

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
ANALYSIS OF BA-7 REQUEST
Approved By JLCB**

DEPARTMENT: Executive

AGENDA NO.: 1

AGENCY: Department of Military Affairs

ANALYST: Ryan Guidry

<u>Means of Financing</u>		<u>Expenditures by Program</u>		<u>T. O.</u>
State General Fund:	\$0	Military Affairs	\$27,765	1
Interagency Transfers:	\$0	Education	\$0	0
Self-Generated Revenue:	\$0	Auxiliary Account	\$0	0
Statutory Dedications:	\$0			
Federal Funds:	\$27,765			
Total	<u>\$27,765</u>	Total	<u>\$27,765</u>	<u>1</u>

I. SUMMARY/COMMENTS

The purpose of this BA-7 request is to appropriate federal dollars and add 1 T.O. position to the Military Affairs Program associated with the addition of an assistant procurement/purchasing agent position. The new position will assist the Senior Procurement Manager in the LA Army National Guard Construction & Facilities Management Office. Expenditures associated with this position will be 100% federally reimbursed through the current Master Cooperative Agreement between the LA Department of Military Affairs and the National Guard Bureau. Expenditures are limited to the salary (\$17,307 for remainder of fiscal year) and related benefits (\$10,458) of the new position.

II. IMPACT ON FUTURE FISCAL YEARS

Approval of this BA-7 request will result in the need for a total federal appropriation of \$53,354 in FY 19 and beyond for expenditures associated with this position. The LFO assumes this position will be annualized in the FY 19 executive budget document when presented in early 2018.

III. LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE RECOMMENDATION

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of this BA-7 request.

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DEPARTMENT: Veterans Affairs

AGENDA NO.: 2

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs

ANALYST: Ryan Guidry

<u>Means of Financing</u>		<u>Expenditures by Program</u>		<u>T. O.</u>
State General Fund:	\$0	Administrative	\$0	0
Interagency Transfers:	\$325,000	Claims	\$0	0
Self-Generated Revenue:	\$0	Contact Assistance	\$0	0
Statutory Dedications:	\$0	State Approval Agency	\$0	0
Federal Funds:	\$0	State Veterans Cemetery	\$325,000	0
Total	<u>\$325,000</u>	Total	<u>\$325,000</u>	<u>0</u>

I. SUMMARY/COMMENTS

The purpose of this BA-7 request is to increase IAT expenditure authority at the LA Department of Veterans Affairs (LDVA) to be sent via IAT from the Southwest Veterans Home to cover the upfront capital costs to begin work on the Southwest LA Veterans Cemetery in Jennings, LA. These funds will essentially act as seed to a federal grant providing for the design and construction of the new cemetery in Jennings. All design and construction expenditures will be reimbursed 100% by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration and those funds will be reimbursed to Southwest LA War Veterans Home. The original source is SGR derived from insurance co-payments, pensions, private pay, room rental and monthly fees that are used to cover cost of care expenses for veterans.

Once the cemetery is completed and open, the state will be responsible for ongoing upkeep, maintenance and operating costs. Total cost of the cemetery's design and construction was estimated at \$7.48 M as included in HB 2 of the 2017 2nd Extraordinary Session.

Facility Planning & Control provided the following estimated construction startup costs for the Southwest LA Veterans Cemetery:

\$290,871	65% of estimated design fee of \$447,355.
\$20,000	Topographic and Geotechnical Surveys
\$1,100	Advertisements
<u>\$13,119</u>	Miscellaneous (contingency set-aside for design and surveys)
\$325,000	

LDVA will provide burial services free of charge for veterans and allow burial of family members for a fee of \$700. LDVA receives a veteran burial allowance of \$762 per burial as reimbursement from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

II. IMPACT ON FUTURE FISCAL YEARS

Once construction of the Southwest LA Veterans Cemetery is complete, the LDVA will be responsible for providing ongoing operations, upkeep and maintenance. As such, LDVA will require additional budget resources upon cemetery opening. LDVA estimates the annual operating cost at \$341,883 with a projected opening date in the Fall 2019. At opening, the entire operating cost will require SGF. The SGF requirement will decline somewhat as burials begin at the cemetery resulting in both federal reimbursement and SGR collections, but those amounts are indeterminable at the current time.

III. LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE RECOMMENDATION

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of this BA-7 request.

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DEPARTMENT: Veterans Affairs

AGENDA NO.: 3

AGENCY: Southwest LA War Veterans Home

ANALYST: Ryan Guidry

<u>Means of Financing</u>		<u>Expenditures by Program</u>		<u>T. O.</u>
State General Fund:	\$0	Southwest LA War Veterans Home	\$325,000	0
Interagency Transfers:	\$0			
Self-Generated Revenue:	\$325,000			
Statutory Dedications:	\$0			
Federal Funds:	\$0			
Total	<u>\$325,000</u>	Total	<u>\$325,000</u>	<u>0</u>

I. SUMMARY/COMMENTS

The purpose of this BA-7 request is to increase SGR expenditure authority at the Southwest Veterans Home to be sent via IAT to the LA Department of Veterans Affairs (LDVA) to cover the upfront capital costs to begin work on the Southwest LA Veterans Cemetery in Jennings, LA. These funds will essentially act as seed to a federal grant providing for the design and construction of the new cemetery in Jennings. All design and construction expenditures will be reimbursed 100% by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration and those funds will be reimbursed to Southwest LA War Veterans Home. The source of SGR is insurance co-payments, pensions, private pay, room rental and monthly fees that are used to cover cost of care expenses for veterans.

Southwest LA War Veterans Home has sufficient existing and projected SGR fund balances in FY 18 to allow seeding of the startup costs:

*Projected End-of-Year Fund Balance	\$922,519
BA-7 Request	<u>\$325,000</u>
Projected End-of-Year Balance if Approved	\$597,519

II. IMPACT ON FUTURE FISCAL YEARS

Approval of this BA-7 request will have no impact on future fiscal years.

III. LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE RECOMMENDATION

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of this BA-7 request.