

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS (0385)
FISCAL YEAR 2019
Per JBC Recommendation

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. The agency provides assistance to the County Veterans Service Officers. The agency also maintains a Veterans Home - a 108 bed facility that opened in June of 2006 in Fayetteville. A facility in Little Rock was recently closed and all residents were transitioned into private residences and VA approved facilities. Currently, the Agency is in the process of establishing a new skilled and long term care residential facility to be located in North Little Rock. This facility is being completed and the agency's appropriation bill was amended to add additional staff and appropriation for startup costs and operating expenses associated with the new North Little Rock Home. The agency operates two State Veterans Cemeteries in North Little Rock and Birdeye.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The agency's total appropriation is \$19,368,054 for FY2019.

FUNDING SOURCES

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

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS (FY2019 CHANGES FROM FY2018)

None

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2018 Authorized Positions: 290)

Total Authorized for FY2019: 290

Total Authorized for FY2018: 290

Increase/(Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2019:20 (Total FY2018 Authorized Extra Help:20)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

- USE OF ADVA CONTINGENCY POSITION POOL AND CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION. Allows use of contingency appropriation and positions to meet growth needs in State Veterans' Home at Fayetteville for resident census increase and for Veterans' Cemetery in NLR for increase in number of interments. Sets up Contingency Pool Positions that would be needed to meet these increases.