

# Government of the United States Virgin Islands



**Budget Hearing Presentation  
Committee on Finance**

JUNE 30, 2025

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**Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs Budget Testimony**

**June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, the Honorable Senator Novelle E. Francis Jr.; other members of the Committee on Finance; and distinguished Senators of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands of the United States—pleasant good day to you.

Additional greetings to everyone physically present, to those viewing via the Legislature's LEGIT TV, and to those following through other media sources. Special greetings and prayers to our servicemen and women currently serving around the world. You serve during unpredictable times, but please know you are in our hearts every step of the way.

To those who have already borne the battle—thank you for your service to our country and our beloved territory.

To the staff of the Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs—whom I call the “Pillars of the Office of Veterans Affairs” (Mrs. Frederick, Ms. Daniel, and Mrs. Gordon)—thank you for your daily commitment to our Veterans. Your dedication enhances their quality of life and exemplifies our mission.

I am Patrick D. Farrell, your Director of the Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs. Today I present the Fiscal Year 2026 budget for our office. With me is Mrs. Frederick, Program Administrator.

### **Staffing Overview**

We are staffed at 83 percent of our authorized positions. On St. Thomas there is one Coordinator of Veterans Programs and one Program Administrator; on St. Croix, one Administrative Officer III. The Director position, which I hold, is territorial.





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Two positions are vacant—Administrative Officer II and Administrative Assistant. The Administrative Officer II will manage public information and media relations, strengthening our presence on social media platforms and in traditional media.

All union employee raises are current, with no retroactive payments owed. Morale is high—8.5 out of 10—making the Office a great place both to work and to serve.

For Fiscal Year 2025, our requested general fund appropriations were in the amount of \$1,219,369.00. Of that amount, an estimated \$499,773.00 was earmarked to cover personnel salaries and fringe benefits and \$269,596.00 for operating expenses;

\$450,000.00 is now collectively earmarked for Veteran elective medical travel outside of the Virgin Islands, and burial benefits. FY 2024 saw us reimbursing 8 Veterans at the rate of \$250 per Veteran for a total of \$2,000. Year to date, the Office of Veterans Affairs has reimbursed 5 Veterans at the rate of \$250 per Veteran per Office of Veteran Affairs policy # 3 for a total of \$1,250. That policy is now rescinded based on new legislation. The United States Department of Veterans of Affairs has also played a significant role in what would be the reduction of Veterans needing to travel outside of the territory for any type of VA medical appointments. Through their Community Care Network, they have consistently maintained a relationship with VI Equicare who is the largest independent Preferred Provider Organization in the Virgin Islands. VI Equicare's membership includes most of the primary care and specialty physicians as well as ancillary facilities and allied healthcare practitioners practicing in the V.I. As you can imagine, this relationship creates easier access



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to most healthcare providers in the territory. Through Equicare, the VA consistently invites these providers to be a part of the VA Community Care Network. Having these providers as a part of the network is what reduces the need for travel outside of the territory.

Year to date we have reimbursed the families of 35 Veterans, who are now deceased, up to \$5,000 per family for burial expenses for a total cost of \$162,741.91. This number seems to be on track to be even less than the last two years \$170,661.00 and \$233,960.58 respectively.

Normally, we would receive \$100,000.00 of non-appropriated funds from the Virgin Islands Lottery for operational expenses and 20% of the proceeds from the annual Veterans Taxi Medallion Auction. For this and last fiscal year we have not received funds from the VI Lottery. As it relates to the Taxicab Commission, though the auctions are mandated by law and have been consistently taking place, we have not received the proceeds from the auctions which took place in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

For Fiscal Year 2026, our requested general fund appropriations are in the amount of \$1,219,369.00. Of our requested amount, an estimated \$506,347.00 is to cover personnel salaries and fringe benefits; \$263,022.00 for operating expenses; and \$450,000.00 collectively earmarked for VA medical travel, elective medical travel outside of our territory, and burial benefits.

The Office of Veterans Affairs currently owns four vehicles: one 2023 Chevrolet Traverse and one 2022 Chevrolet Colorado on the island of St. Thomas; one





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2020 Chevrolet Traverse and one 2022 Chevrolet Colorado on the island of St. Croix. All four of our vehicles are in very good condition.

Medical Travel and Burial Reimbursements: The backlog for Veterans Medical Travel has been significantly reduced. As of June 25, 2025 we are down to only 9 unpaid at a total of \$2,509.79 with the oldest one being from May of this year. The other eight (8) were submitted for processing this month.

As a result of ACT Number 8650, \$1.5M was appropriated for the construction of the Clarence Beverhoudt, Sr. Veterans Complex. To date, \$237, 160. 00 has been encumbered from that amount for the design portion of the project which is being facilitated by NV5 Incorporated. To date the design of the project is 50% completed. Invoice #1 in the amount of \$27,983.48 has been paid. Invoice #2 in the amount of \$45,957.23 and invoice #3 in the amount of \$13,540.60 are under review and should be paid rather shortly. We are working closely with the Department of Public Work's engineer Jermaine Tyson who is serving as the Project Manager for this project. Upon completion, this will be a two-story structure located at Parcel F, Submarine Base Number 6 Southside Quarter which is the location of the former Smalls Electric Building on Legion Hall Drive. Representatives from the Department of Public Works, NV5 Incorporated, and the Office of Veterans Affairs met with the leadership team of the VA Caribbean Healthcare System and their engineer team to discuss the possibilities adding a third floor to the structure which would house services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Unfortunately, based on engineering guidelines which they are governed by, our proposed facility cannot meet the space criteria which they will need. We all agreed that this would have been a game changer





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for the Veterans of the Virgin Islands but the space we currently have allocated to us is just not enough. As it relates to the current appropriation, while we are very appreciative of it, there will be a time in the very near future when we will present another request for additional funds to complete the project. Once we get through the final design, we will have a better idea of what that request may look like. This structure will house the Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs St. Thomas Office on one level, and then on a separate level, a common area or hall that can be used by American Legion Post #90 for meetings and events at no cost to them in addition to outreach events which are normally held by the Office of Veterans Affairs. In addition to outreach events the common area can possibly be used as a small rentable event space; we will explore the legalities of providing such a space. If it's found to be something that's doable, we anticipate using those funds for the maintenance of the building with hopes of freeing the general fund from the financial responsibilities of this building. The structure will have an elevator for the purpose of traversing between floors when necessary, especially for our disabled Veterans.

As a result of ACT Number 8861, the Office of Veterans Affairs is now authorized to pay up to \$5000 to a funeral home or mortuary business that prepares the body of a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces for burial, interment, or renders other services connected with the death upon the funeral home or mortuary business submittal of a certified copy of the death certificate and an invoice for service performed to the Office of Veterans Affairs. This new change has a significant impact on the enhancement of the lives of families of our Virgin Islands Veterans. Instead of having to pay \$5k up front for funeral expenses only





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to be reimbursed, the Office of Veterans Affairs can pay those funeral homes who elect to be a part of this process upfront.

Separately, \$350,000.00 was earmarked in the 34<sup>th</sup> legislature to be available until expended as the 10% match for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Cemetery Grants Program which we applied for. Since we have been prioritized to being within the top 15 in the nation for funding, the Veterans Cemetery Grant Program has not funded any new cemeteries; this has been over five years now. Unfortunately for us, the priority has changed to the expansion of existing cemeteries versus standing up new cemeteries. It is my recommendation that we, as a territory, remove our interest from the Veterans Cemetery Grant Program and continue to focus on building multi-vault crypts and columbariums. This method has proven to be a major space saver as we are experiencing a shortage of burial space across the territory. The Department of Veterans Affairs' National Cemetery Association is still expressing interest in making this a pilot program for the entire nation as space issues are becoming common in many states and territories. This pilot would include the territory being reimbursed at a rate to be determined by the VA. This will allow the recoupment of some of the money invested which can be used for maintenance and upkeep of the crypts and columbariums as we go along. Two crypts and one columbarium are completed on the island of St Thomas, and both have started to be used for the interment of Veterans. One is almost to capacity while the other is at 50% capacity. On the island of St Croix, the crypt is ready to be used for interments of Veterans. We are in the process of securing a contractor through procurement channels to create a hardened surface immediately





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surrounding this structure. Because of the current surface immediately surrounding the crypt, it would be a total mess if we were in the process of interring a Veteran at a time of inclement weather. This is on its way to being rectified.

As a result of ACT Number 8991, the Veterans Emergency and Mainland Transportation and Burial Expenses Account now authorizes the Office of Veterans Affairs to reimburse Veterans who travel to the mainland United States of America for VA medical treatment. While this piece of legislation may have good intent, a section of it states, "The Director of Veterans Affairs, or a designee within the Office of the Governor, shall cover all or part of the costs associated with transporting veterans of the United States Armed Forces residing in the Virgin Islands to and from Veterans Administration hospitals, located outside the territory for the purpose of receiving emergency medical treatment or services". This duplicates what has been in place because of advocacy by the Office of Veterans Affairs for quite some time. Currently, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs pays for the transport of any qualified Veteran experiencing a medical condition which requires emergency medical transportation out of the territory based on a doctor-to-doctor consultation. Yes, in most cases the Veteran is transported to the San Juan VA Hospital for that emergency care BUT, that is not always the case. Additionally, it is important to note, that 15 to 20-minute flight may be the flight that will save the life of that Veteran. Further, a real emergency medical situation requiring a medical evacuation usually require an air ambulance, the VA right now pays 100% of that travel on an air ambulance for eligible Veterans with eligible situations





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whether it be to San Juan Puerto Rico or to the mainland United States. Senators, I humbly ask that you relook this piece of legislation. In its current form, authorizing emergency medical transportation to the mainland is not financially sustainable. For the period of October 2023 through June 25, 2025 which is literally 18 months the VA has paid a total of \$611,085 for the lifesaving emergency transportation of 26 Virgin Islands Veterans; 15 from St. Croix, 10 from St. Thomas, 1 one from St. John. The cheapest of the 26 flights was at a cost of \$17,500.00 and the most expensive \$58,615.00. Is this a resource that we want to lose? More importantly, is this something that we can afford? In addition to that, the legislation only authorizes the Office of Veterans Affairs to pay for two trips per year. Most medical conditions require more than 2 visits per year. In my estimation it does not make any sense to start seeing a doctor that you can only see twice per year if you have a significant medical condition. This will end up hurting our Veterans financially.

Some of our more notable ventures during the latter part of last fiscal year and this fiscal year to date include the following:

1. Co-Host/Sponsor of the 250<sup>th</sup> Army Birthday Celebration in the Virgin Islands. The United States Army has the most service members of any military branch who enlisted from the Virgin Islands. As such, we found it fitting to join the office of the Civilian Aide to Secretary of the Army for the Virgin Islands, Mr. Beresford Edwards, in hosting and being a part of the celebration of it's 250<sup>th</sup> year celebration. A cake cutting ceremony was held at Government House in the St. Thomas / St. John district and in the St. Croix District. The keynote speaker for both events was the highest-ranking member of the Signal Corps of the



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United States Army, Lieutenant General Jeth B. Rey, a product of the Virgin Islands by way of the Kirwan Terrace community and the Seventh Day Adventist Church family. As a part of both ceremonies General Rey had the opportunity to administer the oath of enlistment to a few enlistees enlisting into the U.S. Army and the V.I. Army National Guard. This was a significant highlight for those enlistees and the Virgin Islands as a whole.

2. Celebrated Women Veterans Day with an event held on St. Thomas. As normal, for this event we alternate island districts every year. Next year's event will take place on the island of St. Croix.

3. Met with the leadership of the VA Caribbean Healthcare System concerning possible cuts to VA medical services and personnel.

4. Completion of the renovation of the gravesite of the late Senator Ruby M. Rousse

Some of the things we will be focusing on for the rest of this and next fiscal year include:

1. Completion of the design for the Clarence Beverhoudt Sr. Veterans Complex, demolition of the existing structure, and the groundbreaking ceremony for the project.

2. Start the solicitation of bids process for the construction of a second multi-vault crypt and a columbarium for the placement of urns in the Veterans section of the Kingshill Cemetery on the island of St Croix.





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3. Start the solicitation of bids process for the construction of a third multi-vault crypt in the Veterans section of the Eastern Cemetery on the island of St. Thomas.

4. Recognition of Purple Heart Day – August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

5. Naming of VA Clinics on St Thomas and St. Croix. The VA Clinics on St. Croix and St Thomas remain nameless. Because these facilities are under the jurisdiction of the federal government, I have requested information from the office of Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett on how we can posthumously honor two Virgin Islanders who were killed during the Global War on Terrorism while serving in Iraq. The Virgin Islanders I speak of are Lieutenant Colonel David C. Canegata III and Sergeant First Class Floyd E. Lake. This initiative is personal to us as Virgin Islanders and I am committed to seeing this through once we can meet the requirements set forth. I would appreciate any assistance from this body to make this happen.

6. Gaining oversight responsibility of the Verne L. Richards Park Veterans Memorial Park on St Croix and the Franklin D Roosevelt Veterans Memorial Park on ST Thomas. Currently the Department of Sports Park and Recreation has oversight of these two facilities. Acting Commissioner Vincent Roberts and I have met about this and we both agree that it would be absolutely appropriate to have these facilities placed under the Office of Veterans Affairs for upkeep and maintenance.

7. 2027 National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs (NASDVA) Annual Conference. With the support of this body, I am proposing to host this



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conference in the fall of 2027. Like any other NASDVA conference, this would bring the leadership of the Department of Veterans Affairs to our territory. In that space of time we can capitalize on their physical presence by inviting them to meetings with our state leaders. This would also be an opportunity to invite them to see our facilities and learn first-hand of our day-to-day struggles being away from the mainland.

Some things we continue to advocate for as follows:

- The possibility of decreasing the financial hardship of a significant population of our Veterans by paying upfront for their medical travel to the closest medical facility. The recent situation surrounding one of our commuter airlines places what we had in place in jeopardy; however, we are exploring other options. Being that quite a few non-service-connected Veterans elect to continue accessing medical care some of whom do so multiple times per month via the VA Caribbean Healthcare System headquartered in San Juan Puerto Rico this will be a win-win situation. The Office of Veterans Affairs paying up front versus reimbursing Veterans travel to the closest VA medical facility will be a significant enhancement to quality of lives for our Veterans; especially those Veterans on a fixed income AND, it would alleviate Veterans skipping necessary medical appointments due to lack of personal funds.





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We continue to assess our operation and think of how we can make this agency an even better-oiled working machine. We remain committed to our mission “To honor the commitment of Virgin Islanders who rose to the challenge of wearing our nation’s military uniform, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, by continuing to advocate on their behalf and by enhancing their quality of life by making sure they receive all entitled services and benefits”.

We continue to encourage our Veterans to access the office using available technology as much as possible. Yes, the office is 100% open; however, we find it to be proactive and more convenient for those Veterans that are computer literate and have constant access to technology. Our website allows Veterans that are computer literate to conduct most of their VA business from the comforts of a location of their choice. By accessing our website at [www.veterans.vi.gov](http://www.veterans.vi.gov) Veterans can also register online with the agency, request military records, request reimbursement for authorized medical travel, and request educational waivers, just to name a few. We do realize that there is a significant number of our Veterans who may not have computer access nor the knowledge to navigate computer systems; those Veterans are always welcome to visit our office in person for assistance at any time during office hours.

Mister Chair, thank you for the opportunity to address you and this August body. Mrs. Frederick and I are available to answer any questions that you or any other



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member of this body may have for the Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs.

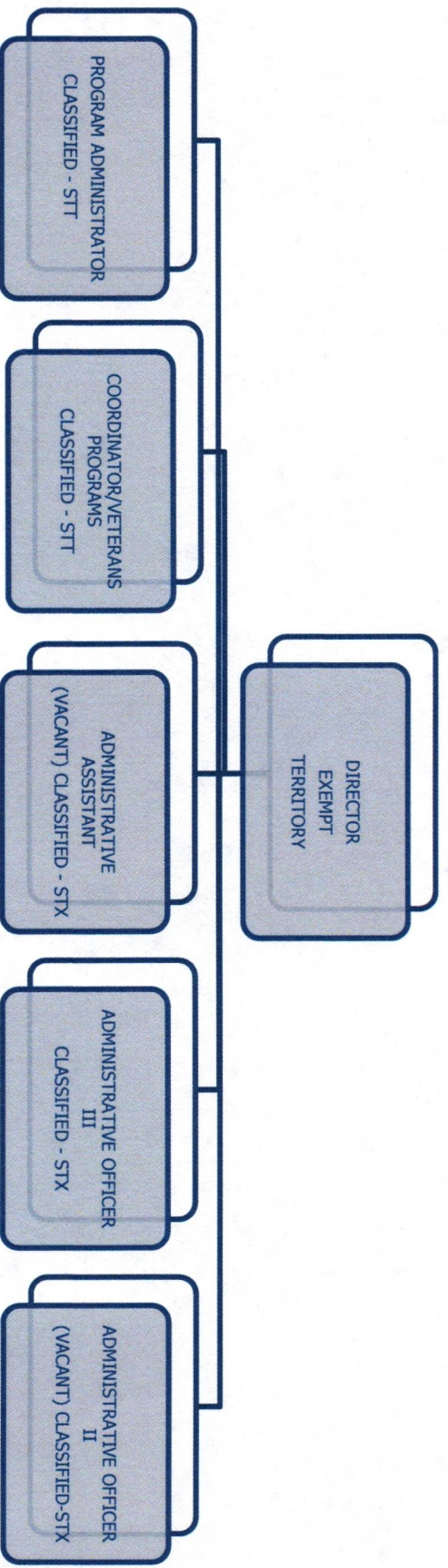
Thank you.





# OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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FISCAL YEAR 2025

**COMMUNICATION PAID FROM 10-01-24 TO PRESENT**

PHONE	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Totals
STT (VIYA)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,794.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,794.44
STX (VIYA)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,970.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,970.18
CELL PHONE (LIBERTY)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,689.65	\$0.00	\$526.87	\$779.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,995.59
STT CABLE (VIYA)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$203.14	\$5.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$208.98
STX CABLE (VIYA)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,077.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,077.98
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,735.39	\$5.84	\$526.87	\$779.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,047.17

**INTERNET PAID FROM 10-01-24 TO PRESENT (BIT)**

INTERNET	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Totals
STT*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$0.00	\$1,125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,375.00
STX*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$0.00	\$1,125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,375.00
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,750.00
<b>TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS</b>													<b>\$24,797.17</b>

\*THE MONTHLY CHARGE FOR INTERNET IS \$375.00 BY BUREAU OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (BIT) FOR BOTH ST. THOMAS AND ST. CROIX.  
(BILLED QUARTERLY FOR \$1,125.00)

**UTILITIES PAID FROM 10-01-24 TO PRESENT (WAPA)**

UTILITIES	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Totals
ST. CROIX													
Electricity*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Water*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STX TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ST. THOMAS													
Electricity	\$0.00	\$468.20	\$0.00	\$421.32	\$863.42	\$0.00	\$880.86	\$359.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,993.62
Water**	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STT TOTALS	\$0.00	\$468.20	\$0.00	\$421.32	\$863.42	\$0.00	\$880.86	\$359.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,993.62
<b>TOTAL ST. THOMAS/ST. CROIX</b>													<b>\$2,993.62</b>

\*THE ELECTRICITY AND WATER FOR THE ST. CROIX LOCATION ARE BEING PAID BY VIPD (PAL PROGRAM).

\*\*WE HAVE NOT PAID WATER FOR ST. THOMAS DUE TO A CREDIT BALANCE ON THE ACCOUNT.

UTILITIES	
TERRITORY (STT & STX)	
ELECTRICITY	\$2,993.62
WATER	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,993.62</b>

COMMUNICATION	
TERRITORY (STT & STX)	
Phone/Cable/Cell	\$18,047.17
INTERNET	\$6,750.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,797.17</b>



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VI GOVERNMENT LOCAL REVENUES, CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS  
FISCAL YEAR 2025**

<b>CONTRIBUTIONS/REVENUES</b>					
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>1ST QUARTER</b>	<b>2ND QUARTER</b>	<b>3RD QUARTER</b>	<b>4TH QUARTER</b>	<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>
Revenues: DLCA-Veterans Taxi Medallions Auction*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contributions: VI Lottery**	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**\*PENDING**

FY2022- \$14,060.12 (December 2021 Auction)

FY2023- \$11,020.00 (December 2022 Auction)

FY2024- \$10,259.80 (December 2023 Auction)

FY2025- \$11,400.00 (December 2024 Auction)

\*\*We are expecting a total allotted amount of \$100,000.00 from the VI Lottery for Fiscal Year 2025.

<b>GRANTS (MISCELLANEOUS)</b>					
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>1ST QUARTER</b>	<b>2ND QUARTER</b>	<b>3RD QUARTER</b>	<b>4TH QUARTER</b>	<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>
Veteran Medical Travel and Death Benefit***	\$112,500.00	\$112,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225,000.00

\*\*\*The amount of \$450,000.00 was appropriated for Fiscal Year 2025. The amount of \$225,000.00 was released as of today.

<b>DISBURSEMENTS (PAYMENTS) AS OF JUNE 24, 2025</b>			
<b>FUND</b>	<b>ORIGINAL BUDGET</b>	<b>DISBURSEMENT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Veteran Medical Travel	\$225,000.00	\$59,830.05	\$165,169.95
Death Benefit	\$225,000.00	\$162,741.91	\$62,258.09
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>450,000.00</b>	<b>\$222,571.96</b>	<b>\$227,428.04</b>

# DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

## ALL DEPARTMENT POSITIONS

Position Name	FY2026
<b>Allocated FTE Count</b>	
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER III	1
DIRECTOR	1
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1
VETERAN PROGRAMS COORDINATOR	1
<b>ALLOCATED FTE COUNT</b>	<b>4</b>

## VACANT AND NEW POSITIONS

Position Name	FY2026
<b>Allocated FTE Count</b>	
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	1
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER II	1
<b>ALLOCATED FTE COUNT</b>	<b>2</b>

## ACTIVITY CENTERS

**29000 - VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**29001 - NON-OPERATIONAL MISC**



	ACTUALS	REVISED BUDGET	RECOMMENDATION
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
<b>0100 - GENERAL FUND</b>			
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$18,034	\$15,000	\$17,000
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$487	\$6,138	\$5,000
RENTAL OF LAND/BUILDINGS	\$42,488	\$55,014	\$50,000
RENTAL MACHINES/EQUIPMENT	\$25,313	\$10,000	\$20,000
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$6,198	\$20,784	-
TRAINING	\$400	\$1,823	\$2,022
COMMUNICATION	\$22,745	\$10,000	\$20,000
ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	\$17,286	\$10,000	\$10,000
PRINTING AND BINDING	\$1,320	\$5,000	\$5,000
TRANSPORTATION - NOT TRAVEL	\$1,832	\$4,000	\$3,000
TRAVEL	\$28,826	\$26,210	\$22,000
TRAVEL / CASH ADVANCE	\$3,374	\$5,000	\$5,000
PURCHASE BULK AIRLINE	\$8,160	\$10,000	\$10,000
RELIEF TO INDIVIDUALS	\$87,307	\$225,000	\$225,000
OTHER SERVICES NOC	\$19,837	\$10,000	\$20,000
DEATH BENEFIT PAYMENTS	\$170,661	\$225,000	\$225,000
CONTR TO INDEPENDENT AGE	\$2,445	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>0100 - GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$456,712</b>	<b>\$648,969</b>	<b>\$649,022</b>
<b>OTHER SERVICES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$456,712</b>	<b>\$648,969</b>	<b>\$649,022</b>
<b>EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$456,712</b>	<b>\$648,969</b>	<b>\$649,022</b>

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES GENERAL FUND

Itemization Description	Empty Values
<b>Amount</b>	
<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$0</b>

#### LEASES GENERAL FUND

Itemization Description	FY2026
<b>Amount</b>	
ELAINE COMPANY, INC	\$50,000
<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

## RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES

### OTHER EXPENSES

#### MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL FUND

	ACTUALS	REVISED BUDGET	RECOMMENDATION
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
<b>Projects</b>			
GE15V - LOTTERY CONTRIBUTIONS - VET AFFAIRS	\$33,833	\$10,722	-
M1281 - VET MEDICAL & BURIAL EXP	\$260,968	\$450,000	\$450,000
M2455 - CRYPTS AND COLUMBARIUM	\$118,800	-	-
<b>PROJECTS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$413,601</b>	<b>\$460,722</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>

### OTHER SERVICES

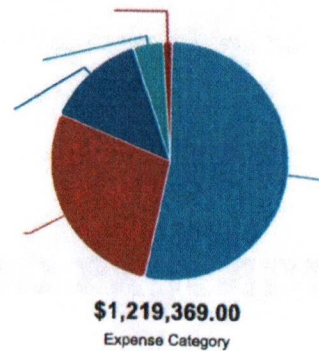
	ACTUALS	REVISED BUDGET	RECOMMENDATION
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
<b>Expenses</b>			
OTHER SERVICES			



## FUND SUMMARY

	ACTUALS	REVISED BUDGET	RECOMMENDATION
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>APPROPRIATED</b>			
0100 - GENERAL FUND	\$1,056,384	\$1,215,091	\$1,219,369
0101 - GENERAL FUND NON-LAPSING	\$378,004	-	-
<b>APPROPRIATED TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,434,388</b>	<b>\$1,215,091</b>	<b>\$1,219,369</b>
<b>NON APPROPRIATED</b>			
0105 - SINGLE PAYER UTILITY FUND	\$5,574	-	-
<b>NON APPROPRIATED TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,574</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,439,961</b>	<b>\$1,215,091</b>	<b>\$1,219,369</b>

### FY26 RECOMMENDED GENERAL FUND BY CATEGORY



# OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

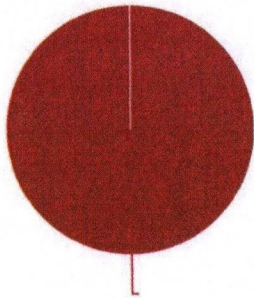
FY2026 OPERATING BUDGET

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Office of Veterans Affairs advocates for Virgin Islanders who served in the military, ensuring they receive entitled services and benefits to enhance their quality of life.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

### FY26 BUDGETED RESOURCES



**\$1,219,369.00**

Funds Description