

Veterans and Defense Affairs

Adopted Adjustments				
(\$ in millions)				
	FY 2015 Adopted		FY 2016 Adopted	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>
2014-16 Base Budget, Ch. 806	\$10.9	\$48.7	\$10.9	\$48.7
Increases	1.2	2.5	1.1	0.0
Decreases	<u>(0.3)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(0.3)</u>	<u>(0.8)</u>
\$ Net Change	0.9	2.5	0.8	(0.8)
Chapter 2 (HB 5002, as Adopted)	\$11.8	\$51.2	\$11.7	\$47.9
% Change	8.1%	5.2%	7.4%	(1.6%)
FTEs	119.00	566.00	119.00	566.00
# Change	1.00	2.00	1.00	2.00

- **Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs**

- *Master Jet Base Oceana.* Includes \$3.1 million NGF the first year as the state’s contribution to address encroachment at Oceana in FY 2015. The nongeneral fund appropriation is supported from the state share of the revenue from the sale of property that was purchased using previously provided funding to address encroachment. The Governor’s Veto Letter stated a desire to use up to \$4.4 million in state general funds from the Federal Action Contingency Account (FACT) Fund for military facilities, however allocation of any funding from this fund requires review and recommendation by the FACT Fund Advisory Commission.

- **Department of Veterans Services**

- *Veterans Cemeteries.* Adds 2 positions each year paid from federal funds to support cemetery operations.
- *Transition Assistance.* Provides \$150,000 GF and 2 positions each year to continue the Post-Transition Assistance Program (P-TAP) to assist veterans in obtaining a civilian career after separation from military service. The general funds will replace a federal grant that is expiring in 2014.

- ***VITA Network Connectivity.*** Includes \$141,565 GF the first year and \$116,272 GF the second year to equip each of the department’s 34 field offices with devices to provide access to VITA networks.
- ***Wounded Warrior Program.*** Adds \$372,835 GF the first year, \$383,462 GF the second year, and \$378,300 NGF each year for the Wounded Warrior Program. Included within these total amounts are:
 - \$264,218 GF each year to increase the annual grant to the five Community Services Boards that manage the regional consortiums, to reflect increased caseloads;
 - \$108,617 GF the first year, \$119,244 GF the second year, and \$278,300 NGF each year to reflect the expanded AMERICORPS grant and an increase in the match requirement from 28 to 30 percent in the second year (the expanded grant will enable the program to increase outreach to veterans, including assistance to homeless veterans, assistance with mental health issues, GI Bill, etc.); and,
 - \$100,000 NGF each year to reflect increased private donations.
- ***Fort Monroe Field Office.*** Eliminates \$187,612 GF each year which had been intended to support the Fort Monroe Freedom Support Center, an initiative which was originally intended to serve as a field office for (i) family members of deployed service members; (ii) transitional support for service members leaving active duty; and (iii) veterans. However, the program did not prove viable.
- ***Field Office Location Study.*** Directs the department to assess the feasibility of expanding the number of field offices in locations where office space and other support services might be contributed on a cooperative basis through local governments, the Virginia Employment Commission, the Virginia Community College System, or other public or private entities.