

FY 2019 Budget Adjustment



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An Agency of the State of Vermont

History of Funds

Human Services Wavier Resulted

- Increased Medicaid Daily Rate
- Settlement Funds of \$1,996,998
- \$908,949 back to Human Services
- \$1,058,049 for 35% VA Grant Match



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VA Construction Grant Program



Veterans Administration will fund 65% of approved projects when the State provides the 35% match. Grant will not be approved without certification via statute that funds are available.

In the past VA Construction Grant funds have been used for:

- Geothermal Project
- Kitchen Project
- Model Removal – State initially funded this entire project when VA Grant was approved VVH returned \$855,000 to the State, the 65% VA funding.



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Security and Access Control Project

Facility Characteristics:

- 140,000 Square Feet (single story)
- 84 Acres
- 28+ Exterior Doors
- Partially Wooded Property
- Home to 138 of Vermont's Vulnerable Veterans and Spouses
- Employs 196 FTEs
- Operates 24/7 365

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Safety Concerns

- All exterior doors need to be individually locked.
- Many need replacement as they can be easily breached.
- Outdoor lighting needs to be improved many dark areas.
- Recent confrontations between our staff and individuals on the property in the early morning hours.
- No security staff – contact with local Sheriff for overnight presence.
- Healthcare facility and amount of prescription medications on premises.





Project Details

- FY 19 Capital Bill
 - \$100,000 for project design
 - Work began January 22, 2019
- Estimated Project Total Cost \$2,625,000
 - VA 65% \$1,706,250
 - State Match 35% \$918,750
- Replace Door
- Swipe Card Entry
- Single Lock Point
- Wireless Video Access to doors
- Improved Parking Lot Lighting
- Window Replacement



Biomass Project

- Estimated Total Cost: \$1,820,000
 - 65% VA Cost: \$1,183,000
 - 35% State Match: \$637,000
- Remove last section of oil heating that was not eligible to be included in the geothermal project
- Eliminate leaks in basement as current boiler is over capacity for the area it needs to head.
- Removes boiler prior to it reaching the end of its useful life
- Anticipate a 50% saving in heating cost switching from oil to woodchips.



Our Request

- We are not asking for Capital Funds.
- We are asking for the following language to be included in the Capital Budget Bill:
- The Vermont Veterans' Home is authorized to use \$918,750 in facility funds as a 35% State Match for their VA Grant addressing Safety and Access Control. The Home is authorized to use \$637,000 in facility funds as the 35% match for the VA Grant addressing Biomass installation.

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