

**Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs**  
**Budget Amendments**

**FY 2013 Amendment #1: Veterans' Claims Assistance Program (VCAP) Service Organization Grants.**

*Add \$108,886, all from the State General Fund, for an increase in VCAP grant funding. This recommendation is for increases in contractual services related to increases in staffing costs and increases in health insurance costs for hospital staff.*

**FY 2013 Amendment #2: Triplett Hall Expansion (\$599,634 non-reportable).**

*Add reportable expenditures of \$500,000 from the Veterans' Home Medicare Fund, and non-reportable expenditures of \$599,634 Veterans' Home Medicaid Fund, to increase the number of licensed beds in Triplett Hall at the Kansas Veterans' Home.*

- Due to budget cuts in FY 2010, a reduction in licensed beds reduced the maximum possible census, which resulted in a reduced revenue generating potential from Medicare and Medicaid.
- The agency reduced the number of licensed beds prior to the Kansas Veterans' Home being a certified Medicare and Medicaid facility.
- The Kansas Veterans' Home reports a consistent occupancy rate exceeding 95.0 percent, and the agency's request would increase the total occupancy in Triplett Hall by 40 beds.
- The agency projects that the increased capacity will increase revenue by expanding services of Alzheimer/Special Care, Medicare, and Medicaid.
- The agency's plan is to relocate one of the four long-term care units in Bleckley Hall to Triplett Hall, and convert the vacated unit into an Alzheimer/Special Care unit with a capacity of 20 beds.
- The agency estimates that expenditures associated with the expansion will be covered by projected increases in revenue from Medicaid and Medicare, and an increase in the total population served.

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**FY 2012 Amendment #1: Veterans' Claims Assistance Program (VCAP) Service Organization Grants.**

*Add \$32,732, all from the State General Fund, for an increase in VCAP grant funding. This recommendation is for increases in contractual services related to increases in staffing costs and increases in health insurance costs for American Legion and Veterans' of Foreign Wars hospital staff.*

- The Veterans' Claims Assistance Program implements and administers annual service grants to eligible veterans' service organizations pursuant to grant agreements entered into with the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs.
- Grants are provided to veteran service organizations to hire service officers through the Veterans' Claims Assistance Program, and provide support to the state's three VA medical centers.
- State General Funds are appropriated each year for this program, and 100.0 percent of the funds must be allocated to the participating veterans' service organizations.
- Grants are awarded annually through grant agreements entered into with the agency, which solicits participation from all eligible veteran service organizations that have a presence in a VA hospital in Kansas.
- Two organizations, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, elected to participate in FY 2012 and FY 2013. Grant recipients indicate that current funding for the program is below the amount initially allocated in FY 2006, and is endangering participation in the program.