. The working group will review and analyze the acuity of domiciliary residents and the current care model, including: admission, care plans, day-to-day care, and staffing structure and ratios at facilities. The working group must report to the legislature by January 15, 2024.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	190	0	190	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	190	0	190	0	0	0

Veteran Resilience Project

This provision funds a grant for the Veteran Resilience Project for treatment for Veterans, Veterans' spouses, current military service members, and currently military service members' spouses who are suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder and trauma. Eligible treatment is limited to eye movement desensitization and reprocessing therapy. The provision also requires the Veteran Resilience Project to report to the commissioner and legislature by January 15 of each year budget and services outcomes.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	100	100	200	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	100	100	200	0	0	0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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Metro Meals on Wheels

This provision funds grants in FY2024-2025 for Metro Meals on Wheels to provide home-delivered meals to Veterans and technical, enrollment, outreach, and volunteer recruitment assistance to member programs. Metro Meals on Wheels is also required to report to the commissioner and the legislature by September 1 each year with an explanation of how the grant funds were spent and the number of Veterans and service members that were served by the program.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	540	540	1,080	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	540	540	1,080	0	0	0

LinkVet- Funding Adjustment

This provision provides additional funding to maintain current service delivery at the LinkVet Call-Center. The additional funding will support the LinkVet Call-Center phone service, web-based chat service, and a website of frequently asked questions related to Veterans benefits and services.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	150	150	300	150	150	300
Expenditures	0	150	150	300	150	150	300

MN Military & Veterans Museum Grant

This provision funds a grant to the Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum for staff to provide direct services to Veterans and their families.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	0	225	225	300	300	600
Expenditures	0	0	225	225	300	300	600

Every 3rd Saturday Grant

This provision funds a grant to Every Third Saturday to provide Veterans with emergency assistance and internships. It also requires the commissioner to report to the legislature on the number of Veterans served by the program and provide a detailed description of how the grant funds were spent.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	100	100	200	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	100	100	200	0	0	0

Camp Bliss Veterans Retreat

This provision establishes a grant program through Independent Lifestyles, Inc. for eligible Veterans expenses related for retreats at Camp Bliss. Grant recipients are able to use the funds for therapy, transportation, and activities for eligible Veterans and their family members.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	75	75	150	75	75	150
Expenditures	0	75	75	150	75	75	150

Veterans on the Lake Grant

This provision funds grants in FY2024-2025 for Veterans on the Lake for expenses related to retreats for Veterans including therapy, transportation, and activities customized for Veterans.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	50	50	100	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	50	50	100	0	0	0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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Extend Spending Authority for Campground Wastewater System Funding

This provision allows for unspent funds in FY 2023 to remain available in FY 2024 for the Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake. Funds are used to design, engineer, permit, and construct wastewater systems on campground property to increase the capacity of wastewater systems.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	(744)	744	0	744	0	0	0
Expenditures	(744)	744	0	744	0	0	0

Supporting Minnesota's 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War Program

This provision provides funding from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund to the Department of Administration for an advisory committee to plan a program for Minnesota's 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War. The funding can be used for administrative needs, operational support, equipment, and supplies for the remembrance program to be held in the summer of 2024. This provision does not impact MDVA's budget but does support its programing for Veterans.