

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS (385) - FISCAL YEAR 2011

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The purpose of this agency is to assist veterans and their dependents in securing their rights and benefits under federal and state laws. This agency also maintains two Veterans Homes - a 116 bed facility in Little Rock and a 108 bed facility that opened in June of 06 in Fayetteville and the State Veterans Cemetery in North Little Rock and is preparing to construct a new cemetery in Birdeye. The agency also provides assistance to the County Veterans Service Officers.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The agency's total appropriation for FY11 is \$13,414,075.

FUNDING SOURCE

The budget is funded by general revenue (administration) and by fees for services and federal reimbursement.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OVER FY 2010

- None

III) POSITIONS

Total Authorized for FY11: 221

Total Authorized for FY10: 221

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

- Training Conferences. Veterans Service Officers: Funds appropriated for Aid to County Veterans Service Offices may be used to pay expenses of the officers for attending training conferences approved by the Department.
- Liability Insurance. Veterans' Affairs shall in no event expend or transfer any appropriation or funds for the purchase of malpractice liability insurance for the benefit of a non-governmental entity.
- Reimbursement of Funds. Any reimbursements received for expenses paid from the General Improvement Fund or Miscellaneous Agencies Funds Account for establishment of the State Veteran's Cemetery shall be recouped by the State and transferred to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund.