

# Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

## MISSION

Our mission is to foster a community where every veteran, service member, and their family is honored and supported through advocacy, resources, and dedicated services.









## MANDATORY & MAJOR DUTIES

- Expand access to vital care and resources
- Address the unique needs of women, justice-involved, homeless, and aging veteran population
- Implement Board-directed initiatives around suicide prevention, justice-involved, and homeless veteran population
- Integrate services through Veterans Peer Access Network (VPAN) and collaborations with CBOs
- Enhance outreach, increase access to services, and ensure veterans receive the support they need



## CURRENT BUDGET OVERVIEW

FY 2025-2026  
Final Adopted Budget  
(\$ Millions)

Total Appropriation		\$23.4
<i>(What We Budgeted to Spend in FY 2025-26)</i>		
	Salaries & Employee Benefits (74 positions)	11.5 (49%)
	Services & Supplies	11.7 (49%)
	Other (Cap Assets/Equip, Other Charges)	0.2 (1%)
Sources of Funding		\$23.4
<i>(How We Pay For All of This)</i>		
	Federal Assistance	--
	State Assistance	2.3 (10%)
	Fees/Charges for Services*	--
	Other Resources**	13.5 (58%)
	Net County Cost <i>remaining balance, covered by locally generated revenues</i>	7.6 (32%)

\* Some State and Federally funded services are reflected as “Fees/Charges for Services” through reimbursement mechanisms (e.g., Medi-Cal billing)

\*\* “Other Resources” includes miscellaneous revenues not otherwise classified, including fines, settlements, interest earnings, and interdepartmental billing

## BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY PROGRAM AREA

What These Investments Deliver For Residents







General Program Category	% of Dept Budget
Veteran Services – Benefit Advocacy	71%
Justice Involved Veteran	15%
Homeless Services	4%
Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN)	1%
Administrative Services	9%

Program categories shown here are presentation-level groupings created to consolidate information from the new LA County Enterprise System (LACES) for this briefing. Note that as part of the County's initial rollout of data-driven budgeting through LACES, categories and outcome measures will continue to evolve based on practical use and data insights as departments operationalize the system in FY 2026–27.

## DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES, METRICS & OUTCOMES

- Strengthen partnerships to **secure funding, improve coordination**, and **expand access** to veteran services
- **Expand diversion and re-entry support** for justice-involved veterans
- **Advance suicide prevention** through targeted outreach and partnerships
- **Reduce veteran homelessness** by expanding permanent housing and supportive services.

### Veterans Services Claims Activity (FY 2024-25)

	<b>222,934</b>	LA County Veteran Population
	<b>\$4.2B</b>	LA County Total Federal Payments
	<b>36,036</b>	Claim Filed
	<b>18,954</b>	Workload Units
	<b>\$15.9M</b>	Payments (New/Increased Benefits)
	<b>\$336</b>	ROI (Federal \$ for each County \$)

## BUDGET REQUEST (FY2026-2027)

Total New Appropriation Request*	\$5.7M
Additional positions requested	35.0
Additional NCC requested	\$5.7M

Key Budget Requests	Amount (\$Millions)	One-Time/ Ongoing?	Positions
Veteran Services	\$2.6	Ongoing	19.0
Administrative Services	\$1.4	Ongoing	6.0
Veteran Crisis (VSRT)	\$0.4	Ongoing	2.0

\* Priority budget and unmet needs requests

## CHALLENGES & MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Challenge	Response
<b>No centralized database</b> for veteran information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop veteran-centered data management system</li><li>• Leverage available county resources for cost-efficiency</li></ul>
Program & service stagnation due to <b>difficult budget year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prioritize urgent expenditures</li><li>• Explore State and Federal grant opportunities</li></ul>
Maintaining <b>adequate direct service staff coverage</b> countywide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue leveraging VPAN partnerships and boost retention to ensure needs of veterans, service members and families fully supported</li></ul>