

"Serving Those Who Served"



2024 Supplemental Capital Budget



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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September 5, 2023

David Schumacher, Director Office of Financial Management P.O. Box 43113 Olympia, WA 98504-3113

RE: DVA 2024 Supplemental Capital Budget Submittal

Dear Mr. Schumacher:

I have enclosed the 2024 supplemental capital budget submission for the Washington Department of Veteran Affairs (WDVA). This request encompasses priorities for our WSVC burial and columbarium expansion supplemental budget and a request to update a proviso language.

It is my pleasure to provide our Fiscal Year 2024 supplemental budget request for WDVA. You will find this budget reflects the agency vision, mission, and strategic plan to improve the quality of care and service to veterans and their families. All capital budget packages support our agency objectives of providing residents and veterans with appropriate services and increasing their satisfaction at the Veterans Homes. This budget also complies with OFM's project priority structure of protecting people, protecting assets, and protecting the environment.

WSVC - Burial and Columbarium Expansion

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We are confident this capital budget will allow Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) to continue "Serving Those Who Served".

Yours in service,

David Puente

Director

Department of Veterans Affairs

2024 Supplemental Capital Budget Request

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Ten-Year Plan Summary
Department of Veterans Affairs
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305 - Department of Veterans Affairs Ten Year Capital Plan by Project Class

2023-25 Biennium

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Proje	ect Class: Grant									
Agency		Estimated	Prior	Current	Reapprop	New Approp	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
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2023-25 Biennium

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Project Number: 40000092

Project Title: WSVC - Burial and Columbarium Expansion Grant

Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024
Project Class: Grant
Agency Priority: 2

Project Summary

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The current appropriated federal and state funds are inadequate to meet the funding pressures posed by the escalating costs of construction, materials, and labor observed in recent years. If this supplemental request is not funded, we will be unable to receive the federal funding to complete the project.

This project will not need an IT addendum.

Location

City: Medical Lake County: Spokane Legislative District: 006

Project Type

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Federal Veterans Administration

RCW that establishes grant: CFDA 64.203

Application process used

VA-NCA-VCGP-2023 CFDA 64.203 - NCA - Veterans Cemetery Grants Program

Growth Management impacts

None

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Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact

Narrative

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Biennium	2023-25	2023-25
Agency	305	305
Version	M1-A	M1-A
Project Classification	*	All Project Classifications
Capital Project Number	40000092	40000092
Sort Order	Project Priority	Priority
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For Word or Excel	Υ	Υ
User Group	Agency Budget	Agency Budget
User Id	*	All User Ids

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2023-25 Biennium

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Project Number: 40000106

Project Title: DVA ARPA Federal Funds & State Match - Proviso language update

Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024
Project Class: Grant
Agency Priority: 1

Project Summary

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- WDVA recategorizes the HVAC project as a life safety category and resubmitted a grant application to the Federal VA again. As a life-safety project, it has a better opportunity to get funded this time around.
- The proviso language for the project budget mentions a section of the federal congress budget that doesn't exist anymore, "section 8004 American rescue plan act of 2021, P.L. 117.2".
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Proviso

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Location

City: Statewide County: Statewide Legislative District: 098

Project Type

Grants

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Description

Grant Recipient Organization: Federal Veterans Administration

RCW that establishes grant: 64.005

Application process used

VA-Grants-112508-002 CFDA 64.005 - Grants to States for Construction of State Veterans Homes Facilities

Growth Management impacts

None

Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact

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Biennium	2023-25	2023-25
Agency	305	305
Version	M1-A	M1-A
Project Classification	*	All Project Classifications
Capital Project Number	40000106	40000106
Sort Order	Project Priority	Priority
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Capital Project Cost Estimates Over \$5 Million

STATE OF WASHINGTON AGENCY / INSTITUTION PROJECT COST SUMMARY

Updated May 2023

Agency	WA Department of Veterans Affairs	
Project Name	WSVC - Burial and Columbarium Expansion Grant	
OFM Project Number	40000092	

Contact Information						
Name	Mirach Sebhat					
Phone Number	360 451 2296					
Email	mirach.sebhat@dva.wa.gov					

Statistics				
Gross Square Feet	1,440,000	MACC per Gross Square Foot	\$3	
Usable Square Feet	144,000	Escalated MACC per Gross Square Foot	\$3	
Alt Gross Unit of Measure				
Space Efficiency	10.0%	A/E Fee Class	С	
Construction Type	Other Sch. C Projects	A/E Fee Percentage	7.60%	
Remodel	No	Projected Life of Asset (Years)	40	
Additional Project Details				
Procurement Approach		Art Requirement Applies	No	
Inflation Rate	3.33%	Higher Ed Institution	No	
Sales Tax Rate %	10.00%	Location Used for Tax Rate	Medical Lake	
Contingency Rate	10%			
Base Month (Estimate Date)	September-23	OFM UFI# (from FPMT, if available)		
Project Administered By	Agency			

Schedule				
Predesign Start	March-24	Predesign End	June-24	
Design Start	June-24	Design End	September-24	
Construction Start	December-24	Construction End	June-25	
Construction Duration	6 Months			

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Project Cost Summary				
Total Project	\$5,171,901	Total Project Escalated	\$5,409,244	
_	_	Rounded Escalated Total	\$5,409,000	
Amount funded in Prior Biennia \$0				
Amount in current Biennium			\$5,409,000	
Next Biennium			\$0	
			\$0	

	Acc	quisition	
Acquisition Subtotal	\$0	Acquisition Subtotal Escalated	\$0
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	Consul	tant Services	
Predesign Services	\$12,115		
Design Phase Services	\$212,795		
Extra Services	\$132,790		
Other Services	\$95,604		
Design Services Contingency	\$45,330		
Consultant Services Subtotal	\$498,635	Consultant Services Subtotal Escalated	\$515,899
	Con	struction	
Maximum Allowable Construction	\$3,688,981	Maximum Allowable Construction Cost	\$3,861,080
Cost (MACC)	75,000,501	(MACC) Escalated	73,001,000
0 Risk Contingencies	\$0		
0 Management	\$0		
Owner Construction Contingency	\$368,898		\$387,343
Non-Taxable Items	\$0		\$0
Sales Tax	\$405,788	Sales Tax Escalated	\$424,842
Construction Subtotal	\$4,463,667	Construction Subtotal Escalated	\$4,673,265
		uipment	
Equipment	\$0		
Sales Tax	\$0		
Non-Taxable Items	\$0		
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Artwork Subtotal	\$0	Artwork Subtotal Escalated	\$0
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	Agency Proje	ect Administration	
Agency Project Administration			
Subtotal	\$209,600		
DES Additional Services Subtotal	\$0		
Other Project Admin Costs	\$0		
Project Administration Subtotal	\$209,600	Project Administration Subtotal Escalated	\$220,080
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Other Costs Subtotal	\$0	Other Costs Subtotal Escalated	\$0
	Project C	ost Estimate	
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Rounded Escalated Total

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Grants

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RCW that establishes grant: CFDA 64.203

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Location

City: Statewide County: Statewide Legislative District: 098

Project Type

Grants

OFM

305 - Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Project Request

2023-25 Biennium

Version: M1 First draft submittal Report Number: CBS002

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Project Number: 40000106

Project Title: DVA ARPA Federal Funds & State Match - Proviso language update

Description

Grant Recipient Organization: Federal Veterans Administration

RCW that establishes grant: 64.005

Application process used

VA-Grants-112508-002 CFDA 64.005 - Grants to States for Construction of State Veterans Homes Facilities

Growth Management impacts

None

Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact

<u>Parameter</u>	Entered As	Interpreted As
Biennium	2023-25	2023-25
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Project List for Each Grant & Loan Program that was not Submitted as a Subproject