



Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

FY2018-19 Governor's Recommendations

1. Minnesota Veterans Cemetery – Duluth: Operating Funds

- **\$1,000,000** in FY2018-19 and ongoing
- **7.5 FTE's**
- **This proposal would enable MDVA to staff the new Minnesota Veterans Cemetery - Duluth**
- **Why?**
 - MDVA received a federal grant of \$8.34 million to build
 - Federal VA requires State to provide operating funds
 - Provides Veterans and family members access to a State Veterans Cemetery in this region of the State.
- **Result:**
 - 31,000 Veterans and family members will have access to State burial services within 75 miles of their home.

2. Repair and Betterment Funding

- **\$2,000,000** in FY 2018 (onetime funding)
- **0 FTE**
- This initiative would provide needed repair & maintenance funding.
- **Why?**
 - MDVA owns or operates over 50 buildings statewide
 - MDVA oversees more than 1 million sq. ft. of space
 - Age of facilities ranges from the 1800's to currently under construction.
 - On-going inadequate asset preservation funding
- **Result**
 - Uninterrupted agency operations, reduced future maintenance costs, reduced workers compensation claims and lawsuits from injuries or illnesses, and reduce emergency repairs.

3. MN GI Bill Permissible Uses & Apprenticeship and OJT Expanded

- **\$200,000** in FY2018-19 and ongoing from the MN GI Bill Open Appropriation
- **0 FTEs**
- This proposal would enable Veterans to utilize the MN GI Bill for costs associated with testing, certifications and licensure
- **Why?**
 - Will allow student Veterans to better utilize their Federal Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits
 - Increased opportunities for career development
- **Result**
 - Parity between benefits for traditional and technical education
 - Maximizing student Veterans use of state and federal educational benefits

FY2018-19 MDVA Budget Base Increase: \$5.265M

3.57% Base Funding Change

FTE Increase: 7.5

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MDVA Agency & Change Items	FY16-17	FY16-17 FTE	FY18-19 Base	FY18/19 Base FTE	FY18-19 Governor Recommendation	FY18/19 FTE	% Base Funding Change
Veterans Programs & Services	\$32,854	95.7	\$32,922	95.7	\$34,325	103.2	4.26%
Duluth Cemetery					\$1,000	7.5	3.04%
Operating Adjustment					\$303		0.92%
Repair & Betterment - Cemetery					\$100		0.30%
Veterans Health Care (Homes)	\$109,931	1101	\$114,436	1101	\$118,298	1101	3.37%
Repair & Betterment					\$1,900		1.66%
Operating Adjustment					\$1,962		1.71%
MDVA Total	\$142,785	1196.7	\$147,358	1196.7	\$152,623	1204.2	3.57%
Budget & FTE Base Increase					\$5,265	7.5	3.57%