

Administration

Consequences of Not Funding this Program

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, the agency would not maintain central oversight of all other agency programs.

Statutory Basis	Mandatory vs. Discretionary	MOE/Match Rqt.	Priority Level
General KSA 73-1208e; KSA 73-1209	Discretionary	No	4

Program Goals

- A. Provide guidance and oversight for Veteran programs.
- B. Provide fiscal, human resources, and IT services to other program areas.

Program 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 (KSA 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 (KSA 73-1208e). KSA 73-1209 lays the general framework for the agency.

Performance Measures

Outcome Measures Goal	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	3- yr. Avg.	FY 2022	FY 2023
NA						
<i>Output Measures</i>						
NA						

Funding - excludes COVID expenditures

Funding Source	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
State General Fund	\$ 590,693	\$549,515	\$ 553,681	\$ 729,929	\$ 592,236	\$ 610,642
Non-SGF State	25,019	-	-	-	-	-
Federal Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 615,712	\$549,515	\$ 553,681	\$ 729,929	\$ 592,236	\$ 610,642

Veterans Services

Consequences of Not Funding this Program

Failure to fund the Veterans Services program would be multifaceted. First, Kansas Veterans would be unable to reach out to the agency for information, advice, direction and assistance in applying for federal VA benefits. Second, partnering service organizations (VFW and American Legion) would have less resources available to adequately assist Kansas Veterans in obtaining information, advice, direction and assistance in applying for federal VA benefits.

Statutory Basis	Mandatory vs. Discretionary	MOE/Match Rqt.	Priority Level
Specific KSA 73-1208f; KSA 73-1209; KSA 73-1234; KSA 74-8724; KSA 73-1238	Mandatory	No	1

Program Goals

A. Provide information and advocacy to Kansas Veterans and eligible family members by assisting them in obtaining all federal and state benefits they have earned.
B.
C.

Program 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). KSA 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.

Performance Measures

<i>Outcome Measures Goal</i>		<i>FY 2019</i>	<i>FY 2020</i>	<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>3- yr. Avg.</i>	<i>FY 2022</i>	<i>FY 2023</i>
Monetary Value of Claims Awarded (in	A	\$ 168.1	\$ 199.4	\$ 202.4	\$ 190.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 205.0
New Claims	A	10,773	6,310	6,062	7,715	6,250	6,500
Veterans in Database	A	80,328	100,505	106,098	95,644	107,500	109,000
<i>Output</i>							
Number of	A	533	376	27	312	215	375

Funding - excludes COVID expenditures

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>FY 2018</i>	<i>FY 2019</i>	<i>FY 2020</i>	<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>FY 2022</i>	<i>FY 2023</i>
State General	\$ 2,246,274	\$ 2,174,996	\$ 2,055,980	\$ 2,113,001	\$ 1,944,257	\$ 1,918,665
Non-SGF State	13,247	525,213	564,269	274,073	525,224	562,353
Federal Funds	460,807	157,702	174,915	175,068	175,589	175,573
Total	\$ 2,720,328	\$ 2,857,911	\$ 2,795,164	\$ 2,562,142	\$ 2,645,070	\$ 2,656,591

Veterans Cemeteries

Consequences of Not Funding this Program

Defunding the Veterans Cemeteries program could result in the State of Kansas having to return federal dollars received to build the cemeteries. The amount that may need to be returned would be between 12.0 to 14.0 million dollars. Not funding the program would also forfeit Veterans the opportunity to be memorialized in cemeteries that are in full compliance with US Department of Veterans Affairs standards at no cost to the Veteran.

Statutory Basis	Mandatory vs. Discretionary	MOE/Match Rqt.	Priority Level
Specific KSA 73-1232	Mandatory	No	3

Program Goals

A. Provide Veterans and their eligible family members with interment opportunities for burial with dignity and honor in a
 B.
 C.

Program History

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

Performance Measures

<i>Outcome Measures</i>	<i>Goal</i>	<i>FY 2019</i>	<i>FY 2020</i>	<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>3- yr. Avg.</i>	<i>FY 2022</i>	<i>FY 2023</i>
Number of burials per year	A	399	361	391	384	377	380
Number of pre-certifications received	A	374	411	426	404	400	405
<i>Output Measures</i>							
Number of funeral homes visited/contacted per	A	24	18	0	14	25	25
Number of events (speaking/handout information) attended locally and statewide	A	19	8	3	10	10	10

Funding - excludes COVID expenditures

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>FY 2018</i>	<i>FY 2019</i>	<i>FY 2020</i>	<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>FY 2022</i>	<i>FY 2023</i>
State General Fund	\$ 785,925	\$ 598,218	\$ 610,456	\$ 667,593	\$ 603,040	\$ 598,689
Non-SGF State Funds	8,586	200,601	19,055	141,219	224,206	224,205
Federal Funds	250,102	281,197	379,442	215,949	257,690	266,860
Total	\$ 1,044,613	\$ 1,080,016	\$ 1,008,953	\$ 1,024,761	\$ 1,084,936	\$ 1,089,754

Kansas Soldiers Home and Kansas Veterans Home

Consequences of Not Funding this Program

Not funding the homes would result in the discharge of roughly 160 Veterans at this moment in time. Those Veterans would need to find an alternative living arrangement at a different long term care or assisted living facility.

Statutory Basis	Mandatory vs. Discretionary	MOE/Match Rgt.	Priority Level
Specific 76-1901 through 76-1941; KSA 76-1951 through 76-1958	Mandatory	No	2

Program Goals

- A. Provide quality long term healthcare services to eligible Kansas Veterans through services provided by the Kansas Veterans' Home and Kansas Soldiers' Home.
- B. Kansas Veterans' Home and Kansas Soldiers Home will maintain fiscal integrity and good relations with other state agencies, vendors, and contractors.
- C. Maintain and encourage facilities' connections with the local community area media outlets, and local and national service organizations.

Program 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.

Performance Measures

Outcome Measures	Goal	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	3- yr. Avg.	FY 2022	FY 2023
Average Daily Census (KVH)	A	128	104	94	109	94	101
Average Daily Census (KSH)	A	112	96	81	96	76	85
Hours Per Resident Day (KVH)	A	4.25	4.58	4.99	4.61	4.7	4.75
Hours Per Resident Day (KSH)	A	4.25	4.27	4.52	4.35	4.52	4.25
VA/CMS deficiencies in business practices (KVH)	B	2	0	0	0.67	0	0
VA/CMS deficiencies in business practices (KSH)	B	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Volunteer hours logged (KVH)	C	3,472	1,663	568	1,901	1,000	1,500
Volunteer hours logged (KSH)	C	4,298	3,250	-	2,516	2,500	4,500
3. Outcome measure comparing outcomes to dollars							
Output Measures							
LTC Residents on Medicaid (KVH)	B	26%	29%	30%	28%	30%	30%
LTC Residents on Medicaid (KSH)	B	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Outreach/Speaking engagements promoting the home (KVH)	C	10	3	2	5	5	5
Outreach/Speaking engagements promoting the home (KSH)	C	8	12	3	8	10	10

Funding - includes COVID Expenditures

Funding Source	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
State General Fund	\$ 2,966,892	\$ 2,392,459	\$ 3,453,609	\$ 2,393,138	\$ 2,396,034	\$ 2,398,631
Non-SGF State Funds	7,039,915	9,679,343	8,274,597	6,167,367	6,337,637	9,135,031
Federal Funds	10,568,308	10,766,400	10,098,964	12,849,176	11,170,274	5,292,610
Total	\$ 20,575,115	\$ 22,838,202	\$ 21,827,170	\$ 21,409,681	\$ 19,903,945	\$ 16,826,272