

Veterans and Defense Affairs

Governor's Proposed Amendments				
(\$ in millions)				
	FY 2021 Proposed		FY 2022 Proposed	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>
2020-22 Current Budget (Ch. 56, 2020 Special Session I)	\$40.4	\$156.4	\$37.6	\$168.4
Proposed Increases	0.0	0.6	1.0	0.0
Proposed Decreases	<u>(4.4)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(1.6)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>
\$ Net Change	(4.4)	0.6	(0.7)	0.0
HB 1800/SB 1100, as Introduced	\$36.2	\$157.0	\$37.0	\$168.4
% Change	(10.9%)	0.4%	(1.7%)	0.0%
FTEs	296.47	1,199.3	297.47	1,419.0
# Change	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

- **Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs**

- *Camp Pendleton Access Security.* Recommends \$600,000 NGF the first year supported by funding provided by the National Guard Bureau for an existing capital project to construct a secure access control point at Camp Pendleton.

- **Department of Veterans Services**

- *Restoration of Veterans Services Funding.* Proposes to restore \$727,000 GF in FY 2022 that was initially approved and unallotted in Chapter 1289 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly (HB 30) for the following purposes:
 - **Women Veterans Program Position.** Proposes the restoration of \$118,000 GF the second year for the establishment of an assistant manager position for the Virginia Women Veterans program.
 - **Veterans Peer Specialists.** Recommends \$306,000 GF the second year to restore funding for two veterans peer specialist positions. These positions

support veterans with mental health conditions through their rehabilitation and recovery process.

- **Veteran Resource Specialists.** Proposes \$204,000 GF the second year for two veteran resource specialists. These positions support veterans and their families by identifying behavioral health needs and monitoring their progress.
- **Wage Administrator Positions.** Recommends \$64,000 GF the second year for two wage positions to provide administrative support in benefits services offices.
- **Client Database.** Proposes the restoration of \$35,000 GF the second year to provide an interface between the Virginia Veterans and Family Services (VVFS) program and benefits offices to allow for the automated sharing of information for clients they both serve.

– ***Distribute Budget Reductions from Central Appropriations to Agency Budget.*** Recommends reductions of \$4.2 million GF the first year and \$1.4 million GF the second year to reflect approved budget reductions in Chapter 56 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I (HB 5005). These reductions were originally unallotted in Chapter 1289 of the 2020 Acts of assembly (HB 30) and subsequently converted to budget reductions in the 2020 Special Session I. \$727,000 in the second year is recommended for restoration in the proposals outlined above.

– ***Capital Outlay: Veterans Care Center Renovations.*** Recommends \$2.2 million NGF and \$1.6 million from bond proceeds the second year for renovation projects at Sitter Barfoot Veterans Care Center in Richmond and Virginia Veterans Care Center in Roanoke.

– ***Capital Outlay: Veterans Care Center Isolation Units and Outbuildings.*** Proposes \$129,000 the first year from bond proceeds for the construction of isolation units and outbuildings for personal protective equipment (PPE) storage at Sitter Barfoot Veterans Care Center in Richmond and Virginia Veterans Care Center in Roanoke to meet COVID-19 response needs.

- **Department of Military Affairs**

– ***Mobile Command Post.*** Recommends \$150,000 GF the second year for the purchase of a mobile command post for use by the Virginia National Guard during state active duty missions.

- ***Safety and Occupational Health Technician.*** Proposes \$50,000 GF and one GF position the second year to establish a position to provide oversight of workplace safety, employee health, and facilities inspection.
- ***Civil Disturbance PPE.*** Recommends \$50,000 GF the second year for the Virginia National Guard to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) for use during state active duty missions responding to civil unrest.
- ***Distribute Budget Reductions from Central Appropriations to Agency Budget.*** Reduces by \$250,000 GF each year the agency’s general fund budget to reflect approved budget reductions in Chapter 56 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I (HB 5005). These reductions were originally unallotted in Chapter 1289 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly (HB 30) and subsequently converted to budget reductions in 2020 Special Session I.
- ***Capital Outlay: Fort Pickett Army Airfield Control Tower.*** Proposes \$4.5 million in nongeneral funds the first year in order to replace the flight control tower at Blackstone Army Airfield.
- ***Capital Outlay: Security Upgrades at National Guard Facilities.*** Recommends \$1.0 million in bond proceeds the second year in order to make security upgrades at several National Guard Facilities.
- ***Capital Outlay: Fire Safety Systems.*** Proposes \$2.0 million in bond proceeds the second year to upgrade and replace fire safety systems at National Guard readiness centers.