

CHAPTER 424

APPROPRIATIONS

HOUSE BILL 26-1162

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also SENATOR(S) Bridges, Amabile, Kirkmeyer, Ball.

AN ACT

CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Appropriation to the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. In Session Laws of Colorado 2025, section 2 of chapter 476, (SB 25-206), **amend** Part XIV as follows:

Section 2. **Appropriation.**

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

APPROPRIATION FROM

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**PART XIV
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

(1) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Personal Services ⁷⁴	3,066,550 (29.4 FTE)	2,646,050		4,260 ^a		416,240(I) ^b
Health, Life, and Dental	2,188,185	872,373		43,912^a		1,271,900(I)^b
	2,197,698	855,664		45,348 ^a		1,296,686(I) ^b
Short-term Disability	10,157	4,118		196 ^a		5,843(I) ^b
Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance	65,294	26,475		1,258 ^a		37,561(I) ^b
Unfunded Liability Amortization Equalization						
Disbursement Payments	1,450,964	588,336		27,946 ^a		834,682(I) ^b
Salary Survey	400,578	161,050		7,659 ^a		231,869(I) ^b
Step Pay	123,286	55,488		2,289 ^a		65,509(I) ^b
PERA Direct Distribution	285,383	115,717		5,497 ^a		164,169(I)^b
		279,886				
Workers' Compensation	137,377	64,173				73,204(I) ^b

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			GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Operating Expenses ⁷⁴	1,140,031		1,044,031		96,000 ^c		
Information Technology							
Asset Maintenance	232,817		232,817				
Legal Services	106,028		106,028				
Payment to Risk Management and Property Funds	1,268,201		1,268,201				
Vehicle Lease Payments ⁷⁴	135,712		64,366				71,346(I) ^b
	108,353		51,397				56,956(I) ^b
Leased Space Capitol Complex	63,893		63,893				
Leased Space Annual Depreciation-Lease Equivalent Payment	60,973		60,973				
Payments to OIT	87,994		87,994				
	764,306		764,306				
	761,565		761,565				
CORE Operations	12,261		12,261				
Digital Trunk Radio	53,688		53,688				
Civil Air Patrol Operations	70,365		70,365				

Local Armory				
Incentive Plan	20,000		20,000 ^c	
Statewide Indirect				
Cost Collections	163,923		4,688 ^d	1,042 ^e 158,193(I) ^b
Appropriation to the				
Colorado National				
Guard Tuition Fund	1,208,200	1,208,200		
Army National Guard				
Cooperative Agreement ⁷⁴	15,603,656	2,240,170		13,363,486(I) ^b
	<u>(84.1 FTE)</u>			
		28,719,822		
		28,699,235		

^a This amount includes approximately \$59,404 from the Western Slope Military Veterans' Cemetery Fund created in Section 28-5-708 (1)(a), C.R.S., \$204 from the Veterans One-stop Center Cash Fund created in Section 28-5-713 (4), C.R.S., and ~~\$33,409~~ \$34,845 from various sources of cash funds.

^b These amounts are pursuant to cooperative agreements with the federal government for operations of the Colorado National Guard and are shown for informational purposes only.

^c Of this amount an estimated \$66,000 shall be from Armory Lease and Real Estate Proceeds, pursuant to Section 28-3-106 (1)(s)(I), C.R.S., and an estimated \$50,000 shall be from the Electric Vehicle Services Equipment Fund created in section 28-3-110 (1), C.R.S.

^d This amount shall be from various sources of cash funds.

^e This amount shall be from statewide indirect cost collections.

(2) DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans Service				
Operations	1,836,476	1,789,496	46,980 ^a	
	(19.0 FTE)			

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			GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Veterans Mental Health Services	5,260,143		260,143 (2.0 FTE)			5,000,000 ^f
County Veterans Service Officer Payments	1,367,189		1,367,189			
Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund Expenditures ⁷⁵	1,683,256				1,683,256 ^a	
Veterans Assistance Grant Program	1,257,886		1,100,000 (0.5 FTE)		157,886 ^b	
Western Slope Veterans Cemetery	759,945 (7.8 FTE)		489,956		269,989 ^c	
Grand Junction Veterans One-stop Center/Western Region One Source	386,749		160,442 (3.1 FTE)		201,307 ^d	25,000(I) ^e (1.0 FTE)
	<u> </u>	12,551,644				

^a These amounts shall be from the Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund created in Section 28-5-709 (1)(a), C.R.S.

^b This amount shall be from the Veterans Assistance Grant Program Cash Fund created in Section 28-5-712 (3), C.R.S.

^c This amount shall be from the Western Slope Military Veterans' Cemetery Fund created in Section 28-5-708 (1)(a), C.R.S.

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		GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<hr/>						(2,150.0 FTE)
	113,800,000					

^a This amount is an estimate of federal expenditures for Colorado National Guard military personnel. This amount is not accounted for in the state accounting system and is shown for informational purposes only.

TOTALS PART XIV

**(MILITARY AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS)**

\$159,326,002	\$17,452,411		\$2,573,123	5,026,042 ^a	\$134,274,426^b
<u>\$159,305,415</u>	<u>\$17,584,161</u>		<u>\$2,574,559</u>		<u>\$134,120,653^b</u>

^a Of this amount, \$25,000 contains an (I) notation.

^b This amount contains an (I) notation.

FOOTNOTES -- The following statements are referenced to the numbered footnotes throughout section 2.

74 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Executive Director and Army National Guard, Personal Services; Operating Expenses; Vehicle Lease Payments; Army National Guard Cooperative Agreement -- In addition to the transfer authority provided in Section 24-75-108, C.R.S., the Department is authorized to transfer up to 20.0 percent of the total General Fund appropriations in these line items between these line items. Transfers to or from the Vehicle Lease Payments line item may be used solely to address changes in the portion of costs covered by federal authorities for vehicle lease payments.

75 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Veterans Affairs, Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund Expenditures -- This appropriation remains available for expenditure until the close of the 2025-26 state fiscal year.

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SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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