

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4248**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, from the following funds:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

Full-time equated unclassified positions 9.0

Full-time equated classified positions 1,049.0

1	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	245,254,100
2	Interdepartmental grant revenues:			
3	Total interdepartmental grants and			
4	intradepartmental transfers			101,800
5	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	245,152,300
6	Federal revenues:			
7	Total federal revenues			134,445,400
8	Special revenue funds:			
9	Total local revenues			0
10	Total private revenues			100,000
11	Total other state restricted revenues			14,213,400
12	State general fund/general purpose		\$	96,393,500
13	Sec. 102. MILITARY			
14	Full-time equated unclassified positions	9.0		
15	Full-time equated classified positions	417.5		
16	Unclassified salaries--FTEs	9.0	\$	1,736,600
17	Headquarters and armories--FTEs	103.0		21,881,000
18	Michigan youth challenge academy--FTEs	68.0		10,145,400
19	Military family relief fund			150,000
20	Military retirement			1,351,000
21	Military training sites and support facilities-			
22	-FTEs	244.0		44,500,900
23	National Guard operations			300,500
24	National guard tuition assistance fund--FTEs	2.5		6,520,700
25	Starbase grant			2,322,000
26	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	88,908,100
27	Appropriated from:			
28	Interdepartmental grant revenues:			

1	IDG - state police		101,800
2	Federal revenues:		
3	DOD - DOA - NGB		62,274,200
4	Federal counternarcotics revenues		100,000
5	Special revenue funds:		
6	Private donations		90,000
7	Billeting fund		1,377,000
8	Military family relief fund		150,000
9	Morale, welfare, and recreation fund		100,000
10	Rental fees		187,300
11	Test project fees		100,000
12	State general fund/general purpose	\$	24,427,800
13	Sec. 103. MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY		
14	Full-time equated classified positions	60.0	
15	County veteran service grants--FTEs	2.0	\$ 4,250,000
16	Michigan veterans affairs agency		
17	administration--FTEs	50.0	9,365,800
18	Veterans service grants		4,250,000
19	Veterans trust fund administration--FTEs	8.0	1,164,400
20	Veterans trust fund grants		2,500,000
21	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	21,530,200
22	Appropriated from:		
23	Special revenue funds:		
24	Private donations		10,000
25	Michigan veterans trust fund		3,664,400
26	Veterans license plate fund		50,000
27	State general fund/general purpose	\$	17,805,800
28	Sec. 104. MICHIGAN VETERANS' FACILITY AUTHORITY		

1	Full-time equated classified positions	571.5	
2	Chesterfield Township home for veterans--FTEs	115.0	\$ 26,856,500
3	D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans--FTEs	200.0	23,347,200
4	Grand Rapids home for veterans--FTEs	238.0	28,175,400
5	Information technology services and projects		1,687,900
6	Michigan veteran homes administration--FTEs	18.0	3,581,300
7	Veterans cemetery--FTEs	0.5	84,800
8	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 83,733,100
9	Appropriated from:		
10	Federal revenues:		
11	USDVA - VHA		31,700,100
12	HHS-HCFA, Medicare, hospital insurance		1,409,200
13	HHS-HCFA, title XIX, Medicaid		8,808,200
14	Special revenue funds:		
15	Income and assessments		7,572,700
16	Lease revenue		12,000
17	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 34,230,900
18	Sec. 105. CAPITAL OUTLAY		
19	Armory maintenance		\$ 1,000,000
20	Land and acquisitions		1,000,000
21	Special maintenance - National Guard		30,000,000
22	Special maintenance - veterans' facilities		500,000
23	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 32,500,000
24	Appropriated from:		
25	Federal revenues:		
26	DOD - DOA - NGB		30,000,000
27	Special revenue funds:		
28	Michigan national guard construction fund		1,000,000

1	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,500,000
2	Sec. 106. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
3	Information technology services and projects	\$	582,700
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	582,700
5	Appropriated from:		
6	Federal revenues:		
7	DOD - DOA - NGB		153,700
8	State general fund/general purpose	\$	429,000
9	Sec. 107. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS		
10	Eliminating veteran homelessness grants	\$	5,000,000
11	GRHV facilities transition funding		3,000,000
12	Selfridge Air National Guard base		10,000,000
13	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	18,000,000
14	Appropriated from:		
15	State general fund/general purpose	\$	18,000,000

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

GENERAL SECTIONS

21 Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state
 22 constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under
 23 part 1 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 is
 24 \$110,606,900.00 and state spending from state sources to be paid to
 25 local units of government for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024
 26 is \$4,178,000.00. The itemized statement below identifies
 27 appropriations from which spending to local units of government
 28 will occur:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS		
County veteran service grants	\$	4,041,500
Michigan veterans affairs agency administration		90,000
Military training sites and support facilities		46,500
TOTAL	\$	4,178,000

Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under this part and part 1 are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

Sec. 203. As used in this part and part 1:

(a) "CMS" means the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

(b) "Department" means the department of military and veterans affairs.

(c) "DHHS" means the department of health and human services.

(d) "Director" means the director of the department.

(e) "FTE" means full-time equated.

(f) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

(g) "MVAA" means the Michigan veterans affairs agency created by Executive Reorganization Order No. 2013-2, MCL 32.92.

(h) "MVFA" means the Michigan veterans' facility authority created under section 3 of the Michigan veterans' facility authority act, 2016 PA 560, MCL 36.103.

(i) "MVH" means the Michigan veteran homes as that term is defined in the Michigan veterans' facility authority act, 2016 PA 560, MCL 36.102.

(j) "MYCA" means the Michigan youth challenge academy.

(k) "USDVA" means the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

(l) "USDVA-VHA" means the USDVA Veterans Health Administration.

1 (m) "VSO" means veterans service organization.

2 (n) "Veterans' facility" means that term as defined in section
3 2 of the Michigan veterans' facility authority act, 2016 PA 560,
4 MCL 36.102.

5 (o) "Work project" means that term as defined in section 404
6 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1404, and
7 that meets the criteria in section 451a(1) of the management and
8 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a.

9 Sec. 204. The department and agencies receiving appropriations
10 in part 1 shall use the internet to fulfill the reporting
11 requirements of this part. This requirement shall include
12 transmission of reports via email to the recipients identified for
13 each reporting requirement, and it shall include placement of
14 reports on an internet site.

15 Sec. 205. Except as otherwise provided in this part, all
16 reports required under this part must be submitted to each of the
17 following recipients:

18 (a) The senate and house appropriations subcommittees on
19 military and veterans affairs and state police.

20 (b) The senate and house fiscal agencies.

21 (c) The senate and house policy offices.

22 (d) The state budget office.

23 Sec. 206. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the
24 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the
25 following apply:

26 (a) Funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used for the
27 purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if competitively
28 priced and of comparable quality American goods or services, or
29 both, are available.

1 (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
2 manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are
3 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

4 (c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
5 that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and
6 operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of
7 comparable quality.

8 Sec. 207. The department shall not take disciplinary action
9 against an employee of the department or departmental agency in the
10 state classified civil service because the employee communicates
11 with a member of the senate or house or a member's staff, unless
12 the communication is prohibited by law and the department or agency
13 taking disciplinary action is exercising its authority as provided
14 by law.

15 Sec. 208. Consistent with section 217 of the management and
16 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, the department shall prepare
17 a report on out-of-state travel expenses not later than January 1
18 of each year. The travel report shall be a listing of all travel by
19 classified and unclassified employees outside this state in the
20 immediately preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in
21 part with funds appropriated in the department's budget. The travel
22 report must be submitted to the recipients required under section
23 205 of this part and the senate and house appropriations
24 committees. The travel report must include the following
25 information:

26 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

27 (b) The transportation and related costs of each travel
28 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
29 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state

1 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
2 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

3 Sec. 209. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by a
4 principal executive department, state agency, or authority to hire
5 a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of
6 the attorney general. This prohibition does not apply to legal
7 services for bonding activities and for those outside services that
8 the attorney general authorizes.

9 Sec. 210. Not later than December 15, the state budget office
10 shall prepare and submit a report that provides for estimates of
11 the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the
12 close of the prior fiscal year. This report shall summarize the
13 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation
14 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The report
15 shall be submitted to the recipients required under section 205 of
16 this part and to the chairpersons of the senate and house
17 appropriations committees.

18 Sec. 211. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
19 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.00 for
20 federal contingency authorization. Authorized funds are not
21 available for expenditure until they have been transferred to
22 another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management
23 and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

24 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
25 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for state
26 restricted contingency authorization. Authorized funds are not
27 available for expenditure until they have been transferred to
28 another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management
29 and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

1 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
2 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for local
3 contingency authorization. Authorized funds are not available for
4 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
5 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
6 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

7 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
8 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for private
9 contingency authorization. Authorized funds are not available for
10 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
11 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
12 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

13 Sec. 212. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
14 department shall provide to the department of technology,
15 management, and budget information sufficient to maintain a
16 searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that
17 includes, but is not limited to, all of the following for each
18 department or agency:

19 (a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.

20 (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.

21 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
22 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
23 payment description.

24 (d) The number of active department employees by job
25 classification.

26 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

27 Sec. 213. Within 14 days after the release of the executive
28 budget recommendation, the department shall provide to the state
29 budget office information sufficient to provide and submit an

1 annual report on estimated state restricted fund balances, state
2 restricted fund projected revenues, and state restricted fund
3 expenditures for the prior 2 fiscal years to the recipients
4 required under section 205 of this part and to the chairpersons of
5 the senate and house appropriations committees.

6 Sec. 214. The department shall maintain, on a publicly
7 accessible website, a department scorecard that identifies, tracks,
8 and regularly updates key metrics that are used to monitor and
9 improve the department's performance.

10 Sec. 215. To the extent permissible under the management and
11 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, the director shall
12 take all reasonable steps to ensure geographically disadvantaged
13 business enterprises compete for and perform contracts to provide
14 services or supplies, or both. The director shall strongly
15 encourage firms with which the department contracts to subcontract
16 with geographically disadvantaged business enterprises for
17 services, supplies, or both. As used in this section,
18 "geographically disadvantaged business enterprises" means that term
19 as defined by Executive Directive 2019-08.

20 Sec. 216. On a quarterly basis, the department shall provide
21 to the recipients required under section 205 of this part and to
22 the senate and house appropriations committees a comparison by line
23 item of the number of FTEs authorized from funds appropriated in
24 part 1 to the actual number of FTEs employed by the department at
25 the end of the reporting period.

26 Sec. 217. It is the intent of the legislature that the
27 department maximize the efficiency of the its workforce and, if
28 possible, prioritize in-person work. Each department, agency,
29 board, or authority that receives funding under part 1 shall post

1 its in-person, remote, or hybrid work policy on its website.

2 Sec. 218. The department shall receive and retain copies of
3 all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. Federal and state
4 guidelines for short-term and long-term retention of records shall
5 be followed. The department may electronically retain copies of
6 reports unless otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.

7 Sec. 219. The department shall report no later than April 1 on
8 each specific policy change made to implement a public act
9 affecting the department that took effect during the prior calendar
10 year to the recipients required under section 205 of this part and
11 to the senate and house appropriations committees and the joint
12 committee on administrative rules.

13 Sec. 220. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
14 department shall do all of the following:

15 (a) Report, to the recipients required under section 205 of
16 this part and to the senate and house appropriations committees,
17 any amount of severance pay for a department or agency director,
18 deputy director, or other high-ranking department or agency
19 official not later than 14 days after a severance agreement with
20 the director or official is signed. The name of the director or
21 official and the amount of severance pay must be included in the
22 report required by this subdivision.

23 (b) By February 1, report to the recipients required under
24 section 205 of this part and to the senate and house appropriations
25 committees on the total amount of severance pay remitted to former
26 department or agency employees during the prior fiscal year and the
27 total number of former department or agency employees that were
28 remitted severance pay during the prior fiscal year.

29 (2) As used in this section, "severance pay" means

1 compensation that is both payable or paid upon the termination of
2 employment and in addition to either wages or benefits earned
3 during the course of employment or generally applicable retirement
4 benefits.

5 Sec. 221. Appropriations in part 1 shall, to the extent
6 possible by the department, not be expended until all existing work
7 project authorization available for the same purposes is exhausted.

8 Sec. 222. Money appropriated in part 1 must not be used to
9 restrict or interfere with actions related to diversity, equity,
10 and inclusion; to restrict or impede a marginalized community's
11 access to governmental resources, programs, or facilities; or to
12 diminish, interfere with, or restrict an individual's ability to
13 exercise the right to reproductive freedom.

14 Sec. 223. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay
15 shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent
16 with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
17 18.1248.

18 Sec. 224. Sixty days prior to the public announcement of the
19 intention to sell any department real property, the department
20 shall submit notification of that intent to the recipients required
21 in section 205 of this part.

22 Sec. 225. The department shall report tentative plans for the
23 required payment of any court judgment against the department, as
24 soon as those plans are developed. The report must include, but is
25 not limited to, all of the following information:

26 (a) A listing of all known court judgments that would result
27 in a financial obligation for the department.

28 (b) The amount of time in which each of those financial
29 obligations must be met.

1 (c) The proposed budget line items from which a payment for a
2 court judgment of \$100,000.00 or more would be made.

3 (d) The estimated impact of the loss of revenue on the
4 programs funded by the line items from which payments would be
5 made.

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7 **MILITARY**

8 Sec. 301. (1) The department shall report by September 30 a
9 list of the current unclassified positions, which shall include the
10 official titles and responsibilities of each position.

11 (2) Upon the department being granted a request for an
12 additional unclassified employee position from the civil service
13 commission, or for any substantive changes to the duties of an
14 existing unclassified employee position, the department shall
15 report on these changes within 15 days.

16 Sec. 302. (1) The department shall operate and maintain
17 National Guard armories and implement a system to measure the
18 condition and adequacy of those armories.

19 (2) The department shall evaluate armories and submit a report
20 annually, on the status of the armories.

21 (3) By December 1, the department shall report the following
22 information:

23 (a) An assessment of the grounds and facilities of each armory
24 to objectively measure and determine the current facility condition
25 and capability to support authorized manpower, unit training, and
26 operations.

27 (b) Recommendations for the placement of new armories, the
28 relocation or consolidation of existing armories, or a change in
29 the mission of units assigned to armories to ideally position the

1 National Guard in current or projected population centers.

2 (c) Recommendations for the enhanced use of armories to
3 facilitate family support programs during deployments.

4 (d) An analysis of the feasibility, potential costs, and
5 benefits of use of armories shared with other local, state, or
6 federal agencies to improve responses to local emergencies as well
7 as the community support provided to armories.

8 (e) An investment strategy and proposed funding amounts in a
9 prioritized project list to correct the most critical facility
10 shortfalls across the inventory of armories in this state.

11 (f) A review of the status of construction activities and
12 expenditures of the armory modernization project funded in section
13 107 of article 10 of 2022 PA 166 and section 104 of 2022 PA 194.

14 Sec. 303. (1) The department shall maintain the MYCA to
15 provide values, skills, education, and self-discipline instruction
16 for at-risk youth as provided under 32 USC 509.

17 (2) The department shall take steps to recruit candidates to
18 the MYCA from economically disadvantaged areas, including those
19 with low-income and high-unemployment backgrounds.

20 (3) The department shall partner with the DHHS to identify
21 youth who may be eligible for MYCA from those youth served by DHHS
22 services programs. These eligible youth shall be given priority for
23 enrollment.

24 (4) The department shall maintain the MYCA to graduate at
25 least the target number of graduates consistent with the state's
26 cooperative agreement with the National Guard Bureau regarding
27 program operations.

28 (5) The department shall ensure individual academic success as
29 measured by the number of individuals who have received a general

1 equivalency diploma, high school diploma, or high school credit
2 recovery or by the improvement of tests of adult basic education
3 scores, or both.

4 (6) Any unexpended and unencumbered private donations to
5 support the MYCA at the close of this fiscal year shall not lapse
6 to the general fund but shall be carried forward to the subsequent
7 fiscal year.

8 Sec. 304. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
9 department shall provide outreach to the Michigan families of
10 members of the reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United
11 States called into active duty on the availability of assistance
12 through the military family relief fund created in section 3 of the
13 military family relief fund act, 2004 PA 363, MCL 35.1213.

14 Sec. 305. (1) The department shall provide Army and Air
15 National Guard forces, when directed, for state and local
16 emergencies and in support of national military requirements.

17 (2) The department shall operate and maintain Army National
18 Guard training facilities, including Fort Custer and Camp Grayling.

19 (3) The department shall maintain a system that measures the
20 condition and adequacy of air facilities using both quality and
21 functionality criteria.

22 (4) The department shall operate and maintain Air National
23 Guard air bases, including Selfridge Air National Guard base,
24 Battle Creek Air National Guard base, and Alpena combat readiness
25 training center.

26 (5) The department shall provide the following information
27 annually:

28 (a) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Army
29 National Guard.

1 (b) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Air
2 National Guard.

3 (c) Recruiting, retention, and attrition data, including
4 measurement against stated performance goals, for the Michigan Army
5 National Guard.

6 (d) Recruiting, retention, and attrition data, including
7 measurement against stated performance goals, for the Michigan Air
8 National Guard.

9 Sec. 306. There is created and established under the
10 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to
11 be known as the billeting fund account. All of the fees and other
12 revenues generated from the operation of the chargeable transient
13 quarters program shall be deposited in the billeting fund account.
14 Appropriations will be made from the account for the support of
15 program operations and the maintenance and operations of the
16 chargeable transient quarters program and will not exceed the
17 estimated revenues for the fiscal year in which they are made,
18 together with unexpended balances from prior years. The department
19 shall submit an annual report by December 15 of operations and
20 expenditures regarding the billeting fund account for the prior
21 fiscal year.

22 Sec. 307. (1) The department shall maintain a National Guard
23 tuition assistance program under the Michigan national guard
24 tuition assistance act, 2014 PA 259, MCL 32.431 to 32.433.

25 (2) The objective of the National Guard tuition assistance
26 program is to bolster military readiness by increasing recruitment
27 and retention of Michigan Army and Air National Guard members, to
28 fill federally authorized strength levels for the state, to improve
29 the Michigan Army and Air National Guard's competitive draw from

1 other military enlistment options in the state, to enhance the
2 ability of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard to compete for
3 guard members and federal dollars with surrounding states, and to
4 increase the pool of eligible candidates within the Michigan Army
5 and Air National Guard to become commissioned officers.

6 (3) The department shall make efforts to increase the number
7 of guard members who have received a credential or are still
8 enrolled in the Michigan National Guard tuition assistance program
9 after their initial term of enlistment. To evaluate the
10 effectiveness of the program, the department shall monitor the
11 number of new recruits and new reenlistments and the percentage of
12 those who become participants in the program to determine whether
13 the percentage of authorized Michigan Army and Air National Guard
14 strength obtained and retained is competitive in comparison with
15 the neighboring army and air national guards from Illinois,
16 Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

17 (4) Not later than March 1, the department shall provide a
18 report on the Michigan National Guard tuition assistance program.
19 The report shall include the following information for the prior
20 fiscal year:

21 (a) The number of guard members receiving tuition assistance.

22 (b) The educational institution from which those guard members
23 received education or training under the program.

24 (c) The total amount of financial assistance received by each
25 educational institution.

26 (d) The total funds expended on the program for financial
27 assistance.

28 (e) The total funds expended on the program for administrative
29 costs of the department.

1 (f) The total number of applications for tuition assistance
2 denied.

3 (g) A list of any educational institutions and training
4 programs removed from eligibility and the rationale for their
5 removal.

6 (h) An explanation of any identified barriers to the
7 successful utilization of the program, or other unmet needs of the
8 program and applicable proposals for legislative action to address
9 those barriers and needs.

10 (5) The general fund/general purpose funds appropriated in
11 part 1 for the National Guard tuition assistance fund shall be
12 deposited into the restricted Michigan national guard tuition
13 assistance fund created in section 4 of the Michigan national guard
14 tuition assistance act, 2014 PA 259, MCL 32.434. All funds in the
15 restricted Michigan national guard tuition assistance fund are
16 appropriated and available for expenditure to support the Michigan
17 National Guard tuition assistance program.

18 Sec. 308. The department shall maintain the starbase program
19 at Air National Guard facilities, as provided under 10 USC 2193b,
20 to improve the knowledge, skills, and interest of students,
21 primarily in the fifth grade, in math, science, and technology. The
22 starbase program is to specifically target minority and at-risk
23 students for participation.

24 Sec. 309. There is created and established under the
25 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to
26 be known as the test project fees account. All of the fees and
27 other revenues generated from the operation of the test project
28 program shall be deposited in the test project fees fund account.
29 Funds in the account shall be available for expenditure for the

1 support of program operations as appropriated in part 1. Money
2 remaining in the account at the end of the year shall not lapse and
3 shall carry forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

4 Sec. 310. The morale, welfare, and recreation fund is created
5 within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or
6 other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state
7 treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state
8 treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund
9 investments. The department shall be the administrator of the fund
10 for auditing purposes. All of the fees and other revenues generated
11 from the operation of the morale, welfare, and recreation program
12 shall be deposited in the morale, welfare, and recreation fund
13 account. Money in the fund shall be available for expenditure for
14 the support of program operations as appropriated in part 1. Money
15 remaining in the fund at the end of the year shall not lapse and
16 shall carry forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

17 Sec. 311. There is created and established under the
18 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to
19 be known as the rental fees account. All of the fees and other
20 revenues generated from the operation of the rental fees program
21 shall be deposited in the rental fees fund account. Money in the
22 account shall be available for expenditure for the support of
23 program operations as appropriated in part 1. Money remaining in
24 the account at the end of the year shall not lapse and shall carry
25 forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

26 Sec. 312. (1) The department shall maintain the guidelines
27 established under section 251(5) of the Michigan military act, 1967
28 PA 150, MCL 32.651, for membership goals in the Michigan volunteer
29 defense force and take all steps necessary to carry out and

1 implement those guidelines.

2 (2) The department shall provide annually by February 1 the
3 report required under section 251(7) of the Michigan military act,
4 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.651.

5 Sec. 313. The Michigan Army National Guard and Air National
6 Guard shall work to provide a culture that is free of sexual
7 assault, through an environment of prevention, education and
8 training, response capability, victim support, reporting
9 procedures, and appropriate accountability that enhances the safety
10 and well-being of all guard members.

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12 **MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY**

13 Sec. 404. (1) Money privately donated to the department for
14 the MVAA in excess of the appropriation in part 1 is appropriated
15 and is available for expenditure for the benefit and life
16 enrichment of veterans and for the purpose designated by the
17 private source, if specified and in compliance with this section.

18 (2) Any unexpended and unencumbered private donations to
19 support the MVAA at the close of this fiscal year shall not lapse
20 to the general fund but shall be carried forward to the subsequent
21 fiscal year.

22 (3) The department must submit a report quarterly that
23 provides the amount of private donations received by the department
24 for the MVAA and the purpose for which the funds will be expended,
25 if known. In addition to the quarterly report required under this
26 subsection, if a donation described under this section is
27 \$10,000.00 or greater, the department must submit a report within
28 14 calendar days after receiving that donation providing the amount
29 of the donation and the purpose for which the funds will be

1 expended, if known.

2 Sec. 405. (1) The MVAA shall provide a report annually on the
3 financial status of the Michigan veterans' trust fund, including
4 the number and amount of emergency grants, state operating and
5 administrative expenses, and county administrative expenses.

6 (2) The Michigan veterans' trust fund board together with the
7 MVAA shall provide emergency grants for disbursement from the
8 Michigan veterans' trust fund, as provided under the following
9 program authorities:

10 (a) Sections 37, 38, and 39 of article IX of the state
11 constitution of 1963.

12 (b) 1946 (1st Ex Sess) PA 9, MCL 35.602 to 35.610.

13 (c) R 35.1 to R 35.7 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

14 (d) R 35.621 to R 35.623 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

15 (3) No later than February 1, the MVAA shall provide a
16 detailed report of the Michigan veterans' trust fund that includes,
17 for the prior fiscal year, information on grants provided from the
18 emergency grant program, including the following:

19 (a) Details concerning the methodology of allocations and the
20 selection of emergency grant program authorized agents.

21 (b) A description of how the emergency grant program is
22 administered in each county.

23 (c) A detailed breakdown of trust fund expenditures for that
24 year, including the amount distributed to each county for operating
25 costs, administrative costs and emergency grants.

26 (d) The number of approved applications, by category of
27 assistance, and the number of denied applications, by reason of
28 denial.

29 (e) A description of the MVAA's efforts to reduce program

1 administrative costs and maintain the Michigan veterans' trust fund
2 corpus at or above its original amount of \$50,000,000.00.

3 Sec. 406. (1) The MVAA shall provide outreach services to
4 Michigan veterans to advise them on the benefits to which they are
5 entitled, as provided under Executive Reorganization Order No.
6 2013-2, MCL 32.92.

7 (2) The MVAA shall also do the following:

8 (a) Develop and operate an outreach program that communicates
9 benefit eligibility information to at least 50% of Michigan's
10 population of veterans, as assessed by annual census estimates,
11 with a goal of reaching 100% and enabling 100% to access benefit
12 information online.

13 (b) Communicate veteran benefit information pertaining to the
14 Michigan military family relief fund, Michigan veterans' trust
15 fund, and USDVA health, financial, and memorial benefits to which
16 veterans are entitled.

17 (c) Fulfill requests for military discharge certificates (DD-
18 214) upon request.

19 (d) Provide a report annually providing, to the extent known,
20 data on the estimated number of homeless veterans, by county, in
21 this state.

22 (e) Provide a report annually on the percentage of Michigan
23 veterans contacted through its outreach programs, with a goal of
24 90%, and report that percentage biannually on the status of
25 outreach.

26 Sec. 408. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the MVAA
27 shall provide for the regional coordination of services, as
28 follows:

29 (a) The MVAA shall coordinate with veteran benefit counselors

1 throughout a specified region.

2 (b) The MVAA shall coordinate services with the DHHS and the
3 department of corrections.

4 (c) The MVAA shall coordinate with regional workforce and
5 economic development agencies.

6 (d) The MVAA shall coordinate activities among local
7 foundations, nonprofit organizations, and community groups to
8 improve accessibility, enrollment, and utilization of the array of
9 health care, education, employment assistance, and quality of life
10 services provided at the local level.

11 (e) The MVAA may work with MVAA service officers, county
12 veteran counselors, VSO service officers, and other service
13 providers to incorporate the provision of information relating to
14 mental health care resources into their daily operations to aid
15 veterans in understanding the mental health care support services
16 they may be eligible to receive.

17 (f) The MVAA shall coordinate with the DHHS to identify
18 Medicaid recipients who are veterans and who may be eligible for
19 federal veterans health care benefits or other benefits, to the
20 extent that the identification does not violate applicable
21 confidentiality requirements.

22 (g) The MVAA shall collaborate with the department of
23 corrections to create and maintain a process by which prisoners can
24 obtain a copy of their DD-214 form or other military discharge
25 documentation if necessary.

26 (h) The MVAA shall ensure that all MVAA service officers and
27 VSO service officers receive appropriate training in processing
28 applications for benefits payable to veterans due to military
29 sexual trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety,

1 substance abuse, or other mental health issues.

2 Sec. 410. (1) The MVAA shall provide claims processing
3 services to Michigan veterans in support of benefit claims
4 submitted to the USDVA for the health, financial, and memorial
5 benefits for which they are eligible, and shall report annually on
6 the number of benefit claims, by type, submitted to the USDVA by
7 MVAA and maintain the staffing and resources necessary to process a
8 minimum of 500 claims per year.

9 (2) The MVAA shall develop and implement a process to ensure
10 that all county counselors receive the training and accreditation
11 necessary to provide quality services to veterans and shall report
12 information annually on the number and percentage of county
13 veterans counselors trained by the MVAA, and the number and
14 percentage who received funding from the MVAA to attend training,
15 with an overall goal of 100% of county veterans counselors trained.

16 (3) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for MVAA, the MVAA
17 is authorized to expend up to \$100,000.00 to hire legal services to
18 represent veterans benefit cases before federal court to maintain
19 accreditation under 38 CFR 14.628(d)(1)(iv).

20 Sec. 411. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
21 veterans service grants, the MVAA shall establish, administer, and
22 award competitive grants to 1 or more congressionally chartered
23 VSOs or a coalition of VSOs. Grants shall be used to support
24 efforts to connect veterans and their dependents with federal
25 compensation and pension benefits and state veterans' benefits,
26 including emergency grants through the Michigan veterans' trust
27 fund and other local or nonproject assistance that may be available
28 to veterans and their dependents. The competitive grant process
29 shall include all of the following:

1 (a) Using a regional service delivery model to ensure that
2 veterans and their dependents in this state, including those within
3 tribal communities, are provided with services, advocacy, and
4 outreach as close to the communities in which they live as
5 possible.

6 (b) Ensure that grantees are providing adequate veteran
7 services and advocacy, through in-person and virtual meetings, that
8 enables the organization to meet performance goals established in
9 the grant agreement.

10 (c) Foster innovative and transformative approaches and
11 techniques for the grantee to use when providing services,
12 advocacy, and outreach for veterans and their dependents.

13 (d) Require grantees to use an MVAA-designated internet-based
14 claims data system to manage caseloads. License fees associated
15 with the claims data system described in this subdivision are
16 considered an allowable expenditure and may be reimbursed with
17 grant funds.

18 (e) A provision that requires grantees, in coordination with
19 the MVAA, to provide services to incarcerated veterans who are
20 within 1 year of their earliest release date.

21 (f) Ensure that each grantee is issued performance goals.

22 (g) Ensure that each grantee expends grant awards as
23 prescribed in the grant agreement.

24 (h) Require each grantee to report not less than quarterly on
25 all of the following:

26 (i) An accounting for all grant fund expenditures.

27 (ii) The number and type of claims originated and submitted by
28 the grantee to the USDVA.

29 (iii) The number and type of claims originated by an

1 organization other than the grantee and submitted by the grantee to
2 the USDVA.

3 (iv) The services provided to veterans and their dependents.

4 (v) Progress in achieving monthly performance benchmark goals.

5 (i) Ensure that each grantee is issued monthly performance
6 benchmark goals that each grantee must aim to achieve and require
7 each grantee to report to the MVAA, in order to ensure that
8 benchmark goals are being achieved, or on target to be achieved, in
9 the fiscal year.

10 (2) The MVAA shall do all of the following:

11 (a) Follow all generally accepted accounting principles in
12 accordance with sections 141 and 485 of the management and budget
13 act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1141 and 18.1485.

14 (b) When establishing, modifying, or amending the competitive
15 grant process described in subsection (1), consult and collaborate
16 with congressionally chartered VSOs in the state, or a coalition of
17 VSOs, and other stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive approach to
18 providing services, advocacy, and outreach to veterans and their
19 dependents.

20 (c) Provide notice to current grantees of any MVAA-proposed
21 modifications or amendments to the competitive grant process and
22 provide those grantees with an opportunity to respond through
23 written communication.

24 (d) Assess the accuracy rate of claims reported by grantees.

25 (e) Review and audit grantees' expenditure of grant funds to
26 ensure compliance with the grant agreement, as provided under
27 section 470 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
28 18.1470.

29 (3) By March 1, the MVAA shall provide a report summarizing

1 grant activities for the prior fiscal year, including the amount of
2 expenditures, number of service and advocacy hours, number of
3 claims for benefits submitted by type of claim, and other
4 information deemed appropriate by the MVAA.

5 Sec. 412. (1) The department shall enter into an interagency
6 agreement in cooperation with the DHHS in order to work with the
7 federal public assistance reporting information system to identify
8 Medicaid recipients who are veterans and who may be eligible for
9 federal veterans' health care benefits or other benefits. The
10 interagency agreement shall include the specific outcome and
11 performance reporting requirements described in this section. The
12 interagency agreement shall require the department to report all of
13 the following items by January 1 for the current fiscal year:

14 (a) The number of veterans identified by the DHHS through
15 eligibility determinations.

16 (b) The number of veterans referred to the department.

17 (c) The number of referrals made by the DHHS that were
18 contacted by the department.

19 (d) The number of referrals made to the department that were
20 eligible for veterans health care benefits or other benefits.

21 (e) The specific actions and efforts undertaken by the DHHS
22 and the department to identify female veterans who are applying for
23 public assistance benefits, but who are eligible for veterans
24 benefits.

25 (2) By October 1 of the current fiscal year, the DHHS shall
26 change the public assistance application form from asking whether
27 the prospective applicant was a veteran to asking whether the
28 applicant had ever served in the military.

29 (3) This section does not prohibit the department from

1 entering into interagency agreements with any other public
2 department or agency in this state in order to obtain the
3 information detailed in subsection (1).

4 Sec. 413. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for county
5 veteran service grants must be deposited into the restricted county
6 veteran service fund created in section 3a of 1953 PA 192, MCL
7 35.623a. All available funds in the restricted county veteran
8 service fund are appropriated and available for expenditure as
9 provided by law.

10 (2) From the restricted county veteran service fund created in
11 section 3a of 1953 PA 192, MCL 35.623a, \$208,500.00 shall be
12 allocated to the MVAA to cover necessary administrative and
13 implementation costs incurred by the MVAA.

14 (3) The MVAA shall provide a report by December 15 that
15 includes the following information for the prior fiscal year:

16 (a) A list of counties that received a grant under this
17 section.

18 (b) The total amount of grant funding each county received
19 including any amount of funding provided under the emergent need
20 relief program pursuant to section 3a(10) of 1953 PA 192, MCL
21 35.623a.

22 (c) A summary of each county's expenditures of grant funding.

23 (d) The amount of any unexpended grant funding disbursed to
24 the counties that has been recovered and returned to the county
25 veteran service fund.

26 (e) The balance of the county veteran service fund after the
27 prior fiscal year-end book closing.

28 (f) A list of counties that have requested funds in the
29 current fiscal year, the amount requested by each county, and the

1 total of these amounts.

2 (g) A list of counties that did not request funds in the
3 current fiscal year.

4 (h) The amount of any funds recovered by the MVAA through the
5 MVAA's finding of misused grant funds.

6 (i) An explanation of any obstacles or reasons for counties
7 not applying for or spending their eligible amount of grant
8 funding.

9 (j) The amount expended by the MVAA for grant administration
10 and implementation costs.

11 Sec. 414. By February 1, the department shall provide a report
12 on the status of the construction, operations, and finances of the
13 state veterans cemetery funded in article 10 of 2022 PA 166.

14 Sec. 415. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan
15 veterans affairs agency administration, the MVAA shall complete a
16 study and submit a report to the recipients required in section 205
17 of this part by January 1, 2024. The MVAA may partner with any
18 additional stakeholders the MVAA deems necessary for completing the
19 study. The study and report shall include all of the following:

20 (a) An analysis on the scope of homelessness among the state's
21 veteran population.

22 (b) Challenges to securing housing for homeless veterans.

23 (c) Recommendations for future long-term partnerships between
24 the Michigan state housing development authority, the MVAA,
25 municipalities, and nonprofit organizations that could assist in
26 eliminating homelessness among veterans in this state.

27 Recommendations under this subdivision must minimize additional
28 costs to local units of government.

29

MICHIGAN VETERANS' FACILITY AUTHORITY

1 Sec. 451. (1) Money privately donated to the MVH, the MVFA, or
2 a veterans' facility in excess of the appropriation in part 1 is
3 appropriated and is available for expenditure for the benefit and
4 life enrichment of resident members and for the purpose designated
5 by the private source, if specified and in compliance with this
6 section.
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8 (2) The MVH must submit a report quarterly that provides the
9 amount of the private donations described under subsection (1) and
10 the purpose for which the funds will be expended, if known. In
11 addition to the quarterly report required under this subsection, if
12 the MVH, the MVFA, or a veterans' facility receives a private
13 donation that is \$10,000.00 or greater, the MVH must submit a
14 report within 14 calendar days after receiving that donation
15 providing the amount of the donation and the purpose for which the
16 funds are to be expended, if known.

17 Sec. 452. (1) The MVH and the MVFA shall provide compassionate
18 and quality nursing care services at each veterans' facility in
19 this state so that resident members can achieve their highest
20 potential of wellness, independence, self-worth, and dignity.

21 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the MVFA and the
22 MVH shall provide nursing care services to veterans in accordance
23 with federal standards and report the results of the annual USDVA
24 and CMS surveys and certification as proof of compliance.

25 (3) Appropriations in part 1 for a veterans' facility shall
26 not be used for any purpose other than expenses related to the
27 operations of the veterans' facility, resident members, and their
28 families.

29 Sec. 453. All contractors providing health care services at a

1 veterans' facility shall provide services in a manner that complies
2 with applicable USDVA and CMS regulations for state veterans' homes
3 and skilled nursing facilities, any rules governing the operation
4 of nursing homes licensed in this state, and any training and
5 education requirements associated with staff licensure or
6 certification.

7 Sec. 456. (1) All complaints of abusive or neglectful care at
8 a veterans' facility by a resident member, a resident member's
9 family or legal guardian, or staff of the veterans' facility
10 received by a supervisor shall be referred to the director of
11 nursing or his or her designee upon receipt of the complaint. The
12 director of nursing or his or her designee shall report on not less
13 than a monthly basis, except that the MVFA may specify a more
14 frequent reporting period, to the home administrator, to the
15 recipients required under section 205 of this part and to the MVFA
16 and MVAA the following information:

17 (a) A description of the process by which resident members and
18 others may file complaints of alleged abuse or neglect at a
19 veterans' facility.

20 (b) Summary statistics on the number and general nature of
21 complaints of abuse or neglect.

22 (c) Summary statistics on the final disposition of complaints
23 of abuse or neglect received.

24 (2) The process by which visitors, resident members, and staff
25 of the veterans' facility may register complaints shall be
26 displayed in high-traffic areas throughout the veterans' facility.

27 Sec. 458. The MVH shall do the following regarding member
28 care:

29 (a) Provide an on-site, board-certified psychiatrist for all

1 resident members with mental health disorders in order to ensure
2 that those resident members receive needed services in a
3 professional and timely manner.

4 (b) Provide all resident members and staff a safe and secure
5 environment.

6 (c) Ensure that the veterans' facility effectively develops,
7 executes, and monitors all comprehensive care plans in accordance
8 with federal regulations and the veterans' facility's internal
9 policies, with a goal that a comprehensive care plan is fully
10 developed for all resident members.

11 Sec. 460. The MVH shall establish and implement internal
12 controls regarding all of the following:

13 (a) The use and management of food, maintenance, and
14 pharmaceutical and medical supply inventories.

15 (b) Calculating resident member maintenance assessments in
16 order to accurately calculate resident member maintenance
17 assessments for each billing cycle and ensure that all past due
18 resident member maintenance assessments are addressed within 30
19 days.

20 (c) Monetary donations and donated goods.

21 (d) The handling of resident member funds to ensure the
22 release of funds within 15 calendar days upon the resident member
23 leaving the home and to ensure that a representative of a resident
24 member is provided a full accounting of that resident member's
25 funds within 30 calendar days after the death of that resident
26 member.

27 (e) Financial reporting and accounting.

28 Sec. 461. (1) The MVH shall post on its website the following:

29 (a) All policies adopted by the MVFA and the veterans'

1 facility related to the administrative operations of the veterans'
2 facility.

3 (b) The agenda and minutes of public meetings of the MVFA
4 board.

5 (2) The MVH shall provide a report with copies of each
6 veterans' facility's USDVA State Veteran Home quarterly report.
7 These quarterly reports shall also be posted on the MVH website.

8 (3) The MVH shall provide bimonthly reports on the following:

9 (a) Census data for each veterans' facility, including
10 information on level of care, service era of its resident members,
11 payer source, and average income and assessment rate.

12 (b) Per patient daily care hours provided by each veterans'
13 facility, by level of care.

14 (c) Financial status of each veterans' facility and central
15 MVFA/MVH administration. Information shall include, but not be
16 limited to, actual year-to-date and projected year-end revenues and
17 expenditures, by fund source.

18 (4) The MVH shall provide a report on the results of any
19 annual or for-cause survey conducted by any entity with oversight
20 over the veterans' facility and any corresponding corrective action
21 plan. This information shall also be made available publicly
22 through the MVH website.

23 (5) In addition to the information required under section
24 12(1) of the Michigan veterans' facility authority act, 2016 PA
25 560, MCL 36.112, the MVFA shall provide a report detailing the
26 strategies and actions taken to maximize revenues from non-general
27 fund sources and cost savings strategies.

28 Sec. 462. The MVH shall ensure that the quality of care for
29 resident members of each veterans' facility meets the quality of

1 care for the full spectrum of health care services to meet the CMS
2 certification standards. The MVH shall provide a report biannually
3 that contains evidence that the quality of care for the full
4 spectrum of health care services has met CMS certification
5 standards.

6 Sec. 463. In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
7 private revenues held by the MVH on a nonfiduciary basis for a
8 resident member of a veterans' facility are appropriated to pay
9 medical expenses, member assessments, and other expenses incurred
10 by that resident member. Any unexpended or unencumbered private
11 revenues held on a nonfiduciary basis by the MVH at the close of
12 the fiscal year shall not lapse to the general fund but shall be
13 carried forward into the subsequent year.

14 Sec. 464. By March 1, the MVFA shall provide a report on the
15 construction, operation, and finances of the new Marquette veterans
16 home funded in article 14 of 2022 PA 166.

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18 **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

19 Sec. 501. (1) The department shall provide for the acquisition
20 and disposition of National Guard armories, facilities, and lands
21 as provided under sections 368, 382, and 382a of the Michigan
22 military act, 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.768, 32.782, and 32.782a.

23 (2) The department shall provide a listing of property sales
24 and acquisitions annually.

25 Sec. 502. (1) The appropriations for special maintenance -
26 National Guard shall be expended in accordance with the
27 requirements of sections 302 and 305 of this part and shall be
28 expended according to the maintenance priorities of the department
29 to repair and modernize military training sites and support

1 facilities, including armories.

2 (2) The department shall provide an annual report providing
3 information on the status, projected costs, and projected
4 completion date of current and planned special maintenance projects
5 at the armories and other National Guard facilities funded from
6 capital outlay appropriations made in part 1 and in prior
7 appropriations years.

8 Sec. 503. (1) The appropriations for special maintenance -
9 veterans' facility shall be expended in accordance with the
10 requirements of section 452 of this part and shall be expended
11 according to the maintenance priorities of the MVFA to repair and
12 modernize the state's veterans' facility, which may include
13 physical plant expansions, renovations, or enhancements, and other
14 projects designed to enhance the quality of life and medical care
15 of resident members.

16 (2) The MVH shall provide an annual report providing
17 information on the status, projected costs, and projected
18 completion date of current and planned special maintenance projects
19 at each veterans' facility funded from capital outlay
20 appropriations made in part 1 and in prior appropriations years.

21 Sec. 504. The appropriations for armory maintenance shall be
22 expended in accordance with the requirements of sections 302 and
23 305 of this part and shall be expended according to the maintenance
24 priorities of the department to repair and modernize military
25 training sites and support facilities, including armories.

26

27 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

28 Sec. 601. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
29 eliminating veteran homelessness grants, the MVAA shall create and

1 operate a grant program that provides grants of \$150,000.00 to
2 Michigan-based nonprofit organizations that provide, or assist in
3 providing, housing for homeless veterans or their families, or
4 both. The grants must support efforts to reduce or eliminate
5 homelessness among veterans in this state by supporting costs of
6 housing veterans or their families, or both. The MVAA shall develop
7 criteria for determining grant eligibility in accordance with this
8 section. The MVAA shall not award more than 1 grant to any 1
9 nonprofit organization. A grant must be disbursed within 60 days
10 after the date that the MVAA receives a completed and signed grant
11 agreement from the nonprofit organization requesting the grant.
12 Grant funding must be used to support costs related to housing or
13 other activities that assist homeless veterans and their families
14 to avoid homelessness.

15 (2) The MVAA shall provide a report by September 30
16 summarizing grant activities for the fiscal year ending September
17 30, 2024, and shall include the following information for each
18 grant issued under this grant program:

- 19 (a) The name of the nonprofit organization recipient.
20 (b) The location, city, and county of each grant recipient.
21 (c) The amount of the grant provided.
22 (d) A brief summary of each grant recipient's expenditures of
23 grant funding.

24 (3) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for
25 eliminating veteran homelessness grants are designated as a work
26 project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds
27 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be
28 available for expenditures for projects under this section until
29 the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance

1 with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
2 MCL 18.1451a:

3 (a) The purpose of the project is to create and operate a
4 grant program that provides grants to Michigan-based nonprofit
5 organizations that provide, or assist in providing, shelter and
6 housing for veterans or their families, or both. The grants must
7 support efforts to reduce or eliminate homelessness among veterans
8 in this state by supporting costs of sheltering and housing
9 veterans or their families, or both.

10 (b) The project will be accomplished by state employees.

11 (c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$5,000,000.00.

12 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2028.

13 (4) As used in this section:

14 (a) "Veteran" means an individual who served in the United
15 States Armed Forces, including the reserve components and National
16 Guard, and was discharged or released under conditions other than
17 dishonorable. Veteran includes an individual who died while on
18 active duty in the United States Armed Forces.

19 (b) "Homeless" means that term as defined in section 103 of
20 the McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act of 2009, 42 USC 11302.