

# VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Veterans Affairs Office assists veterans, their dependent parents, spouses, children, widows, widowers, and orphans in determining basic eligibility and conditions of entitlement for benefits covering pension, compensation, insurance, hospitalization, outpatient treatment and other benefits under various programs.

## Financial Information

DEPT NUMBER: 1-9129	VETERANS AFFAIRS						
	FY 04/05 ACTUAL	FY 05/06 ACTUAL	FY 06/07 BUDGET	FY 07/08 RECOMM	FY 07/08 ADOPTED	\$ INC/DEC FY 08 - 07	% INC/DEC FY 08 - 07
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personnel Services Expenditures	161,993	176,143	180,388	182,375	<b>190,540</b>	10,152	5.6%
Operating Expenditures	92,994	98,398	57,050	61,800	<b>61,800</b>	4,750	8.3%
Capital Expenditures	12,000	8,755	1,000	3,500	<b>3,500</b>	2,500	250.0%
Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0.0%
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$266,987</b>	<b>\$283,296</b>	<b>\$238,438</b>	<b>\$247,675</b>	<b>\$255,840</b>	<b>\$17,402</b>	<b>7.3%</b>

## Personnel Information

VETERANS AFFAIRS	GRADE	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	*FY 06/07	FY 07/08 RECOMM	FY 07/08 ADOPTED	INC/DEC FY 08 - 07	EXEMPT (Y/N)
Veterans Affairs Director	22	1	1	1	1	1	0	Y
Assistant Veterans Affairs Officer	20	1	1	1	1	1	0	N
Eligibility Specialist	12	2	2	2	2	2	0	N
<b>TOTAL, VETERANS AFFAIRS</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	

\*Includes any changes made during FY 06/07

## FY 08 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

The Veteran's Affairs FY 08 Adopted Budget reflects the following changes and initiatives:

- Transportation costs are budgeted at \$45,000, allowing the department to provide transportation for Veterans to and from medical appointments.
- Capital expenditures include the purchase of four (4) scanners (\$1,000) and other computer equipment to replace outdated computers (\$2,500).

## Ongoing Initiatives

- Conduct research, preparation, development, and presentation to final determination of all claims sent to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office for adjudications.
- Maintain all veterans' military medical records, discharge records and safeguard.
- Provide analytical review during the initial claim process and to include the appeal reviews.
- Conduct home visits of shut-in Veterans per their requests to review the Veterans' entitlements.
- Conduct off-site training and education sessions in conjunction with other county agencies throughout the county.
- Conduct one-on-one escorts with Veterans to medical appointments to assure that the Veteran's interests and concerns are represented.