

Veterans' Home



Veterans' Home construction - The 2007 Legislative Assembly provided \$21,098,656, of which \$6,483,226 was from the permanent oil tax trust fund, \$12,040,278 from federal funds, and \$2,575,152 from revenue bond proceeds, for construction of a new 150-bed Veterans' Home facility. The 2009 Legislative Assembly provided in Senate Bill No. 2025 an additional \$10,588,895, of which \$7,944,991 is from the general fund and \$2,643,904 is from federal funds, for the facility. Funding authority for the new Veterans' Home facility is summarized as follows:

General fund	\$7,944,991
Permanent oil tax trust fund	6,483,226
Revenue bond proceeds	2,575,152
Federal funds	14,684,182
Total	\$31,687,551

The new Veterans' Home will provide 142 private rooms and 4 double rooms and increase the number of skilled nursing beds from 38 in the current facility to 52 in the new facility. Construction began on the new Veterans' Home facility in May 2009, and the facility is approximately 50 percent complete. The facility's original completion date was October 2010, but the Veterans' Home does not anticipate construction to be complete until February or March 2011. The construction contract did not include a penalty clause for not meeting the construction schedule.

The Veterans' Home construction project experienced flooding in October 2009. Excessive water in trenches on the construction site damaged equipment. Subsequent testing, engineering work, and repairs have delayed the project. In addition, the mechanical contractor who incurred losses as a result of the water is requesting a settlement totaling approximately \$115,000. The Veterans' Home maintains it is not responsible for the damaged equipment.