

# Veterans' Services

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## MISSION

The purpose of the Brown County Veterans' Services Office is to provide assistance to the men and women of Brown County who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, their dependents, and widows/widowers on matters pertaining to available state and federal Veterans' Administration benefits and programs.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Veterans' Services Office aims to aid Brown County's 19,000 + veterans, 3,000 widows, and their dependents and beneficiaries, in obtaining the wide range of benefits to which they are entitled as efficiently and courteously as possible. The office assists in obtaining these benefits by advising on possible remedies available through the Veterans' Administration or the Wisconsin Department of Veterans' Affairs, obtaining necessary military records and supporting evidence, filing appropriate forms with VA or WDVA, and performing follow up and maintenance of a file. In the event of an adverse outcome, the office assists in gathering new evidence and filing an appeal or waiver request as necessary. The office administers the County's funds to provide aid to needy veterans/widows, and also assists veterans, their spouses and widows in applying for placement in Wisconsin Veterans' Home at King or Union Grove. Finally, as part of its service, the office provides information and referral, as necessary, to assist in obtaining remedies available through other resources.

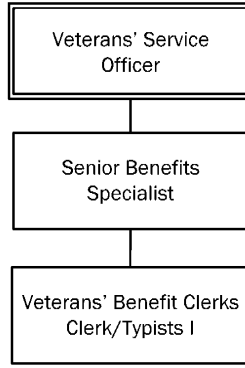
## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	2008 Actual	2009 Estimate	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	Budget Change
Total VA Benefits Brought into Brown County Per Dollar of Tax Levy	\$108.05	\$116	\$98.50	\$118	19%
Number of Veterans/Widows Provided Information and Assistance on Federal VA Benefits/Programs	3,742	3,900	3,400	4,100	20%
Number of Veterans/Widows Provided Information and Assistance on State VA Benefits/Programs	1,434	1,500	1,600	1,600	0%
Number of Veterans/Widows Assisted With Death Benefits to Ensure All Entitled Benefits are Received	382	365	400	400	0%

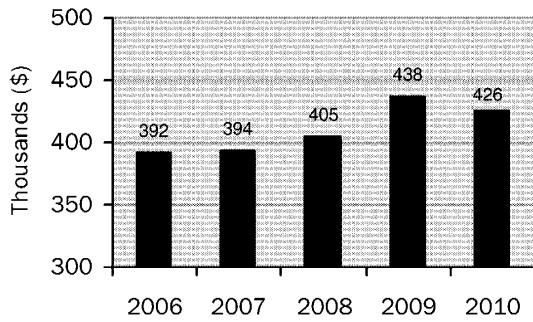
## POLICY INITIATIVES

**Veterans' Emergency Fund Administration Changes** – The Veterans' Services department currently administers a program using emergency funds to assist needy veterans and/or their widows with paying rent, utilities or other basic bills. In order to maximize the outreach potential of this program, the 2010 budget proposes to implement a Memorandum of Understanding with The Salvation Army and St. Vincent DePaul agencies to administer in combination with their programs. The Veterans' Services office would continue to screen applicants for eligibility, make referrals to the appropriate agency and receive quarterly progress reporting from these agencies. The office would also continue to provide assistance with bus passes and gas cards for transportation needs, as well as consider any "special needs" issues such as emergency medications, groceries, etc. on a case-by-case basis.

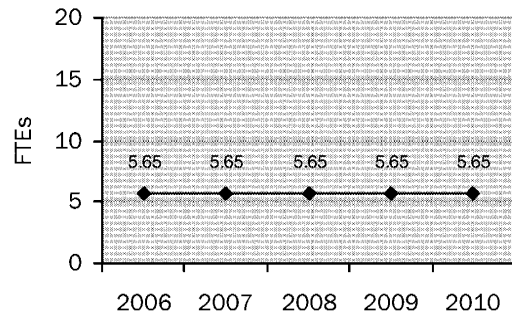




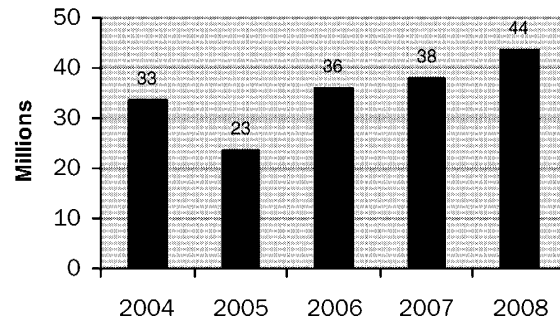
**LEVY TRENDS**



**STAFFING TRENDS**



**STATE/FEDERAL VA DOLLARS BROUGHT INTO COUNTY**



VETERANS' SERVICES 2010 BUDGET

Account Number	Description	2009			2010 Executive
		2008 Actual Amount	2009 Actual Amount	Estimated Amount	
<b>Fund: 100 - GF</b>					
<b>Revenues</b>					
<b>Department: 084 - Veterans Service</b>					
<b>Division: 001 - General</b>					
4100	General property taxes	405,069	218,862	396,048	426,150
4302	State grant revenue	13,000	14,000	14,000	13,000
4900	Miscellaneous	-	16	-	-
4901	Donations	6,000	-	-	-
9002	Transfer in	1,968	-	-	-
	<b>Division Total: 001 - General</b>	<b>426,037</b>	<b>232,878</b>	<b>410,048</b>	<b>439,150</b>
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<b>Expenditures</b>					
<b>Department: 084 - Veterans Service</b>					
<b>Division: 001 - General</b>					
5100	Regular earnings	163,547	83,604	182,208	210,772
5102.100	Paid leave earnings Vacation	32,285	13,309	13,309	-
5103.000	Premium Overtime	-	-	-	-
5109.100	Salaries reimbursement Short term disability	(3,867)	(2,047)	(2,047)	-
5110.100	Fringe benefits FICA	13,740	6,867	14,957	15,429
5110.110	Fringe benefits Unemployment compensation	636	-	-	316
5110.200	Fringe benefits Health insurance	88,589	35,149	70,298	87,433
5110.210	Fringe benefits Dental Insurance	5,918	3,068	6,136	6,610
5110.220	Fringe benefits Life Insurance	667	351	702	716
5110.235	Fringe benefits Disability insurance	2,797	816	1,632	1,897
5110.240	Fringe benefits Workers compensation insurance	39	63	125	255
5110.300	Fringe benefits Retirement	8,617	4,202	8,404	10,117
5110.310	Fringe benefits Retirement credit	11,234	4,845	9,689	13,068
5300	Supplies	175	298	600	200
5300.001	Supplies Office	891	191	1,200	1,700
5300.003	Supplies Technology	-	-	-	1,740

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		2008 Actual Amount	2009 Actual Amount	Estimated Amount	
5300.004	Supplies Postage	2,918	1,488	2,900	2,900
5303	Copy expense	1,295	690	1,300	1,200
5304	Printing	228	226	300	300
5305	Dues and memberships	60	-	65	65
5306.100	Maintenance agreement Software	-	700	700	700
5307.100	Repairs and maintenance Equipment	-	-	250	250
5308.100	Vehicle/equipment Gas, oil, etc.	182	57	350	350
5340	Travel	613	453	2,000	3,000
5370	Support Services	27,105	16,284	22,000	8,628
5395	Equipment - nonoutlay	-	-	-	-
5505	Telephone	1,933	813	2,000	2,000
5600	Indirect cost	38,751	19,488	38,732	46,429
5601.100	Intra-county expense Information services	8,313	9,047	20,577	19,412
5601.200	Intra-county expense Insurance	1,349	318	636	663
5700	Contracted services	10,000	-	-	3,000
5706	Temporary replacement help	6,831	2,025	2,025	-
9003	Transfer out	-	-	9,000	-
	<b>Division Total: 001 - General</b>	<b>424,844</b>	<b>202,305</b>	<b>410,048</b>	<b>439,150</b>
	<b>Department Total: 084 - Veterans Service Expenditures Total</b>	<b>424,844</b>	<b>202,305</b>	<b>410,048</b>	<b>439,150</b>
	<b>Fund Revenue Total: 100 - GF</b>	<b>426,037</b>	<b>232,878</b>	<b>410,048</b>	<b>439,150</b>
	<b>Fund Expenditure Total: 100 - GF</b>	<b>424,844</b>	<b>202,305</b>	<b>410,048</b>	<b>439,150</b>
	<b>Fund Net Total: 100 - GF</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>30,573</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Revenue Grand Totals:</b>	<b>426,037</b>	<b>232,878</b>	<b>410,048</b>	<b>439,150</b>
	<b>Expenditure Grand Totals:</b>	<b>424,844</b>	<b>202,305</b>	<b>410,048</b>	<b>439,150</b>
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