

**SENATE BILL NO. 2025**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of  
2 veterans' affairs; to provide for a report; and to provide an exemption.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
7 other income, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of defraying the expenses of  
8 the department of veterans' affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending  
9 June 30, 2023.

	<u>Governor's</u>		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Veterans' affairs	\$1,200,129	\$1,309,951	\$1,200,129
State approving agency	285,658	294,036	285,658
Grants - transportation program	800,000	1,280,000	800,000
Transport vans	18,800	18,800	18,800
Service dogs	50,000	50,000	50,000
Veterans' home cemetery	0	291,500	0
Total all funds	\$2,354,587	\$3,244,287	\$2,354,587
Less estimated income	1,085,657	1,865,663	1,085,657
Total general fund	\$1,268,930	\$1,378,624	\$1,268,930
Full-time equivalent positions	7.00	7.00	7.00
		<u>Adjustments or</u>	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Veterans' affairs	\$1,200,129	\$377,115	\$1,577,244

1	State approving agency	285,658	6,313	291,971
2	Grants - transportation program	800,000	420,000	1,220,000
3	Transport vans	18,800	18,800	37,600
4	Service dogs	50,000	0	50,000
5	Veterans' home cemetery	0	291,500	291,500
6	Total all funds	\$2,354,587	\$1,113,728	\$3,468,315
7	Less estimated income	1,085,657	717,940	1,803,597
8	Total general fund	\$1,268,930	\$395,788	\$1,664,718
9	Full-time equivalent positions	7.00	1.00	8.00

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**

**SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

14	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
15	Grant database enhancements	\$7,500	\$0
16	Temporary loan and grant position	140,000	0
17	<del>Veterans' home cemetery</del>	<del>291,500</del>	<del>0</del>
18	<del>Total all funds</del>	<del>\$439,000</del>	<del>\$0</del>
19	<del>Less estimated income</del>	<del>291,500</del>	<del>0</del>
20	<del>Total general fund</del>	<del>\$147,500</del>	<del>\$0</del>
21	Veterans' home cemetery	291,500	291,500
22	Total all funds	\$439,000	\$291,500
23	Less estimated income	291,500	291,500
24	Total general fund	\$147,500	\$0

The 2021-23 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2023-25 biennium. The department of veterans' affairs shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

**SECTION 3. EXEMPTION - POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER SERVICE DOG**

**PROGRAM.** The \$50,000 appropriated from the general fund for the posttraumatic stress disorder service dog program in section 1 of chapter 25 of the 2019 Session Laws is not subject

- 1 to section 54-44.1-11 and any unspent funds from this program are available for the program
- 2 during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.