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**Veterans' Home Agency**
**Role and Overview**

The Veterans' Home Agency (OVH) cares for elderly, chronically ill, and disabled veterans at the agency's nursing homes or in less restrictive group living arrangements so that they can achieve their highest level of functional ability.

The home is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. The directors of the Department of Administrative Services and the Department of Aging, or their designees, serve as board members. The remaining five members, who are appointed by the Governor for five-year terms, must be veterans. The home has approximately 850 permanent employees and a budget of \$49.1 million in fiscal year 2005.

In 1886 the legislature recognized the need to provide a home for the state's aging Civil War veterans and established the Soldiers and Sailors Home, which is now known as the Veterans' Home Agency. It includes the 427-bed Secrest/Giffin nursing home and a 293-bed domiciliary located in Sandusky, Ohio. A new 168-bed nursing home facility, located in Georgetown, Ohio, admitted its first resident in November 2003. The facility was certified as a long-term care facility by both the Ohio Department of Health and the U.S. Veterans' Administration in fiscal year 2004. The facility is fully operational and is expected to be at full capacity at the end of fiscal year 2005. Reimbursements from the U.S. Veterans' Administration and resident assessment fees offset the cost of operating the homes.

The Veterans' Home Agency is online at: <http://ovh.ohio.gov/>.

**Executive Priorities for the Veterans' Home Agency**

- Provide long-term nursing and special care to Ohio's veterans.
- Provide domiciliary care to Ohio's veterans.
- Recognize veterans for their contributions to society.

**Summary of Budget History and Recommendations**

(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	19,664	20,530	26,927	25,170	(6.5)	26,081	3.6	26,385	1.2
General Services Fund Group	437	502	601	710	18.1	883	24.4	883	.0
Fed Special Revenue Fund Group	9,651	10,995	11,219	12,809	14.2	14,991	17.0	15,290	2.0
State Special Revenue Fund Group	6,724	6,835	6,061	8,292	36.8	9,093	9.7	9,301	2.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,476</b>	<b>38,861</b>	<b>44,807</b>	<b>46,980</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>51,047</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>51,859</b>	<b>1.6</b>

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(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	FY 2002	ACTUAL		ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
		FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
Personal Services	30,018	32,104	35,975	38,979	8.4	42,998	10.3	43,810	1.9
Purchased Services	218	169	295	1	(99.7)	0	(100.0)	0	.0
Maintenance	5,585	5,617	6,892	7,230	4.9	7,279	.7	7,279	.0
Equipment	560	887	1,565	691	(55.8)	690	(.1)	690	.0
Capital Improvements	95	73	81	79	(2.0)	80	1.2	80	.0
Transfer & Other	0	11	0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,476</b>	<b>38,861</b>	<b>44,807</b>	<b>46,980</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>51,047</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>51,859</b>	<b>1.6</b>

## PROGRAM SERIES 01: Patient Services

This program series provides care for the elderly, chronically ill, and disabled veterans in the appropriate living arrangement to help them achieve their highest level of functional ability.

### Program 01.01: Nursing Homes

This program provides long-term nursing home care to Ohio's veterans. The Sandusky and Georgetown facilities provide standard and special care (Alzheimer and dementia care) to veterans in need of nursing home care.

### What the Budget Buys:

- Supports the operation of a 427 bed nursing home facility in Sandusky, of which 140 beds are for Alzheimer's/dementia care; and
- Supports the operation of a 168 bed nursing home facility in Georgetown, of which 84 beds are for Alzheimer's/dementia care.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	430-100	Personal Services	15,130,138	15,434,298
GRF	GRF	430-200	Maintenance	4,978,355	4,978,355
GSF	484	430-603	Rental and Service Revenue	882,737	882,737
FED	3L2	430-601	Federal VA Per Diem Grant	13,075,111	13,374,921
SSR	4E2	430-602	Veterans Home Operating	7,438,571	7,646,640
SSR	604	430-604	Veterans Home Improvement	670,096	670,096
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>42,175,008</b>	<b>42,987,047</b>

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## Program 01.02: Domiciliary

This program provides a level of care, which offers independence and freedom in a homelike environment for residents able to care for themselves. Domiciliary Care is available at the Sandusky facility. A second level of care, Domiciliary Plus, is provided to residents who require a degree of care between independent living and nursing home care.

### What the Budget Buys:

- Allows the Domiciliary to operate 223 beds including one Domiciliary Plus unit with 42 beds.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	430-100	Personal Services	4,484,869	4,484,869
GRF	GRF	430-200	Maintenance	1,396,645	1,396,645
FED	3L2	430-601	Federal VA Per Diem Grant	1,915,399	1,915,399
SSR	4E2	430-602	Veterans Home Operating	884,160	884,160
SSR	604	430-604	Veterans Home Improvement	100,000	100,000
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>8,781,073</b>	<b>8,781,073</b>

## PROGRAM SERIES 02: Veterans Hall of Fame

This program series provides support for the Veterans Hall of Fame, which recognizes post-military achievements of veterans.

### Program 02.01: Veterans Hall of Fame

This program, established in 1992, recognizes post-military achievements of veterans to the civilian workplace. For America's veterans that continue to give to their communities, state and nation after honorable military service, the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame seeks to recognize them for their countless contributions to society.

### What the Budget Buys:

- Funds a yearly enshrinement ceremony honoring veterans for their contributions to the community; and
- Supports presentations to veterans' organizations and a newsletter publication, now available on the Internet.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	430-100	Personal Services	70,000	70,000
GRF	GRF	430-200	Maintenance	21,200	21,200
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>91,200</b>	<b>91,200</b>

## LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Veterans' Home

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ACTUAL	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2007 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	430-100	Personal Services	14,515,769	15,414,502	20,635,917	18,649,060	19,685,007	5.6	19,989,167	1.5
GRF	430-200	Maintenance	5,147,941	5,115,195	6,290,775	6,520,740	6,396,200	(1.9)	6,396,200	.0
<b>TOTAL General Revenue Fund</b>			<b>19,663,710</b>	<b>20,529,697</b>	<b>26,926,692</b>	<b>25,169,800</b>	<b>26,081,207</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>26,385,367</b>	<b>1.2</b>
484	430-603	Rental and Service Revenue	436,654	501,704	600,971	709,737	882,737	24.4	882,737	.0
<b>TOTAL General Services Fund Group</b>			<b>436,654</b>	<b>501,704</b>	<b>600,971</b>	<b>709,737</b>	<b>882,737</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>882,737</b>	<b>.0</b>
3L2	430-601	Federal VA Per Diem Grant	9,650,843	10,811,840	10,158,447	12,808,500	14,990,510	17.0	15,290,320	2.0
319	430-608	Southern Home Equipment	0	183,003	1,060,351	0	0	.0	0	.0
<b>TOTAL Fed Special Revenue Fund Group</b>			<b>9,650,843</b>	<b>10,994,843</b>	<b>11,218,798</b>	<b>12,808,500</b>	<b>14,990,510</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>15,290,320</b>	<b>2.0</b>
4E2	430-602	Veterans Home Operating	6,069,290	6,057,746	5,475,280	7,521,861	8,322,731	10.6	8,530,800	2.5
604	430-604	Veterans Home Improvement	655,116	777,285	585,307	770,096	770,096	.0	770,096	.0
<b>TOTAL State Special Revenue Fund Group</b>			<b>6,724,406</b>	<b>6,835,031</b>	<b>6,060,587</b>	<b>8,291,957</b>	<b>9,092,827</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>9,300,896</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>TOTAL Veterans' Home</b>			<b>36,475,613</b>	<b>38,861,275</b>	<b>44,807,048</b>	<b>46,979,994</b>	<b>51,047,281</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>51,859,320</b>	<b>1.6</b>