

VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE COMMISSION PROGRAM

Fund 080-127



Veterans Assistance Commission program positions: 1 FTE

The Veterans Assistance Commission Program (VACP) is an assistance program of the Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) Executive Board, an entity composed of delegates from the major veterans’ organizations in Champaign County. The program is created under the provisions of the Military Veterans Assistance Act (330 ILCS 45/), and is funded by the Champaign County Board, for the benefit of veterans living in Champaign County. The program is designed to assist an individual veteran, his/her spouse, or the veteran’s minor child through some difficult financial hardships.

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide emergency financial and referral assistance to help Champaign County Veterans and their families through difficult times.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Champaign County Veterans Assistance Commission Program (VACP) was established for the first time on December 1, 2012. The Champaign County Board formally recognized the Champaign County Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) by County Board Resolution No. 8076 adopted on March 22, 2012. An Intergovernmental Agreement between the County Board and VAC Executive Board establishes oversight of the program.

At this time, there are no specific revenues to cover the expenditures of the Champaign County VAC, which will therefore be funded by general revenues within the County’s General Corporate Fund. However, in FY2019, the VAC has received donations in the amount of \$18,000 and is always striving for new ways to find donations. In FY2021, the donations will only be around \$6000 due to the biggest fundraiser not being able to have motorcycle run. This being the ninth year of the VAC, the program has been a success not only with the veteran community, but with Champaign County. Champaign County has the 13th largest veteran population in the state. The VAC works closely with other organizations to ensure that there is no duplication of work and all funds are spent wisely.

FINANCIAL

Fund 080 Dept 127			2020	2021	2021	2022
			Actual	Original	Projected	Budget
363	10	GIFTS AND DONATIONS	\$5,000	\$0	\$6,305	\$0
		MISCELLANEOUS	\$5,000	\$0	\$6,305	\$0

FY2022 Budget
Champaign County, Illinois

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Veteran’s Assistance Commission
General Fund 080-127

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			Actual	Original	Projected	Budget
REVENUE TOTALS			\$5,000	\$0	\$6,305	\$0
511	3	REG. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES PERSONNEL	\$45,776	\$46,910	\$46,910	\$48,318
533	12	JOB-REQUIRED TRAVEL EXP	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100
533	42	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$449	\$449	\$449	\$449
533	54	ASSISTANCE TO VETERANS	\$84,932	\$80,000	\$86,305	\$80,000
533	56	VA MONUMENT UPDATE	\$0	\$982	\$0	\$982
533	93	DUES AND LICENSES	\$300	\$350	\$350	\$350
533	95	CONFERENCES & TRAINING SERVICES	\$0	\$800	\$800	\$1,600
EXPENDITURE TOTALS			\$131,457	\$129,591	\$134,814	\$131,799

ALIGNMENT to STRATEGIC PLAN:

County Board Goal 3 –Champaign County promotes a safe, just and healthy community

- To provide financial assistance to veterans and their families during times of difficulty, to ensure their safety and well-being.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide aid and assistance to veterans and their family members.
2. To research and participate in activities to promote programs which provide support to veterans and their families.
3. To promote programs and understanding and utilization of services through public speaking.
4. To monitor program participation and effectiveness of programs.
5. To manage the demand for services within the available resources.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Indicator	FY2020 Actual	FY2021 Projected	FY2022 Budgeted
Number of Veterans provided with funds assistance	472	457	455
Number of Veterans provided with walk-in assistance	1020	900	1200
Number of Veterans provided with telephone assistance	1182	1200	1400
Percentage of Veterans requesting financial assistance served	63%	72%	70%
Number of Public Speaking Engagements	6	24	24
Total Dollars Allocated in Assistance	\$84,931	\$86,305	\$80,000