

Office of Veterans and Defense Affairs

The Honorable Craig Crenshaw, Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs



The Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs distinguishes and elevates issues and opportunities for our veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Secretary Crenshaw leads the Governor's initiatives focused on relationship building with and support of our military and defense installations and the communities surrounding them.

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Operating Summary for Office of Veterans and Defense Affairs (Dollars in Millions)

Funds	FY 2025 Base Budget	FY 2025 Changes	FY 2025 Total	FY 2026 Base Budget	FY 2026 Changes	FY 2026 Total
Total	\$261.30	\$6.33	\$267.63	\$238.13	\$1.48	\$239.61
General	\$80.17	\$5.47	\$85.64	\$57.00	\$0.52	\$57.52
Special	\$56.72	\$0.00	\$56.72	\$56.72	\$0.00	\$56.72
Trust and Agency	\$2.47	\$0.00	\$2.47	\$2.47	\$0.00	\$2.47
Dedicated Special	\$5.92	\$0.00	\$5.92	\$5.92	\$0.50	\$6.42
Federal	\$116.02	\$0.86	\$116.87	\$116.02	\$0.46	\$116.48

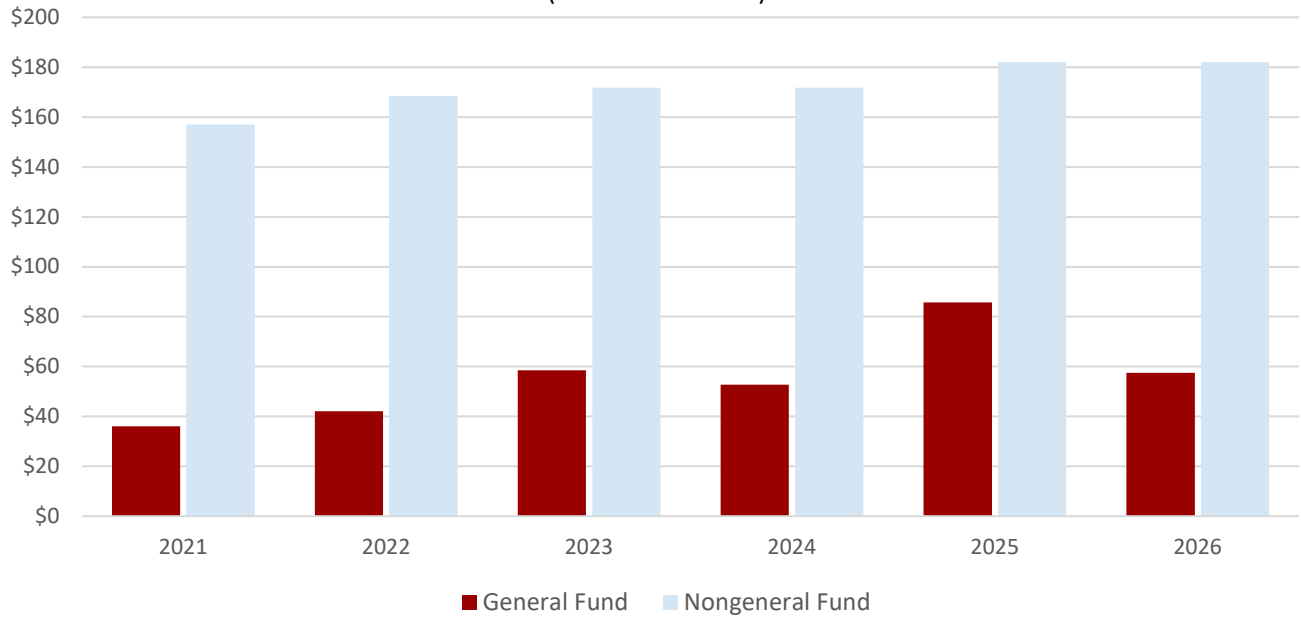
Authorized Positions for Office of Veterans and Defense Affairs

Funds	FY 2025 Base Budget	FY 2025 Changes	FY 2025 Totals	FY 2026 Base Budget	FY 2026 Changes	FY 2026 Totals
Total	1,792.50	4.00	1,796.50	1,792.50	12.00	1,804.50
General Fund	364.47	0.00	364.47	364.47	2.00	366.47
Nongeneral Fund	1,428.03	4.00	1,432.03	1,428.03	10.00	1,438.03

Operating Budget History

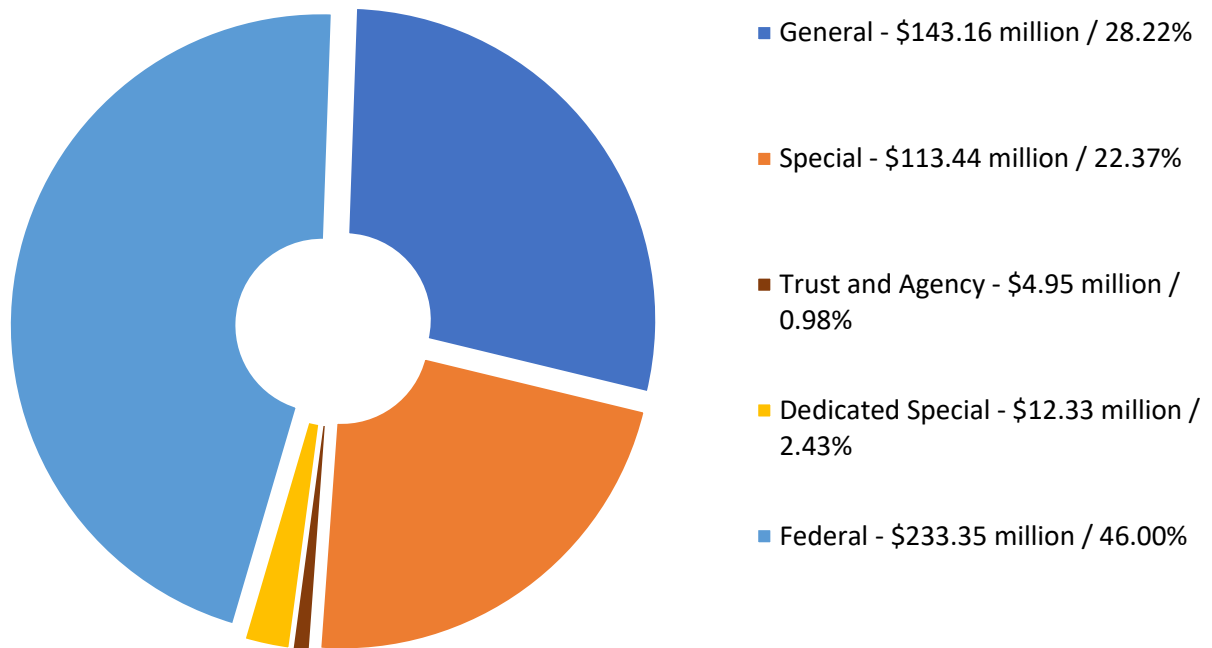
Office of Veterans and Defense Affairs

(Dollars in Millions)



2024-2026 Biennium Total Proposed Operating Budget

Office of Veteran and Defense Affairs



Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs

Operating Budget Summary				Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$1,466,825	\$3,476,893	\$976,037	5.00	1.00	6.00
2022 Appropriation	\$1,466,825	\$2,876,893	\$976,037	5.00	1.00	6.00
2023 Appropriation	\$6,850,740	\$2,858,123	\$1,207,853	5.00	1.00	6.00
2024 Appropriation	\$1,850,740	\$2,858,123	\$1,207,853	5.00	1.00	6.00
2025 Appropriation	\$4,942,938	\$2,868,117	\$1,294,405	5.00	1.00	6.00
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025 Total	\$4,942,938	\$2,868,117	\$1,294,405	5.00	1.00	6.00
2026 Appropriation	\$1,942,938	\$2,868,117	\$1,294,405	5.00	1.00	6.00
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2026 Total	\$1,942,938	\$2,868,117	\$1,294,405	5.00	1.00	6.00

Department of Veterans Services

Operating Budget Summary				Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$22,673,078	\$87,603,216	\$77,622,236	236.00	890.00	1,126.00
2022 Appropriation	\$28,547,578	\$99,608,216	\$90,676,149	237.00	1,110.00	1,347.00
2023 Appropriation	\$36,942,908	\$101,343,037	\$95,239,904	271.00	1,111.00	1,382.00
2024 Appropriation	\$36,756,876	\$101,343,037	\$95,574,898	271.00	1,111.00	1,382.00
2025 Appropriation	\$59,251,490	\$108,399,188	\$129,199,547	271.00	1,111.00	1,382.00
2025 Intro Changes	\$5,472,142	\$0	\$4,660,000	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025 Total	\$64,723,632	\$108,399,188	\$133,859,547	271.00	1,111.00	1,382.00
2026 Appropriation	\$39,540,489	\$108,399,188	\$110,099,547	271.00	1,111.00	1,382.00
2026 Intro Changes	\$466,024	\$0	\$224,303	2.00	6.00	8.00
2026 Total	\$40,006,513	\$108,399,188	\$110,323,850	273.00	1,117.00	1,390.00

Capital Outlay Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Bond Proceeds	Capital Outlay Total
2025 Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2025 Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2026 Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$6,160,000	\$0	\$6,160,000
2026 Total	\$0	\$6,160,000	\$0	\$6,160,000

Operating Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Technical Changes

Transfer positions to reflect agency operations

Moves positions to the appropriate program areas within the agency.

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Fund Veterans Education Training and Employment specialist

Provides one position for a Veterans Education Training and Employment (VETE) transition specialist.

	2025	2026
General Fund	\$0	\$126,068
Authorized Positions	0.00	1.00

Part B: 2025 Amendments to the Biennial Budget - 2024-2026 Biennium

Support information technology systems		2025	2026
Provides funding and one position to support the development, security, and maintenance of the agency's information technology systems. One-time funding is provided in the first year to add text messaging capabilities to the Veteran Engagement and Scheduling Application (VESA) system.			
General Fund		\$812,142	\$339,956
Authorized Positions		0.00	1.00
Support start-up operations at Jones & Cabacoy and Puller Veterans Care Centers			
Provides one-time funding for start-up operations of the Jones & Cabacoy and Puller Veterans Care Centers.		2025	2026
General Fund		\$4,660,000	\$0
Provide nongeneral fund positions for the Davis & McDaniel Veterans Care Center			
Provides positions to replace contractors with state employees at Davis & McDaniel Veterans Care Center.		2025	2026
Authorized Positions		0.00	6.00
Establish Veterans Care Center line of credit			
Authorizes a \$2.6 million line of credit to support operations at Davis & McDaniel Veterans Care Center.			

Capital Outlay Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Fund improvements at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery		2025	2026
Authorizes federal fund support to renovate the flagpole area and service shield wall at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, Virginia.			
Nongeneral Fund		\$0	\$330,000
Fund improvements at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery			
Authorizes federal fund support to renovate the flagpole area and service shield wall at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, Virginia.		2025	2026
Nongeneral Fund		\$0	\$330,000
Fund improvements at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia			
Authorizes federal fund support to renovate the flagpole area and service shield wall and construct a cemetery operations building, new equipment bays, and additional parking spaces at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia County, Virginia.		2025	2026
Nongeneral Fund		\$0	\$5,500,000

Veterans Services Foundation

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$351,575	\$796,500	\$120,486	2.00	0.00	2.00
2022 Appropriation	\$351,575	\$796,500	\$120,486	2.00	0.00	2.00
2023 Appropriation	\$412,592	\$796,500	\$182,253	2.00	0.00	2.00
2024 Appropriation	\$412,592	\$796,500	\$182,253	2.00	0.00	2.00
2025 Appropriation	\$431,955	\$850,165	\$216,022	2.00	0.00	2.00
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025 Total	\$431,955	\$850,165	\$216,022	2.00	0.00	2.00
2026 Appropriation	\$431,955	\$850,165	\$216,022	2.00	0.00	2.00
2026 Intro Changes	\$50,200	\$0	\$31,200	0.00	0.00	0.00
2026 Total	\$482,155	\$850,165	\$247,222	2.00	0.00	2.00

Operating Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Support website security and maintenance		2025	2026
Provides funding to cover costs associated with website security compliance.			
General Fund		\$0	\$12,000

Part B: 2025 Amendments to the Biennial Budget - 2024-2026 Biennium

Increase funding for travel expenses		2025	2026
Provides funding to cover staff travel expenses.	General Fund	\$0	\$7,000

Increase general fund support for wage position		2025	2026
Provides funding to support additional hours for an existing wage position to pursue grant opportunities that directly support Virginia's Veterans.	General Fund	\$0	\$31,200

Department of Military Affairs

Operating Budget Summary				Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$11,521,448	\$65,140,046	\$22,605,413	54.47	307.03	361.50
2022 Appropriation	\$11,771,448	\$65,140,046	\$22,655,413	55.47	307.03	362.50
2023 Appropriation	\$14,283,434	\$66,757,077	\$24,283,058	86.47	316.03	402.50
2024 Appropriation	\$13,697,434	\$66,757,077	\$24,283,058	86.47	316.03	402.50
2025 Appropriation	\$15,544,448	\$69,011,631	\$32,161,437	86.47	316.03	402.50
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$858,540	\$303,096	0.00	4.00	4.00
2025 Total	\$15,544,448	\$69,870,171	\$32,464,533	86.47	320.03	406.50
2026 Appropriation	\$15,083,448	\$69,011,631	\$32,161,437	86.47	316.03	402.50
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$962,500	\$433,464	0.00	4.00	4.00
2026 Total	\$15,083,448	\$69,974,131	\$32,594,901	86.47	320.03	406.50

Capital Outlay Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Bond Proceeds	Capital Outlay Total
2025 Appropriation	\$0	\$66,710,235	\$3,000,000	\$69,710,235
2025 Intro Changes	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000
2025 Total	\$2,500,000	\$66,710,235	\$3,000,000	\$72,210,235
2026 Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2026 Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Operating Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Establish nongeneral fund appropriation to support state active-duty response

Establishes nongeneral fund appropriation for state active-duty response missions.		2025	2026
	Nongeneral Fund	\$0	\$500,000

Fund a new STARBASE program

Provides additional federal appropriation and positions to support a new federally-funded science, technology, engineering, and mathematics youth program (STARBASE) in Blackstone, Virginia.		2025	2026
	Nongeneral Fund	\$858,540	\$462,500
	Authorized Positions	4.00	4.00

Add a line of credit for federally-reimbursable capital projects

Provides an additional line of credit of \$12.0 million for federally-reimbursable capital projects.

Capital Outlay Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Provide funding to support the construction of connector roads at the Army Aviation Support Facility

Supports the construction of two connector roads, including purchasing wetlands credits, at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Sandston, Virginia.		2025	2026
	General Fund	\$2,500,000	\$0