

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

DEPARTMENT: Executive

AGENDA NO.: 1

AGENCY: LA Public Defender Board

ANALYST: Willis Brewer

<u>Means of Financing</u>		<u>Expenditures by Program</u>		<u>T. O.</u>
State General Fund:	\$0	LA Public Defender Board	\$41,061	0
Interagency Transfers:	\$0			
Self-Generated Revenue:	\$0			
Statutory Dedications:	\$41,061			
Federal Funds:	\$0			
Total	<u>\$41,061</u>	Total	<u>\$41,061</u>	<u>0</u>

I. SUMMARY/COMMENTS

The purpose of this BA-7 request is to increase the statutorily dedicated DNA Testing Post-Conviction Relief for Indigents Fund in the LA Public Defender Board (LPDB) Program for court-ordered DNA testing for individuals declared indigent and convicted of a felony. Revenues in this fund are derived from a transfer from the 20-XXX Funds (SGF equivalent), and any unexpended deposits remain in the fund. The fund received a \$28,500 appropriation for FY 19 and carried over an unexpended balance of \$41,061 from prior fiscal years. The Code of Criminal Procedure (CCRP 926.1) restricts expenditures from this fund to court-ordered DNA testing and further provides that no other public funds may be expended for this purpose. As of this writing, the fund has remaining budget authority of \$4,275 from which to pay court-ordered DNA testing, after which LPDB will be unable to make any further payments. LPDB indicates current outstanding requests total \$37,010. The proposed BA-7 request would appropriate the fund balance carried over from prior fiscal years and allow LPDB to continue to pay for additional court-ordered DNA testing.

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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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	\$60,000	0
Interagency Transfers:	\$0	Claims	\$0	0
Self-Generated Revenue:	\$0	Contact Assistance	\$0	0
Statutory Dedications:	\$60,000	State Approval Agency	\$0	0
Federal Funds:	\$0	State Veterans Cemetery	\$0	0
Total	<u>\$60,000</u>	Total	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>0</u>

I. SUMMARY/COMMENTS

The purpose of this BA-7 request is to increase budget authority from the statutorily dedicated LA Military Family Assistance (MFA) Fund in the Administrative Program for travel expenses for LA National Guard soldiers scheduled for deployment. The LA Military Family Assistance Board has approved the payment of travel expenses of soldiers for two (2) Louisiana National Guard units set to deploy in 2019. The first unit, consisting of 199 soldiers, deployed in February 2019, and the second unit, consisting of 163 soldiers, will deploy in April 2019.

The MFA fund is primarily used to pay need-based claims for family members of activated or honorably discharged military personnel and to pay transportation and other related costs of activated military personnel as authorized by the LA Military Family Assistance Board. To date, the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs (LDVA) has expended \$95,924 of the \$115,528 FY 19 appropriation. LDVA indicates the current unexpended appropriation of \$19,604 is required to address need-based claims that may come before the MFA board throughout the remainder of FY 19 and cannot be utilized for the payment of travel expenses of soldiers schedule for these two deployments. This BA-7 request would allow the LDVA to utilize a portion of the prior year fund balance to make payments to these soldiers. A summary of the MFA fund revenues along with a projected fund balance is provided below. For informational purposes, revenues in the MFA fund are largely derived from donations, gifts, and grants.

\$ 441,402	Prior Year Fund Balance
<u>\$ 31,958</u>	FY 19 year-to-date Collections
\$ 473,360	Total FY 19 Revenue
(\$115,528)	Less: FY 19 Appropriation
<u>(\$ 60,000)</u>	Less: This BA-7 Request
\$ 297,832	Projected Year-End Balance

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.