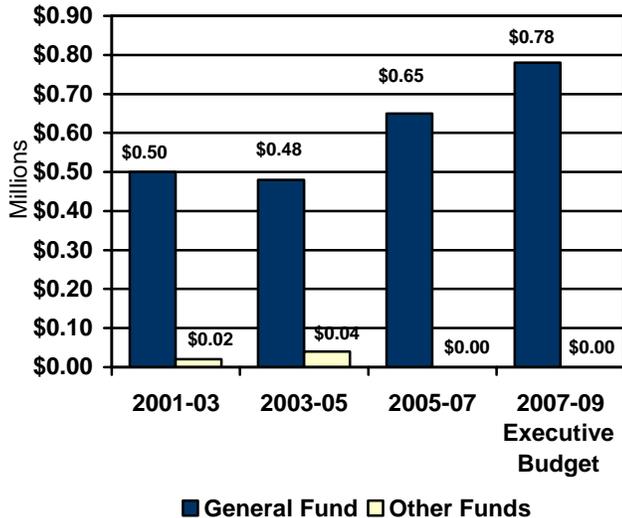


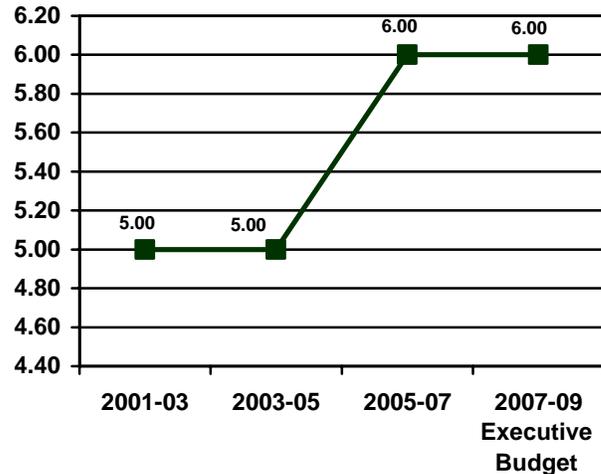
**Department 321 - Department of Veterans Affairs  
 House Bill No. 1007**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2007-09 Executive Budget	6.00	\$776,382	\$0	\$776,382
2005-07 Legislative Appropriations	6.00	653,668	0	653,668
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$122,714	\$0	\$122,714

**Agency Funding**



**FTE Positions**



**First House Action**

Attached is a summary of first house changes.

**Executive Budget Highlights**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Removes funding for information technology infrastructure costs	(\$16,619)		(\$16,619)
2. Adds funding for miscellaneous operating expenses	\$1,906		\$1,906
3. Provides funding for a secure filing system to store sensitive data kept by the agency ( <b>executive budget identified as one-time funding</b> )	\$38,250		\$38,250
4. Adds funding for temporary salaries (\$13,156) and operating costs (\$8,200) for implementing an electronic storing and retrieving system relating to veterans' discharge papers ( <b>executive budget identified as one-time funding</b> )	\$21,356		\$21,356
5. Provides funding to purchase new software and support for the veterans' loan program	\$9,600		\$9,600
6. Adds funding to upgrade the department's web site	\$2,268		\$2,268

**Continuing Appropriations**

**Veterans' aid fund** - NDCC Section 37-14-03.3 - The purpose of the veterans' aid fund is to make loans or advancements to any veteran and to a surviving spouse of a veteran if the spouse has not remarried.

**Major Related Legislation**

**Senate Bill No. 2142** - This bill provides that a veteran or surviving spouse of a veteran may receive additional loans from the veterans' aid fund provided that the total value of the loans does not exceed \$5,000. Currently additional loans may not be issued until the previous loan is repaid.