

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1025  
(Appropriations Committee)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of veterans' affairs; and to provide an exemption.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department of veterans' affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Veterans' affairs	\$1,501,950	\$287,506	\$1,789,456
State approving agency	292,024	21,002	313,026
Grants - transportation program	1,220,000	(93,915)	1,126,085
Transport vans	18,800	0	18,800
Service dogs	50,000	(50,000)	0
Veterans' home cemetery	<u>0</u>	<u>291,500</u>	<u>291,500</u>
Total all funds	\$3,082,774	\$456,093	\$3,538,867
Less estimated income	<u>1,512,150</u>	<u>319,297</u>	<u>1,831,447</u>
Total general fund	\$1,570,624	\$136,796	\$1,707,420
Full-time equivalent positions	8.00	1.00	9.00

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium and the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
Document scanning project	\$0	\$100,836
Accrued leave	0	19,066
Veterans' home cemetery	291,500	291,500
Fisher house construction assistant grant program	500,000	0
Veterans' medical transportation	<u>147,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total all funds	\$938,500	\$411,402
Less estimated income	<u>938,500</u>	<u>392,336</u>
Total general fund	\$0	\$19,066

The 2023-25 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2025-27 biennium. The department of veterans' affairs shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

**SECTION 3. ESTIMATED INCOME - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND - DOCUMENT SCANNING PROJECT.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$100,836 from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund for the purpose of a document scanning project.

**SECTION 4. EXEMPTION - POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER SERVICE DOG PROGRAM.**

The \$50,000 appropriated from the general fund for the posttraumatic stress disorder service dog program in section 1 of chapter 25 of the 2019 Session Laws and the \$50,000 appropriated from the general fund for the posttraumatic stress disorder service dog program in section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2021 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unspent funds from this program are available for the program during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

**SECTION 5. EXEMPTION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND.**

The \$647,000 appropriated from the federal state fiscal recovery fund in subsections 32 and 33 of section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Session Laws, of which \$500,000 was for a grant to assist in the construction of the Fisher house at the Fargo veterans' affairs medical center and \$147,000 was for improving and expanding veterans' medical transportation, is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unspent funds from these programs are available for the programs during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. Of the \$147,000 for veterans' medical transportation, \$18,800 may be used for the purchase of a nonhighly rural transport van during the 2023-25 biennium.

Dennis E. Johnson  
Speaker of the House

Tammy Miller  
President of the Senate

Buell J. Reisk  
Chief Clerk of the House

Shanda Morgan  
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1025.

House Vote:      Yeas 90              Nays 0              Absent 4

Senate Vote:      Yeas 47              Nays 0              Absent 0

Buell J. Reisk  
Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at 1:50 PM. on May 8, 2023.

Doug Burgum  
Governor

Filed in this office this 9 day of May, 2023,  
at 1:09 o'clock P M.

Michael Howe  
Secretary of State