

OFFICE OF VETERANS AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS

The Honorable John Harvey, Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs



The Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs has two important missions. The Secretariat identifies and manages issues and opportunities in the Commonwealth of Virginia for veterans, members of the U.S. Armed Forces, and their families. Of primary importance are their workforce development, health care, and educational needs. As Virginia is home to the Nation’s largest population of working-age veterans and those under the age of 25, the Secretariat maintains a particular focus of leveraging the leadership skills and abilities of these individuals, finding and leading our newest generation of veterans on the path to employability.

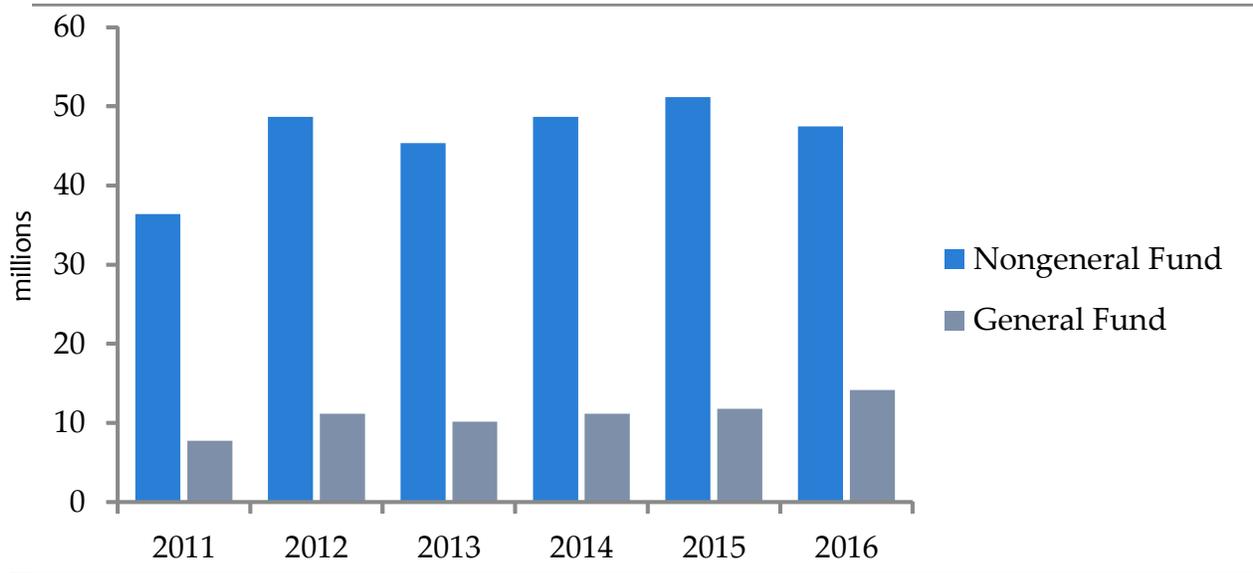


The Secretariat also leads the Governor’s initiatives focused on relationship-building with and support of our military and defense installations and the communities surrounding them. The Secretariat engages in supporting and strengthening the military and national defense missions in the Commonwealth through active community involvement and the Governor’s Virginia Military Advisory Council, on which the Secretary serves as Chair.

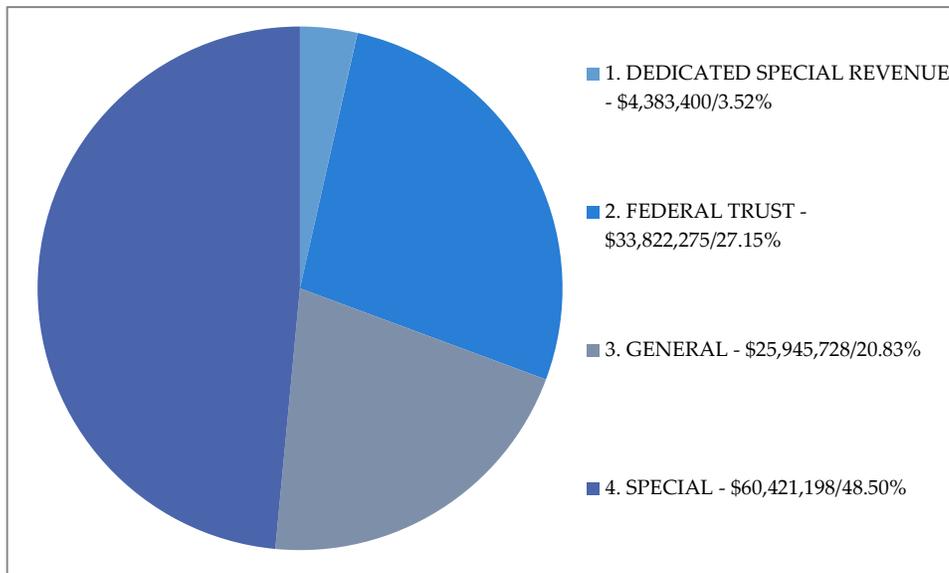
Office of Veterans and Defense Affairs Includes:

Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs	Department of Veterans Services
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Office of Veterans and Defense Affairs Operating Budget History



Financing of the Office of Veterans and Defense Affairs* Based on 2014-2016 Proposed Operating Budget *Funds with totals less than 1% have not been included



Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2011 Appropriation	\$ 473,958	\$ 567,418	\$ 839,469
2012 Appropriation	\$ 473,958	\$ 767,418	\$ 990,309
2013 Appropriation	\$ 479,656	\$ 888,395	\$ 1,199,901
2014 Appropriation	\$ 699,844	\$ 2,174,899	\$ 1,199,901
2015 Base Budget	\$ 699,823	\$ 4,026,795	\$ 1,217,395
2015 Addenda	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
2015 Total	\$ 699,823	\$ 4,026,795	\$ 1,217,395
2016 Base Budget	\$ 691,320	\$ 888,395	\$ 1,217,395
2016 Addenda	\$ 0	\$ (538,463)	\$ (349,070)
2016 Total	\$ 691,320	\$ 349,932	\$ 868,325

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2011 Appropriation	6.00	3.00	9.00
2012 Appropriation	6.00	3.00	9.00
2013 Appropriation	6.00	3.00	9.00
2014 Appropriation	6.00	3.00	9.00
2015 Base Budget	6.00	3.00	9.00
2015 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2015 Total	6.00	3.00	9.00
2016 Base Budget	6.00	3.00	9.00
2016 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2016 Total	6.00	3.00	9.00

Recommended Operating Budget Addenda

- **Transfer funding associated with the transfer of homeland security responsibilities**

Transfers nongeneral fund appropriation to support the homeland security responsibilities that were transferred as authorized in Chapter 115 of the 2014 Session of the General Assembly from the Secretary of the Veterans and Defense Affairs to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security.

	FY 2015	FY 2016
Nongeneral Fund	\$ 0	\$ (538,463)

Department of Veterans Services

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2011 Appropriation	\$ 7,280,118	\$ 35,820,085	\$ 29,993,385
2012 Appropriation	\$ 8,515,991	\$ 41,400,085	\$ 35,738,811
2013 Appropriation	\$ 9,676,067	\$ 44,448,821	\$ 38,038,406
2014 Appropriation	\$ 10,192,355	\$ 46,476,857	\$ 39,278,816
2015 Base Budget	\$ 11,073,397	\$ 47,143,168	\$ 40,157,081
2015 Addenda	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
2015 Total	\$ 11,073,397	\$ 47,143,168	\$ 40,157,081
2016 Base Budget	\$ 11,009,897	\$ 46,964,978	\$ 40,182,708
2016 Addenda	\$ 2,471,291	\$ 142,000	\$ 1,474,291
2016 Total	\$ 13,481,188	\$ 47,106,978	\$ 41,656,999

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2011 Appropriation	103.00	509.00	612.00
2012 Appropriation	106.00	511.00	617.00
2013 Appropriation	112.00	561.00	673.00
2014 Appropriation	112.00	561.00	673.00
2015 Base Budget	113.00	563.00	676.00
2015 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2015 Total	113.00	563.00	676.00
2016 Base Budget	113.00	563.00	676.00
2016 Addenda	9.00	0.00	9.00
2016 Total	122.00	563.00	685.00

Recommended Operating Budget Addenda

- **Create new service area and establish appropriations for the Virginia Values Veterans and the Virginia Transition Assistance Program**

Creates a new service area and establishes appropriations for the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) and the Virginia Transition Assistance Program (VTAP). Also included is the conversion of federal appropriation to Foundation Fund appropriation.

• **Create seamless transitions and employment opportunities for veterans through V3 and VTAP**

Provides funding to allow the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) to continue to support the hiring of veterans by Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program companies. Funding is also included for the Virginia Transition Assistance Program (VTAP), which supports the transition of veterans from military service to civilian education, training, or employment in the Virginia workforce. Also includes nongeneral fund appropriation to support donations received toward V3 and VTAP activities.

	FY 2015		FY 2016
General Fund	\$	0	\$ 474,000
Nongeneral Fund	\$	0	\$ 100,000

• **Ensure continued access to post-secondary education and training for veterans and families**

Provides general fund support and one position to conduct eligibility and certification for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP). Also provided is nongeneral fund support for the Veterans Education, Training, and Employment (VETE) section to continue the post-secondary education and training program for veterans and family members under the federal G.I. Bill program and the state VMSDEP program.

	FY 2015		FY 2016
General Fund	\$	0	\$ 67,090
Nongeneral Fund	\$	0	\$ 42,000
Authorized Positions		0.00	1.00

• **Improve outcomes for veterans and families**

Provides funding to allow the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) benefit field offices to serve veterans who seek assistance with obtaining U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) benefits for healthcare and other services. Includes funding to fill five vacant positions in order to close critical service gaps by hiring three claims agents (McGuire and Salem VA Medical Centers, Norfolk) and two administrators (Fairfax and Roanoke). Includes funding for career development programs for claims agents and administrators; increased operating costs; IT services upgrade at DVS field

offices; and the conversion of 13 administrative positions at field offices to claims agent positions to improve access to services for veterans and their families. Also includes funding to hire two additional claims agents (Christiansburg and Fredericksburg) and four administrative positions (Hampton VA Medical Center, Henrico, Christiansburg, and Fredericksburg); and to open and operate two new field offices (Christiansburg and Fredericksburg). Also authorized are two positions (a claims agent and an administrator) for a potential partnership/funding through local government(s).

	FY 2015		FY 2016
General Fund	\$	0	\$ 1,750,201
Authorized Positions		0.00	8.00

• **Increase number of burial sites at Suffolk veterans' cemetery**

Authorizes a Treasury loan for the construction of additional cremated burial sites and associated landscaping and infrastructure at the Suffolk veterans' cemetery, upon the confirmation of the availability of federal grant funding for the project.

• **Provide support for local positions aiding homeless veterans**

Provides support for three local Housing Resource Specialists (HRS) positions for the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) regions in Northern Virginia, Southwest Virginia, and Greater Hampton Roads. These positions provide assistance to veterans with overall affordable and accessible housing needs to include those coping with mental and/or physical disabilities and elderly veterans.

	FY 2015		FY 2016
General Fund	\$	0	\$ 180,000