

AGENCY PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Administration: Administration

Subprogram History

The agency was detached from Department of Human Resources and established as an independent state agency in 1986. In 2014, the previous Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs was abolished and powers, duties and functions were transferred to the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office (K.S.A. 73-1208d). There was no major change in agency operations, goals or programs. The major change came by establishing the agency within the executive branch of government, with direction and supervision coming from a Director appointed by the Governor and subject confirmation by the Kansas Senate (K.S.A. 73-1208e). K.S.A. 73-1209 lays the general framework for the agency.

Consequences of Not Funding This Subprogram

If administration is not funded, the agency would not be able to maintain a Director, Chief Fiscal Officer or Director of Human Resources. Not funding these positions and other requisite expenditures, means the agency would not maintain central oversight of all other agency programs.

Statutory Basis

General: KSA 73-1208e; KSA 73-1209.

Mandatory/Discretionary	MOE/Match Requirement	Program Priority	Subprogram Priority
Discretionary	No	4	4

State Veteran Nursing Homes: State Veteran Nursing Homes

Subprogram History

In 1889, Fort Dodge became the Kansas Soldiers Home and operated as its own state agency until 1976. In 1976, the Kansas Soldiers Home was operated by the Kansas Veterans' Commission under the Department of Human Resources. In 1986, the Kansas Veterans' Commission was abolished and the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs and the Commission, along with the Soldiers' Home, became its own independent agency with the Commission maintaining supervisory control of the Soldiers' Home. In 1997, the former Winfield State Hospital and Training Center was converted to the Kansas Veterans' Home under the supervisory control of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs.

Consequences of Not Funding This Subprogram

Would not be able to provide long term healthcare services to eligible Kansas Veterans.

Statutory Basis

Specific: KSA 76-1901 through 76-1941; KSA 76-1951 through 76-1958.

Mandatory/Discretionary	MOE/Match Requirement	Program Priority	Subprogram Priority
Mandatory	No	2	2

Veterans Cemeteries: Veterans Cemeteries

Subprogram History

On April 22, 1999 K.S.A. 73-1232 authorized the establishment and maintenance of a state system of Veterans' cemeteries.

Consequences of Not Funding This Subprogram

Would not be able to provide Veterans and their eligible family members with internment opportunities.

Statutory Basis

Specific: KSA 73-1232.

Mandatory/Discretionary	MOE/Match Requirement	Program Priority	Subprogram Priority
Mandatory	No	3	3

Veterans Services: Veterans Services

Subprogram History

The Service Agency was established in 1937 as a Division of Social Welfare to assist Veterans and survivors in obtaining federal benefits. The Approval Agency was established in 1945 to implement the G.I. Bill. On January 20, 1946, the responsibility of accrediting institutions and business establishments was transferred to the Office of Veterans' Affairs, as the State Approving Agency (SAA). On April 20, 1946, SB 396 created the Veterans' Claims Assistance Program (VCAP). K.S.A. 73-1234 is the modern embodiment of the VCAP. K.S.A. 74-8724 established the Veterans' Enhanced Service Delivery Program. In 2011, this program started receiving funds from lottery scratch ticket sales. In 2009, K.S.A. 73-1238 established the Vietnam Era Veterans' Medallion Program, which provides for application from Veterans for a medal, medallion and certificate of appreciation for Kansas Vietnam Era Veterans.

Consequences of Not Funding This Subprogram

Would not be able to provide information and advocacy to Kansas Veterans and eligible families.

Statutory Basis

Specific: KSA 73-1208f; KSA 73-1209; KSA 73-1234; KSA 74-8724; KSA 73-1238.

Mandatory/Discretionary	MOE/Match Requirement	Program Priority	Subprogram Priority
Mandatory	No	1	1

Subprograms Without Narrative Data

AGENCY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

			2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Estimate	2027 Estimate
State Veteran Nursing Homes: State Veteran Nursing Homes								
Goal	Type	Measure						
	Outcome	Average daily census (KSH)	78	89	90	87	90	92
		Average daily census (KVH)	89	102	105	100	105	107
		Hours per resident day (KSH)	4.52	4.25	4.30	4.69	4.35	4.35
		Hours per resident day (KVH)	4.46	4.35	4.48	4.75	4.75	4.75
		VA/CMS deficiencies in business practices (KSH)	0	0	1	0	0	0
		VA/CMS deficiencies in business practices (KVH)	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Volunteer hours logged (KSH)	2,500	3,500	3,000	3,000	3,500	3,500
		Volunteer hours logged (KVH)	234.00	448.00	609.00	1,502.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Output	LTC residents on Medicaid (KSH)	0.50	0.45	0.37	0.24	0.27	0.27
		LTC residents on Medicaid (KVH)	0.28	0.29	0.23	0.20	0.20	0.20
		Outreach/speaking engagements promoting the home (KSH)	10	10	15	10	10	10
		Outreach/speaking engagements promoting the home (KVH)	9	12	11	10	11	11
Veterans Cemeteries: Veterans Cemeteries								
Goal	Type	Measure						
	Outcome	Number of burials per year	456	459	464	460	465	470
		Number of pre-certifications received per year	332	516	573	478	500	500
	Output	Number of events (speaking/handout information) attended locally and statewide	10	12	13	13	15	15

			2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Estimate	2027 Estimate
	Output	Number of funeral homes visited/contacted per year to update/promote the cemeteries	25	26	20	21	20	20

Veterans Services: Veterans Services

Goal	Type	Measure						
Provide information and advocacy to Kansas Veterans and eligible family members by assisting them in obtaining all federal and state benefits they have earned.	Outcome	Monetary value of claims awarded (in millions)	\$295.48	\$274.29	\$380.63	\$525.00	\$505.00	\$510.00
		New claims submitted	10,522	14,780	15,937	17,769	16,500	17,000
		Veterans in database	110,654	114,885	119,718	124,393	125,000	130,000
	Output	Number of Outreach Briefings / Events	375	677	614	776	650	675

Footnotes