

Agency Purpose

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) is “Dedicated to serving Minnesota Veterans and their families.” MDVA strives to enhance the lives of those it serves through the development and implementation of services that are tailored to meet the current and ongoing needs of veterans and their families.

At a Glance

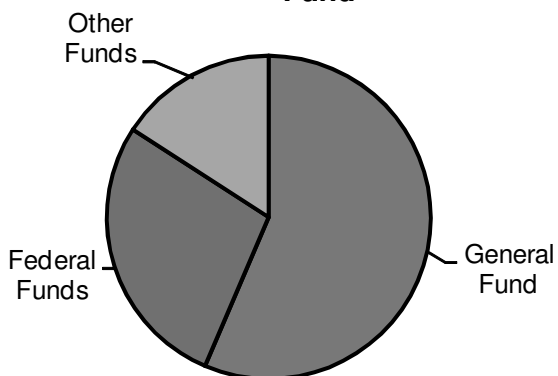
Veterans Health Care

- Total Operating Beds 794
 - Fergus Falls – 85 skilled nursing beds
 - Hastings – 200 domiciliary beds
 - Luverne – 85 skilled nursing beds
 - Minneapolis – 200 skilled nursing, 50 domiciliary, 91 special care unit beds
 - Silver Bay – 83 skilled nursing beds
- Statewide occupancy rate = 95 percent

Veterans Programs and Services

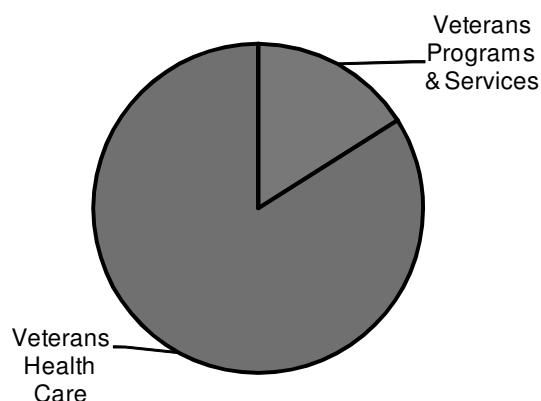
- In FY 2010, the State Soldiers Assistance Program (SSAP) received 3,579 new applications for assistance, and paid out over \$6 million in direct, emergency funds to veterans.
- 59 Veterans Assistance Offices on college campuses throughout the state, serving over 5,110 new visitors in 2009.
- In FY 2009, the Claims & Outreach Division staffed more than 900 events, performed 3,000+ hours of training, and received 19,786 rating decisions on claims it submitted to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Est. FY 2010-11 Expenditures by Fund



Source: Consolidated Fund Balance (FY11 modified)

Est. FY 2010-11 Expenditures by Program



Source: Veterans Affairs Dept

Strategies

MDVA accomplishes its mission by:

- Promoting self-sufficiency and personal responsibility through a temporary safety net of benefits and services;
- Supplying representation to clients pursuing federal veterans benefit claims;
- Ensuring a smooth transition for veterans from active military service to civilian life;
- Providing the highest quality programs for housing, health care, and supportive services to residents of the five state veterans homes; and
- Utilizing proven business practices to ensure the most timely, cost-effective delivery of benefits and services.

Operations

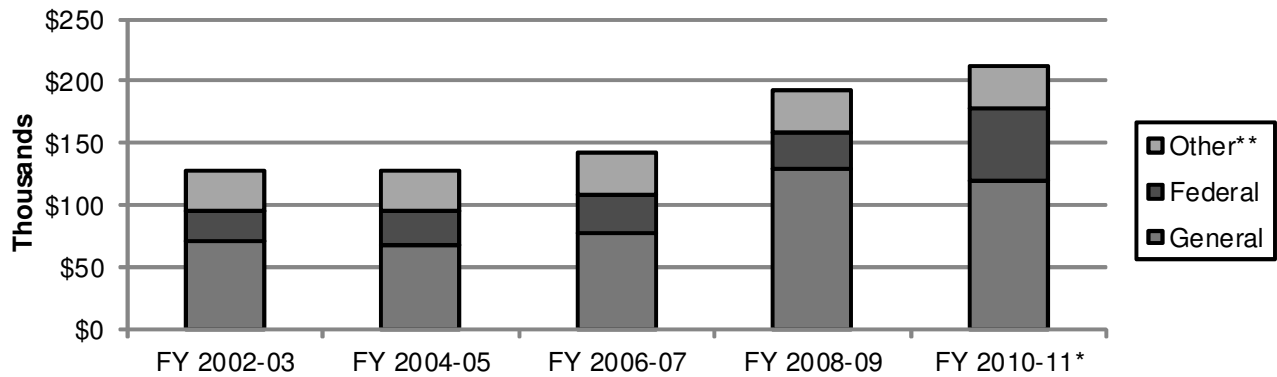
Programs and Services is responsible for overseeing and implementing direct-service programs to veterans and their families, providing federal claims assistance, conducting outreach to veterans, and operating the state veterans' cemetery.

Veterans Health Care oversees and operates of the five state veterans homes (Fergus Falls, Hastings, Luverne, Minneapolis, and Silver Bay).

Central Office provides department-wide services, including overall leadership, policy development, fiscal management, information technology, human resources, affirmative action, communications, veterans preference and state approving agency activities.

Budget Trends

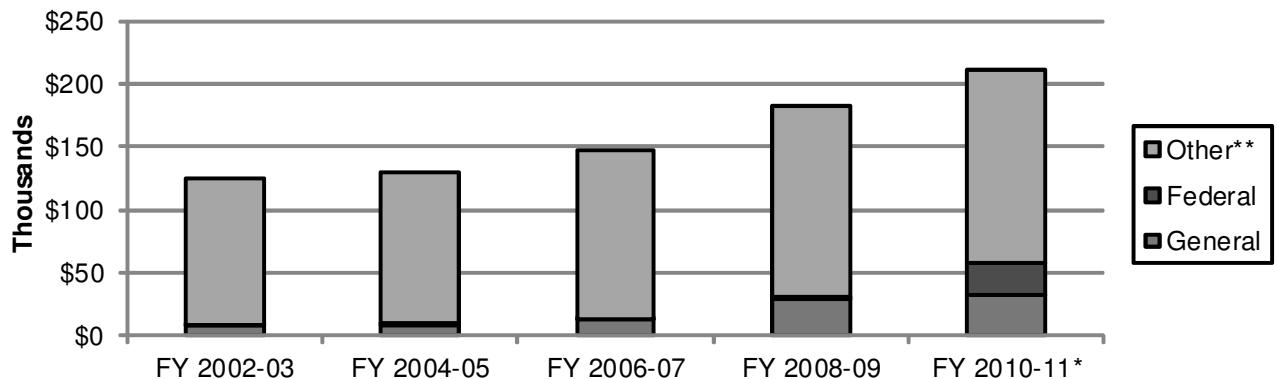
Total Revenues by Fund



* FY 2010-11 is estimated, not actual.

The agency has the authority to combine revenue sources and expend them from a separate fund in order to provide the necessary funding to individual veterans homes. Thus, the following chart illustrates these expenditures in the "Other" expenditures category, which includes revenue from the veterans health care fund, general fund and federal VA per diem.

Total Expenditures by Fund



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** Other expenditures category includes Veterans Health Care, General Fund and federal VA per diem.

Source data for the previous chart is the Minnesota Accounting and Procurement System (MAPS) as of September 2010.

There are many external factors affecting the department's operations, some include:

- An increased demand for services due to a weak economy and a large number of recently returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan who need assistance in securing benefits from the state and/or federal government;
- An overall aging veteran population. In the next 20 years, the number of veterans over the age 75 is expected to increase by approximately 9 percent.

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