

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.

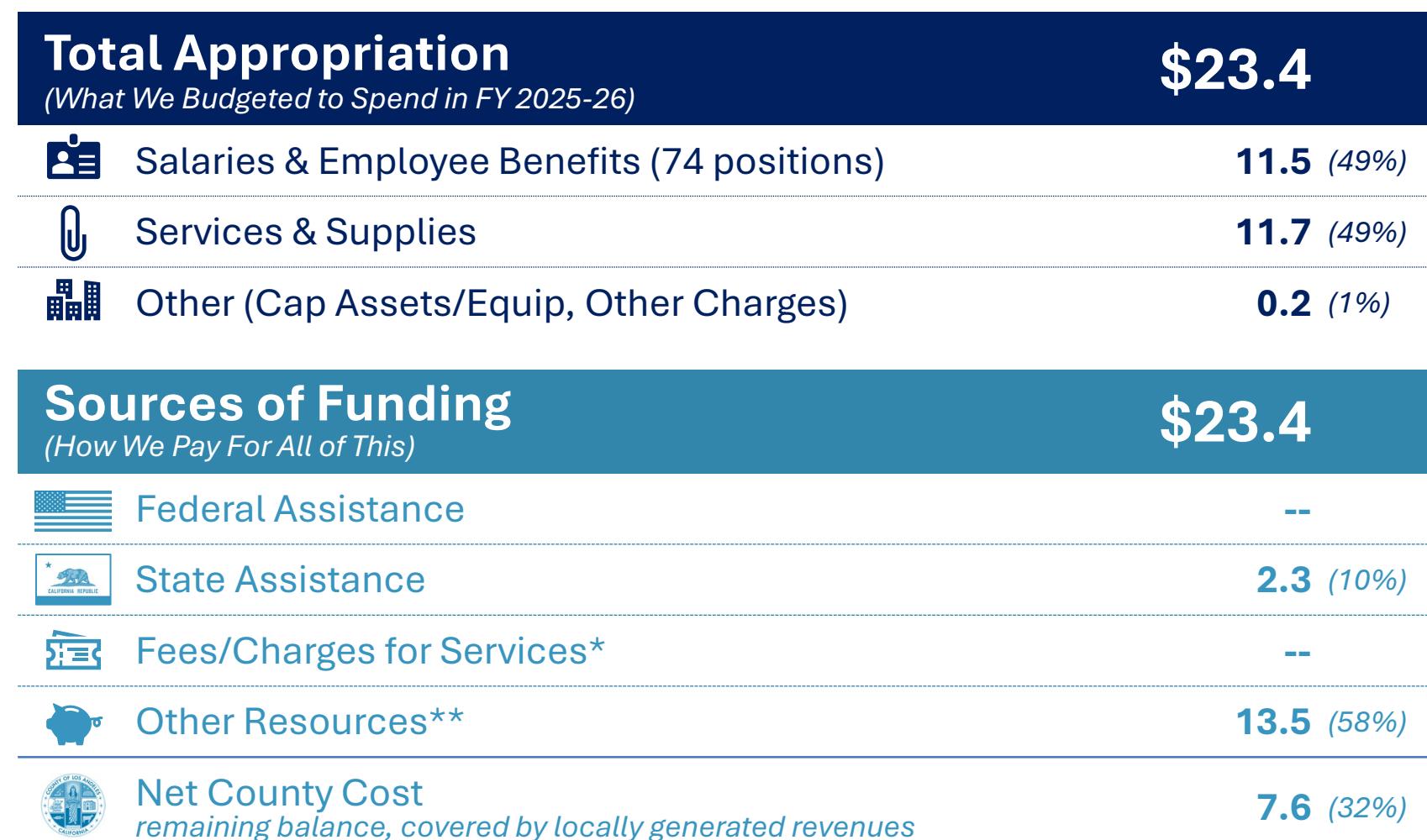
MANDATORY & MAJOR DUTIES

- 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)



* 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)

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

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