

Project Title	Agency Priority	Strategic Score	Funding Source	Agency Request			Governor's Rec	Governor's Planning Estimates	
				2004	2006	2008	2004	2006	2008
Minnesota World War II Veterans Memorial	1	265	GO	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0
Project Total				\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0
General Obligation Bonding (GO)				\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0

Funding Sources:	GF = General Fund	THF = Trunk Highway Fund	OTH = Other Funding Sources
	GO = General Obligation Bonds	THB = Trunk Highway Fund Bonding	UF = User Financed Bonding

Agency Profile At A Glance

Minnesota Veteran Population: 446,864*

- ◆ In FY 2003, 8,509 claims were represented before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- ◆ In FY 2003, Minnesotans received in excess of \$158.4 million in federal veterans benefits as a direct result of the efforts of department's claims offices.
- ◆ More than 2,000 Minnesotans received assistance through the agency's State Soldiers Assistance Program in FY 2001, with a total dollar value of \$1.4 million. *
- ◆ 62 Veterans' and their dependents' finances are overseen under the auspice of the state's guardianship program with \$2.4 million in cash assets and \$2.2 million in annual income managed.
- ◆ Department certifies and partners with 116 Minnesota County Veterans Service Officers and Assistants.
- ◆ As a result of the department's collaborative efforts with the corps of county veterans service officers as well as the various veterans service organizations, Minnesota veterans, their dependents, and survivors received a total of over \$1 billion in federal benefits in FY 2003.

* Source: United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran Population as of 9-30-02

Agency Purpose

The mission and purpose of the Department of Veterans Affairs is to serve the veterans of Minnesota, and their dependents and survivors, in securing all benefits and services provided by federal and state law. The department fulfills this mission by providing leadership and direction to the veteran community, while exercising responsible management of available resources.

Key service strategies of the department are to:

- ◆ provide assistance to all eligible veterans, their dependents, and survivors;

- ◆ collaborate with service providers whose efforts are coordinated by the department; and
- ◆ continually review, revise, and build upon proven business practices to ensure the most timely, cost effective delivery of benefits and services.

Core Functions

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides overall leadership and direction, as well as benefits and services to Minnesota's veteran community, and its dependents and survivors. The core functions provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs are to:

- ◆ promote self-sufficiency and personal responsibility by providing a temporary safety net of benefits and services to Minnesota's veterans, their dependents and survivors;
- ◆ provide representation to clients pursuing claims for federal veterans benefits;
- ◆ provide professional, compassionate financial management of resources of persons under guardianship to the department;
- ◆ prudently manage all budgets, accounts, financial transactions, information technology, and human resources programs to meet department needs; and
- ◆ provide dignified and compassionate committal services at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery.

Operations

The department serves over 446,864 veterans of Minnesota, and their dependents and survivors, with the assistance of the 116 men and women who comprise the corps of County Veterans Service Officers and representatives of Minnesota's congressionally chartered veterans organizations.

The **State Soldier's Assistance Programs** homeless initiative assists veterans and their families in their attempt to regain self-sufficiency and self-respect by providing incentives for desirable behavior and by assisting them in taking personal responsibility for their lives. In addition, this program

provides assistance with rent/mortgage payments, utilities, dental and optical benefits, education, clothing needs, and cash grants.

The **Guardianship program** provides financial case management services to incompetent veterans, their dependents, and survivors who may be vulnerable to exploitation by others or by their own inability to manage their funds. The goal is to assist the agency's guardianship clientele in maintaining a life style as independent as possible.

The department's **Claims Offices** assist and represent veterans, their dependent and survivors with applications for federal veterans benefits, such as compensation and pension benefits, home loans, educational benefits and medical treatment.

The **Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery** provides dignified burial services to Minnesota Veterans and their eligible dependents and survivors. The cemetery has recently undergone a \$3.6 million renovation, including the construction of a new chapel/ administrative building. A grant for the work was awarded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Memorial Affairs.

The **Commissioner's Office** and support staff provide leadership and direction in all matters affecting Minnesota's veteran community, as well as overall management of agency financial matters, purchasing, human resources, and receipt of donated funds and processing of financial transactions.

Budget

The department's total operating budget is directly appropriated from the general fund. Expenditures for direct payments to eligible veterans, their dependents and survivors represent 59% of those funds.

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At A Glance: Agency Long-Range Strategic Goals

The Department of Veterans Affairs' (DVA) long-range strategic goal is to serve to the greatest capacity the veterans of the state of Minnesota. This includes providing veterans and non-veterans alike the opportunity to learn about the sacrifices made by the men and women who served this country in the military.

discussions with the CAAPB and fall in line with the dollars spent on other veteran memorials on the Capitol Mall.

Major Capital Projects Authorized in 2002 and 2003

This department has no other major capital projects that were authorized in 2002 and 2003.

Trends, Policies and Other Issues Affecting the Demand for Services, Facilities, or Capital Programs

During the 2000 legislative session a \$150,000 appropriation was made for the creation of a World War II Veterans Memorial. The funds were to be used for design, architectural drawings and the start of construction of the memorial. Of the 326,000 Minnesota men and women in uniform during the war, fewer than 90,000 are alive in the state today. DVA would like to honor these veterans now because a number of them have expressed the concern that a memorial to their service may not be built during their lifetime.

Provide a Self-Assessment of the Condition, Suitability, and Functionality of Present Facilities, Capital Projects, or Assets

The state has authorized and contributed to the construction of memorials to veterans of the Korean and Vietnam eras, conflicts which were fought after World War II. Nationwide, World War II (WWII) veterans are dying at a rate of more than 1,500 per day. It is imperative that this memorial be constructed to recognize the contributions of all WWII veterans while they are still able to appreciate the thanks of a grateful state.

Agency Process Used to Arrive at These Capital Requests

DVA was able to match the original appropriation of \$150,000 through private donations. Working together with the Capitol Area Architectural Planning Board (CAAPB) and representatives from the various veterans' service organizations, a site for the memorial has been decided upon and the design competition completed. The total cost for this memorial is estimated at \$1.036 million. The numbers utilized in this request are based on

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2004 STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST: \$500,000

AGENCY PROJECT PRIORITY: 1 of 1

PROJECT LOCATION: State Capitol Complex

Project At A Glance

\$500,000 is requested for the construction and completion of the Minnesota World War II Veterans Memorial on the Capitol Mall as authorized by the 2000 legislature. More than \$385,000 in private contributions has been raised to support this project. Prior appropriations for this memorial total \$150,000.

Project Description

This request is for \$500,000 in general obligation bonds for the construction of a World War II Veterans Memorial. The total anticipated cost for the World War II Veterans Memorial project is \$1.036 million. Of this amount, \$800,000 is estimated for design and construction, with an additional \$36,000 in construction contingencies. An additional \$200,000 is for perpetual maintenance.

The Minnesota World War II Veterans Memorial will recognize the contributions of Minnesota veterans who served their country in defense of liberty. The memorial will incorporate native materials to the extent practicable. It will serve not only to recognize and remember the veterans of World War II but also as a reminder to current and future generations that the price of freedom is dear: of the 326,000 Minnesotans who served in the armed forces of the United States during the war, 6,284 gave their lives in defense of freedom.

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets (Facilities Notes)

Staff time for processing donations and overseeing design and construction will be absorbed within the agency's current operating budget.

Previous Appropriations for this Project

During the 2000 legislature, \$150,000 was appropriated to this project. The Department of Veterans Affairs has also raised over \$385,000 to date in private matching funds.

Strategic Criteria

The Minnesota Legislature authorized construction of the World War II Veterans Memorial during the 2000 session when it appropriated \$150,000 for design, architectural drawings and the start of construction. The enabling legislation also required that the commissioner convene an advisory group, including members of veteran's organizations to review and make recommendations about the design of the memorial. This advisory group has been formed and is advising the Capitol Area Architectural Planning Board (CAAPB) and the department on the design of the memorial. A broad framework of guidelines for the memorial has been established and agreed upon.

Customer Services/Statewide Significance

This project will be of statewide significance as it will be located on the Capitol Mall within close proximity to the Court of Honor by the Veterans Service Building. This memorial will provide for veterans and non-veterans alike the opportunity to come and learn about the sacrifices made by the men and women who served during World War II. Currently, the other veteran memorials, along with the Court of Honor, are utilized regularly as learning tools and visited by students from throughout the state. This memorial will be a tribute to all Minnesotans who contributed to the war efforts.

Agency Priority

Construction of the Minnesota World War II Veteran's Memorial is the only capital budget project of the department. All pre-construction requirements have been met. Time is of the essence in construction of the memorial; of the 326,000 Minnesota men and women in uniform during the war, fewer than 90,000 are currently alive in the state. A number of Minnesota veterans of World War II have expressed the concern that the memorial to their service will not be built during their lifetime. Veterans of World War II feel

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slighted to a degree by the fact that the state has authorized and contributed to the construction of memorials to veterans of the Korean and Vietnam eras; conflicts which were fought after World War II.

Asset Management

Asset management of a memorial is limited to maintenance issues. The Department of Administration and CAAPB have requested that \$200,000 be reserved for perpetual maintenance of the memorial and adjacent rose garden. This memorial will be used in the future as an education tool as well as a gathering place for future military and veteran-oriented programs. In addition, it is intended to be a permanent reminder to future generations of the sacrifices and contributions of those who served our state and nation during World War II.

Project Status

The site for the memorial has been decided upon and the design competition completed. The winning design was unveiled during the 12/7/03 Pearl Harbor Day Program in the Capitol Rotunda.

Other Considerations

Nationwide, WWII veterans are dying at a rate of more than 1,500 per day. It is imperative that this memorial be constructed to recognize the contributions of all World War II veterans while they are still able to appreciate the thanks of a grateful state.

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Governor's Recommendations

The Governor recommends general obligation bonding of \$500 thousand to complete this project. This appropriation will supplement private contributions and is intended to be the final state appropriation for this project.

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS All Years and Funding Sources	Prior Years	FY 2004-05	FY 2006-07	FY 2008-09	TOTAL
1. Property Acquisition	0	0	0	0	0
2. Predesign Fees	0	0	0	0	0
3. Design Fees	50	0	0	0	50
4. Project Management	0	0	0	0	0
5. Construction Costs	100	886	0	0	986
6. One Percent for Art	0	0	0	0	0
7. Relocation Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
8. Occupancy	0	0	0	0	0
9. Inflation	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	150	886	0	0	1,036

CAPITAL FUNDING SOURCES	Prior Years	FY 2004-05	FY 2006-07	FY 2008-09	TOTAL
State Funds :					
G.O Bonds/State Bldgs	0	500	0	0	500
General Fund Projects	150	0	0	0	150
State Funds Subtotal	150	500	0	0	650
Agency Operating Budget Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Local Government Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Private Funds	0	386	0	0	386
Other	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	150	886	0	0	1,036

CHANGES IN STATE OPERATING COSTS	Changes in State Operating Costs (Without Inflation)			
	FY 2004-05	FY 2006-07	FY 2008-09	TOTAL
Compensation -- Program and Building Operation	0	0	0	0
Other Program Related Expenses	0	0	0	0
Building Operating Expenses	0	0	0	0
Building Repair and Replacement Expenses	0	0	0	0
State-Owned Lease Expenses	0	0	0	0
Nonstate-Owned Lease Expenses	0	0	0	0
Expenditure Subtotal	0	0	0	0
Revenue Offsets	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0
Change in F.T.E. Personnel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS (for bond-financed projects)	Amount	Percent of Total
General Fund	500	100.0%
User Financing	0	0.0%

STATUTORY AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS	
Project applicants should be aware that the following requirements will apply to their projects after adoption of the bonding bill.	
Yes	MS 16B.335 (1a): Construction/Major Remodeling Review (by Legislature)
No	MS 16B.335 (3): Predesign Review Required (by Administration Dept)
No	MS 16B.335 and MS 16B.325 (4): Energy Conservation Requirements
No	MS 16B.335 (5): Information Technology Review (by Office of Technology)
Yes	MS 16A.695: Public Ownership Required
No	MS 16A.695 (2): Use Agreement Required
No	MS 16A.695 (4): Program Funding Review Required (by granting agency)
Yes	Matching Funds Required (as per agency request)
Yes	MS 16A.642: Project Cancellation in 2009

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STATEWIDE STRATEGIC SCORE		
Criteria	Values	Points
Critical Life Safety Emergency - Existing Hazards	0/700	0
Critical Legal Liability - Existing Liability	0/700	0
Prior Binding Commitment	0/700	0
Strategic Linkage - Agency Six Year Plan	0/40/80/120	40
Safety/Code Concerns	0/35/70/105	0
Customer Service/Statewide Significance	0/35/70/105	70
Agency Priority	0/25/50/75/100	100
User and Non-State Financing	0-100	30
State Asset Management	0/20/40/60	0
State Operating Savings or Operating Efficiencies	0/20/40/60	0
Contained in State Six-Year Planning Estimates	0/25/50	25
Total	700 Maximum	265