

KANSAS OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

Appropriations Report

AGENCY OVERVIEW

The Kansas Office of Veterans Services (KOVVS) provides veterans and veterans' families in Kansas with advice and assistance in obtaining veterans' benefits and services that are intended to improve the quality of their lives. Aside from assisting veterans in obtaining federal and state benefits, including internment benefits at one of the four State Veterans' Cemeteries, the KOVVS operates two veterans' homes that provide long-term and domiciliary care to veterans and, on occasion, family of veterans.

BUDGET ITEMS

	Agency		LBC (HB 2007, as Introduced)		Final Approved (SB 125)	
	SGF	All Funds	SGF	All Funds	SGF	All Funds
FY 2025						
Approved						
Approved Budget	\$15,345,207	\$38,716,660	\$15,345,207	\$38,716,660	\$15,345,207	\$38,716,660
<i>Subtotal – Approved</i>	<i>\$15,345,207</i>	<i>\$38,716,660</i>	<i>\$ 15,345,207</i>	<i>\$38,716,660</i>	<i>\$15,345,207</i>	<i>\$38,716,660</i>
Reappropriation						
1. SGF Reappropriation	\$979,746	\$979,746	\$979,746	\$979,746	\$979,746	\$979,746
2. SIBF Reappropriation	-	\$16,165,811	-	\$16,165,811	-	\$16,165,811
<i>Subtotal – Reappropriation</i>	<i>\$979,746</i>	<i>\$17,145,557</i>	<i>\$ 979,746</i>	<i>\$17,145,557</i>	<i>\$979,746</i>	<i>\$17,145,557</i>
Other Changes						
3. Federal Per Diem	-	(\$747,986)	-	(\$747,986)	-	(\$747,986)
4. National Cemetery Grant	-	\$1,345,347	-	\$1,345,347	-	\$1,345,347
All Other Adjustments	-	(\$306,011)	-	(\$306,011)	-	(\$306,011)
<i>Subtotal – Other Changes</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$291,350</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$291,350</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$291,350</i>
TOTAL	\$16,324,953	\$56,153,567	\$16,324,953	\$56,153,567	\$16,324,953	\$56,153,567
FY 2026						
Approved						
Approved Budget	\$15,345,207	\$38,716,660	\$15,345,207	\$38,716,660	\$15,345,207	\$38,716,660
<i>Subtotal – Approved</i>	<i>\$15,345,207</i>	<i>\$38,716,660</i>	<i>\$ 15,345,207</i>	<i>\$38,716,660</i>	<i>\$15,345,207</i>	<i>\$38,716,660</i>
Enhancement						
5. Statewide SGF Operations Lapse	-	-	-	-	(\$64,759)	(\$64,759)
6. 2025 Pay Plan	-	-	-	-	\$395,782	\$437,917
<i>Subtotal – Enhancement</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$331,023</i>	<i>\$373,158</i>
Other Changes						
7. Nursing Personnel	(\$1,617,165)	\$3,422,549	(\$1,617,165)	\$3,422,549	(\$1,617,165)	\$3,422,549
8. Soldiers Home Capital Improvements	-	(\$1,045,942)	-	(\$1,045,942)	-	(\$1,045,942)
All Other Adjustments	\$1,735,986	(\$2,362,822)	\$1,735,986	(\$2,362,822)	\$1,735,986	(\$2,362,822)
<i>Subtotal – Other Changes</i>	<i>\$118,821</i>	<i>\$13,785</i>	<i>\$ 118,821</i>	<i>\$13,785</i>	<i>\$118,821</i>	<i>\$13,785</i>
TOTAL	\$15,464,028	\$38,730,445	\$15,464,028	\$38,730,445	\$15,795,051	\$39,103,603

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1. SGF Reappropriation

FY 2025

Agency: The agency carried over \$979,746 in unspent SGF moneys from FY 2024 into FY 2025. This includes \$452,149 for previously approved supplemental requests and legislative adjustments, \$413,171 for projects associated with the Veterans' Cemetery Program that were not completed due to delays in receiving adequate bids, and \$114,426 in salary savings from positions that were not filled due to turnover.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

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2. SIBF Reappropriation

FY 2025

Agency: The agency carried over \$16.2 million in unspent SIBF moneys from FY 2024 into FY 2025. These funds were appropriated for the construction of the new Northeast Kansas Veterans' Home located on a plot of land near the Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center in Topeka, Kansas.

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Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

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3. Federal Per Diem

FY 2025

Agency: Delete \$747,986, all from special revenue funds, for the federal per diem in FY 2025.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Delete \$747,986, all from special revenue funds, for the federal per diem in FY 2025.

4. National Cemetery Grant

FY 2025

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Agency: Add \$1.4 million, all from special revenue funds, for the National Cemetery Grant in FY 2025.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Add \$1.4 million, all from special revenue funds, for the National Cemetery Grant in FY 2025.

5. Statewide SGF Operations Lapse

FY 2026

Agency: N/A

LBC: N/A

House: N/A

Senate: N/A

Conference: Delete \$64,759 SGF to lapse 1.5 percent of SGF operating expenditures statewide for FY 2026.

Final Approved*: Delete \$64,759 SGF to lapse 1.5 percent of SGF operating expenditures statewide for FY 2026.

6. 2025 Pay Plan

FY 2026

Agency: N/A

LBC: N/A

House: N/A

Senate: N/A

Conference: Add \$437,917, including \$395,782 SGF, to provide salary increases for most state employees based on the Department of Administration's market survey for FY 2026.

Final Approved*: Add \$437,917, including \$395,782 SGF, to provide salary increases for most state employees based on the Department of Administration's market survey for FY 2026.

7. Nursing Personnel

FY 2026

Agency: Add \$3,422,549, all from special revenue funds, and delete \$1.6 million SGF, for additional personnel at the KSH and the KVH for FY 2026.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Add \$3,422,549, all from special revenue funds, and delete \$1.6 million SGF, for additional personnel at the KSH and the KVH for FY 2026.

8. Soldiers Home Capital Improvements

FY 2026

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Agency: Delete \$1.1 million SIBF for capital improvements at the Soldiers' Home for FY 2026.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Delete \$1.1 million SIBF for capital improvements at the Soldiers' Home for FY 2026.

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