

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

DEPARTMENT: Veterans Affairs

AGENDA NO.: 1A

AGENCY: Northwest 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	Northwest LA War Veterans Home	\$175,000	0
Interagency Transfers:	\$0			
Self-Generated Revenue:	\$175,000			
Statutory Dedications:	\$0			
Federal Funds:	\$0			
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$175,000</u></b>	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$175,000</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>

**I. SUMMARY/COMMENTS**

The purpose of this BA-7 request is to increase SGR expenditure authority at the Northwest LA War Veterans Home to be sent via IAT to the LA Department of Veterans Affairs (LDVA) to cover upfront capital costs for the expansion of the columbarium and the in-ground cremains burial area for the Southeast LA Veterans Cemetery in Slidell, LA. These funds will essentially act as seed to a federal grant for design and construction for the expansion in Slidell. 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 the Northwest 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 costs of care expenses for veterans. LDVA anticipates receiving federal reimbursement within a year.

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

**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.

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**AGENDA NO.:** 1B

**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:	\$175,000	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	\$175,000	0
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Although the expenditures for the expansion are 100% federally reimbursable, the state will be responsible for ongoing upkeep, maintenance and operating costs. LDVA reports that current funding levels are sufficient to absorb these additional costs.

Since the construction of the Southeast LA Veterans Cemetery, the number of cremation interments have exceeded the 10-year projection, and the facility is nearing capacity. This expansion will include four (4) additional columbarium walls with approximately 1,100 additional niches (275 per wall) and approximately 500 additional in-ground cremain burial spaces. Based on recent projections, this expansion will provide adequate cremation interment space for the next five (5) to seven (7) years.

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

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