

**D55P00**  
**Department of Veterans and Military Families**

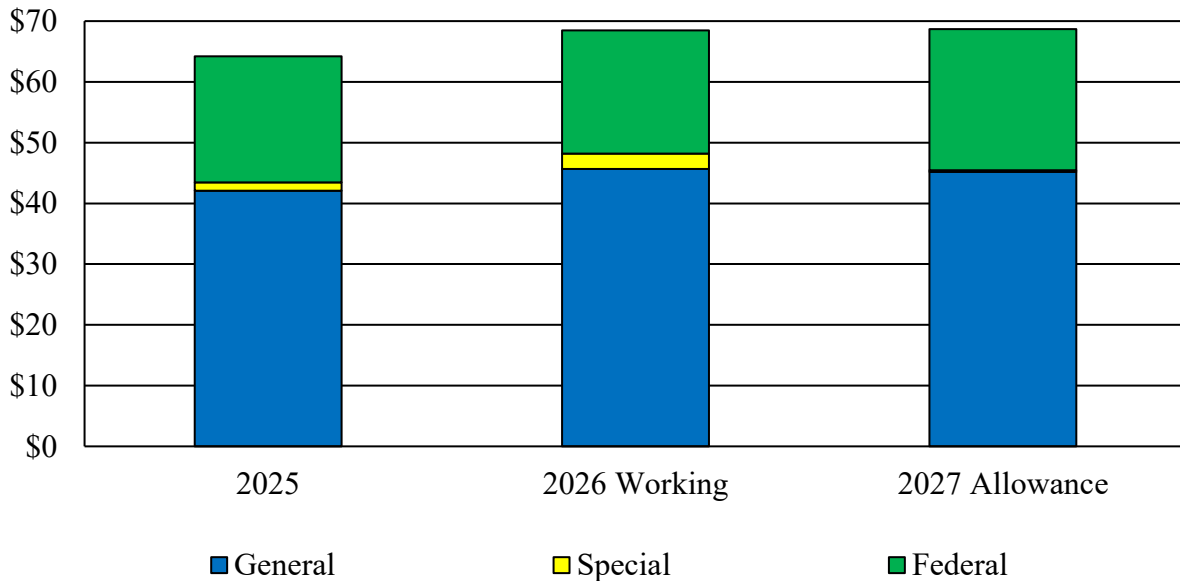
**Program Description**

Chapters 11 and 12 of 2024 renamed the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs to the Department of Veterans and Military Families (DVMF) effective July 1, 2024. DVMF delivers services and programs to assist Maryland’s veterans, their families, and survivors in obtaining State, federal, and local benefits provided by law in recognition for their service. DVMF assures the quality maintenance of veterans’ cemeteries and memorials to honor Maryland’s veterans. DVMF also manages Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH), an assisted-living and skilled-nursing facility for veterans and their eligible spouses who are unable to care for themselves due to disability or advancing age or who have requirements for nursing home care. Additionally, DVMF engages in public awareness and outreach to veterans, their families, and other stakeholders throughout the State to further engage and encourage statewide participation in addressing problems faced by Maryland’s veterans.

***Operating Budget Summary***

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**Fiscal 2027 Budget Increases \$227,824, or 0.3%, to \$68.7 Million**  
**(\$ in Millions)**



Note: The fiscal 2026 working appropriation accounts for deficiencies. The fiscal 2027 statewide salary adjustments are centrally budgeted in the Department of Budget and Management and are not included in this agency’s budget.

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## **Fiscal 2026**

### **Proposed Deficiency**

The fiscal 2027 budget includes four proposed fiscal 2026 deficiency appropriations for a total of \$5.2 million which includes:

- \$1.9 million in general funds, including \$1.3 million to align funding with increased resident census in fiscal 2025 at CHVH, \$305,158 for information technology costs, and \$250,000 in additional support for veterans who were impacted by the federal shutdown;
- \$2.3 million in special funds, including \$1.3 million for expenses related to the care of veterans and their families; \$699,453 for facility upgrades and repairs at the department's cemeteries; and \$323,652 to fund equipment repairs and maintenance, medical care and supplies, and recreational supplies. Special funds are available from prior year retained special funds, particularly from gifts and bequests in the Veterans Home program, interment fees for the eligible dependents of the veterans in the Cemetery program, and from the Bed Lease Fund in the Veterans Home program, respectively; and
- \$1.0 million in federal funds, including \$1 million for contractual services for CHVH, facility upgrades and repairs, and replacement of capital equipment like protective equipment, and \$27,372 for facility upgrades and repairs. Federal funds are available from prior year retained federal funds, particularly the federal Veterans State Nursing Home Care program and the burial expenses allowance for veterans in the Cemetery program, respectively.

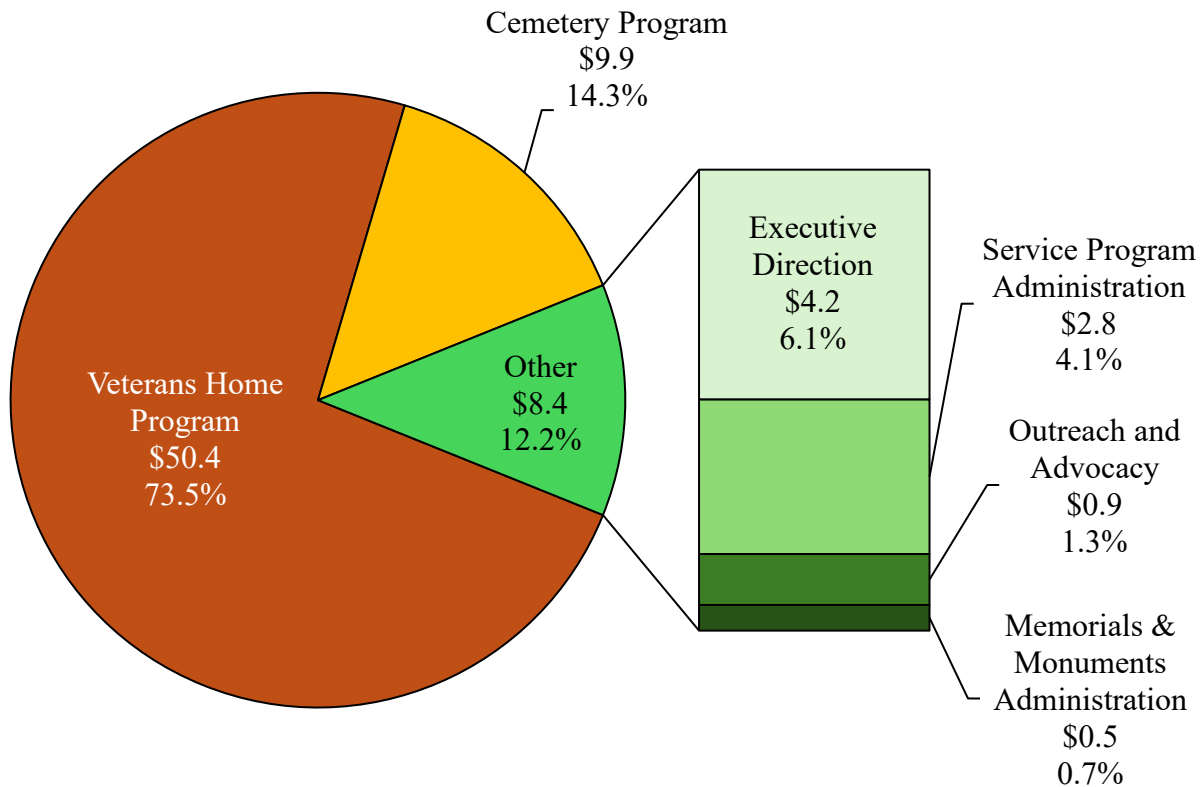
### **Federal Government Shutdown**

The federal government shutdown began on October 1, 2025, and ended on November 12, 2025. The Governor directed DVMF to transfer one-time funding assistance of \$250,000 in general funds to provide financial relief for immediate needs of veterans and their families. According to DVMF, of the \$250,000, \$125,000 was transferred to the Veterans Trust Fund to reduce the backlog of more than 200 pending assistance applications to cover essential expenses; \$105,000 to Operation Homefront to expand emergency food assistance partnership; \$15,000 to the Blue Star Families Maryland Chapter to provide four-day food packages for approximately 400 military families; and \$5,000 to the Maryland National Guard (MDNG) food pantry that provides essential food and household supplies to MDNG, active-duty service members, and their families.

## Fiscal 2027 Overview of Agency Spending

**Exhibit 1** shows that the fiscal 2027 allowance for DVMF totals \$68.7 million. The management and operation of CHVH accounts for 73.5% of the total fiscal 2027 allowance. Of the \$50.4 million for CHVH, 94.8%, or \$47.8 million, is used for contractual services for managing and providing care to veterans at the facility. The fiscal 2027 allowance also includes \$9.9 million, or 14.3%, of the fiscal 2027 allowance for the Cemetery program, which supports the five veterans’ cemeteries across Maryland that provide final resting places for veterans, National Guardsmen, reservists, and their eligible dependents.

**Exhibit 1**  
**Overview of Agency Spending**  
**Fiscal 2027 Allowance**  
**(\$ in Millions)**



Note: The fiscal 2027 statewide salary adjustments are centrally budgeted in the Department of Budget and Management and are not included in this agency’s budget.

Source: Governor’s Fiscal 2027 Budget Books

## Proposed Budget Change

As shown in **Exhibit 2**, the fiscal 2027 allowance for DVMF increases by \$227,824 compared to the fiscal 2026 working appropriation, adjusted for the proposed deficiency appropriations. The largest increase in the allowance is \$1.6 million for personnel expenses, which include salary adjustments and associated fringe benefits and employee and retiree health insurance. This spending growth is partially offset by a net reduction of \$1.4 million for CHVH operating expenses.

**Exhibit 2**  
**Proposed Budget**  
**Department of Veterans and Military Families**  
**(\$ in Thousands)**

<b>How Much It Grows:</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Fund</b>	<b>Federal Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fiscal 2025 Actual	\$42,090	\$1,370	\$20,728	\$64,187
Fiscal 2026 Working	45,653	2,552	20,246	68,452
Fiscal 2027 Allowance	45,199	255	23,225	68,680
Fiscal 2026-2027 \$ Change	-\$454	-\$2,297	\$2,979	\$228
Fiscal 2026-2027 % Change	-0.99%	-90.01%	14.71%	0.33%
<b>Where It Goes:</b>				<b><u>Change</u></b>
<b>Personnel Expenses</b>				
Salary adjustments and associated fringe benefits .....				\$897
Employee and retiree health insurance .....				625
Deferred compensation match due to change in statewide budgeting .....				24
Turnover rate decreases from 4.91% to 4.84% .....				8
<b>Other Changes</b>				
Cost allocation.....				418
Building repair and maintenance .....				121
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....				75
One-time additional support to veterans impacted by the federal shutdown in fiscal 2026.....				-250
Contractual services for software upgrades and equipment.....				-265
Net reduction in expenses to support Charlotte Hall Veterans Home operations after accounting for fiscal 2026 proposed deficiencies .....				-1,416
Other expenses .....				-9
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$228</b>

Note: Numbers may not sum to total due to rounding. The fiscal 2026 working appropriation accounts for deficiencies. The fiscal 2027 statewide salary adjustments are centrally budgeted in the Department of Budget and Management and are not included in this agency's budget.

## ***Personnel Data***

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	<b>FY 25</b>	<b>FY 26</b>	<b>FY 27</b>	<b>FY 26-27</b>
	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Working</u></b>	<b><u>Allowance</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>
Regular Positions	126.00	125.00	125.00	0.00
Contractual FTEs	<u>5.75</u>	<u>6.25</u>	<u>5.25</u>	<u>-1.00</u>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>131.75</b>	<b>131.25</b>	<b>130.25</b>	<b>-1.00</b>

### ***Vacancy Data: Regular Positions***

Turnover and Necessary Vacancies, Excluding New Positions	6.05	4.84%
Positions and Percentage Vacant as of 12/31/2025	6.00	4.80%
Vacancies Below Turnover	0.05	

- On October 22, 2025, the Board of Public Works approved the abolition of 502.7 positions statewide, which include 170.7 vacant positions and 332.0 positions associated with the Voluntary Separation Program. In DVMF, 1.0 vacant position from the Cemetery program was abolished, which resulted in total salary savings of \$50,956.
- The fiscal 2027 allowance reflects a net reduction of 1.0 contractual position from the Service program.
- Statewide salary expenses in the fiscal 2027 allowance include an increase of \$436,993 (\$397,722 in general funds and \$39,271 in federal funds) for Annual Salary Review (ASR) adjustments within DVMF. The ASR adjustments are all under the Cemetery program and provide one-grade increases for superintendent, assistant superintendent, and supervisor positions and two-grade increases for caretaker and equipment operator positions. These funds are centrally budgeted in the Department of Budget and Management.
- As of December 31, 2025, DVMF has 6 vacant positions, which is essentially level with the budgeted turnover in fiscal 2027. DVMF notes that 1 of the vacant positions was filled on January 21, 2026, and 1 position is actively being recruited as of the writing of this analysis. Of the remaining 4 vacant positions, 2 positions are Veterans Cemetery caretaker positions, 1 position is an office secretary in the Service program, and 1 position is an administrative program manager in the Executive Direction program. All 4 remaining vacant positions have been vacant for less than nine months.

## ***Key Observations***

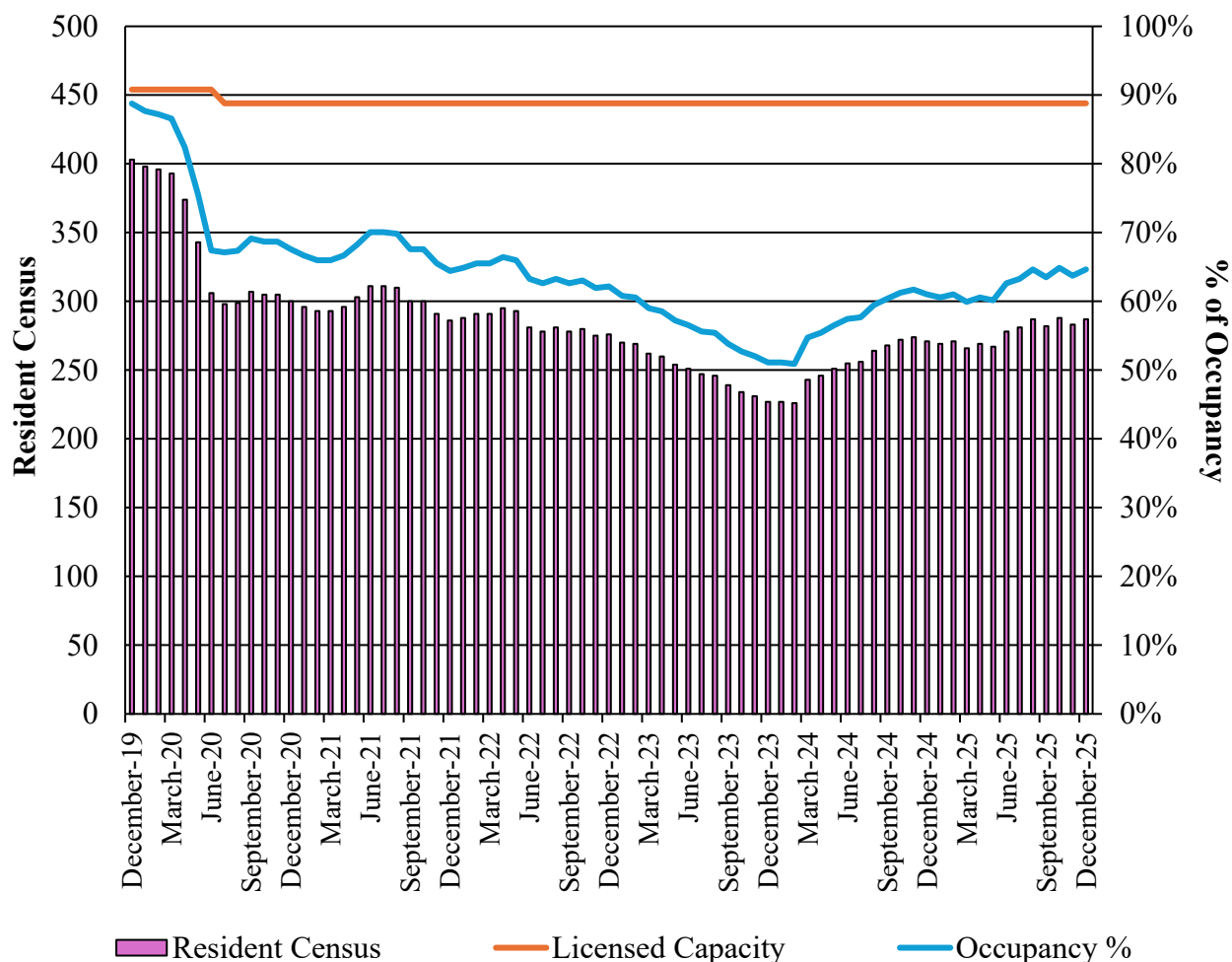
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### **1. Minor Recovery in CHVH Occupancy and Significant Improvement in Federal Facility Rating**

CHVH, which opened in calendar 1985, is a State-owned, long-term health care facility in St. Mary's County offering assisted-living and skilled-nursing care for eligible veterans and their spouses who are unable to care for themselves due to disability, advancing age, or who have requirements for nursing home care. Clinical care and health care management at CHVH are provided by a private contractor but are overseen by the director and other DVMF staff. The home provides shelter, sustenance, medical care, and the social services necessary to maintain the residents' quality of life. PruittHealth Veterans Services – Maryland (PHVSM) assumed the operational responsibilities of CHVH on June 6, 2023. The fiscal 2026 budget included a one-time fiscal 2025 deficiency appropriation of \$825,000 in general funds to support an ongoing litigation expense with the prior CHVH contractor. According to the department, a settlement was finalized and approved in April 2025 for a total amount of \$1.1 million, which includes the \$825,000 appropriated in fiscal 2026. The balance of \$275,000 was an incurred expense in fiscal 2023, which was already budgeted in the department's fiscal 2023 budget and was withheld by the department pending final settlement with the prior CHVH contractor.

**Exhibit 3** shows that the December 2025 occupancy rate at CHVH increased by 4 percentage points, or by 16 residents, as compared to December 2024. Similarly, the December 2025 occupancy rate increased by 14 percentage points, or by 60 residents, when compared to December 2023 after PHVSM was onboarded as the new CHVH management contractor in June 2023. However, this level remains below the pre-COVID-19 level, when CHVH had 403 residents and an occupancy rate of 89% in December 2019. **Considering the fiscal 2027 allowance for the Veterans Home program decreases by 3.6% from \$52.3 million in fiscal 2026, after accounting for deficiencies, to \$50.4 million in fiscal 2027, DVMF should comment on whether the allowance is adequate to cover projected costs and how it will fund operating costs associated with an increase in resident census in CHVH in fiscal 2027 if current upward trends continue.**

**Exhibit 3  
Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Resident Census  
December 2019 to December 2025**



Source: Department of Veterans and Military Families; Department of Legislative Services

Committee narrative in the 2025 *Joint Chairmen’s Report* (JCR) requested that DVMF submit quarterly updates on CHVH operations, staffing, and federal ratings. DVMF has maintained staffing levels above 4 hours per patient day for 24-hour registered nurses, as compared to the State minimum of 3 hours per patient day and the federal minimum of 3.48 hours per patient day. In the first and second quarterly reports, DVMF reported an overall rating of one star from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for CHVH. In its third quarterly report, DVMF reported a significant improvement from its previous one-star rating to receiving an overall rating of four stars in the federal CMS report, with staffing receiving five stars, health

inspections receiving three stars, and quality measure receiving two stars. **DVMF should comment on what actions resulted in the significant improvement in the facility’s federal CMS rating.**

The submitted reports also list information on the complaints from veterans or residents of CHVH from March 2025 to November 2025. There were 108 complaints over that period. Of these 108 complaints, 70 complaints were made by the residents, and the remaining 38 complaints were family concerns. None of the complaints in CMS’ report resulted in a rating or fine.

Pursuant to Section 19-14C-02(a)(1) and (2) of the State Government Article, two survey reports were submitted on September 10, 2025. The first survey report was an annual recertification survey for all of CHVH’s skilled-nursing and assisted-living facilities, conducted by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) from July 15 through July 25, 2025. The survey report noted that CHVH was not in compliance with the federal requirements for long-term care facilities including residents’ rights or exercise of rights, reasonable accommodation needs or preferences, right to be free from chemical restraints, development or implementation of comprehensive care plans, activities of daily living care provided for dependent residents, label or storage of drugs and biologicals, food procurement, and infection prevention and control. **DVMF should brief the committees on corrective actions and measures taken to address these issues highlighted in MDH OHCQ annual survey report.**

The second survey report was conducted by MDH OHCQ on December 4, 2025, on the annual survey of the Resident Funds at CHVH. No major issues or noncompliance were identified. Additionally, the department’s second quarterly report included the annual onsite survey report of CHVH conducted by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care of the Veterans’ Administration from September 15 through September 19, 2025. The survey determined that CHVH was not in compliance with the USDVA regulations, particularly related to comprehensive care plans, reporting of sentinel events (unexpected health incidents causing death or injury), accidents, labeling of drugs and biologicals, infection control, and life safety from fire.

**The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) recommends adopting committee narrative requesting the continued submission of quarterly reports in collaboration with the CHVH contractor on the progress of CHVH’s operations, including efforts to increase staffing and residency numbers, and corrective actions or measures taken to address the noncompliance issues highlighted in MDH OHCQ and the USDVA annual survey reports.**

## **2. Maryland Joins Forces Initiative Improves Outreach**

DVMF has a goal of contacting service members transitioning out of the armed forces into private civilian life to educate them on how to claim and utilize their earned benefits, as well as other opportunities that the State makes available. The Maryland Joins Forces (MJF) initiative was officially launched in November 2023. MJF is designed to mobilize partners across sectors to address issues affecting veterans and military families. This initiative is centered around five focus

areas: (1) employment; (2) food and housing insecurity; (3) education; (4) health and wellness; and (5) volunteer service.

Committee narrative in the 2025 JCR requested DVMF to submit a report highlighting the number of veterans and military families served by this initiative, partnerships with other organizations, activities conducted through this initiative, and the effectiveness and challenges in administering this initiative. DVMF submitted the report on December 4, 2025.

Since the launch of MJF in November 2023, DVMF reports that MJF has formalized partnerships with 33 organizations, an increase of 13 organizations as compared to partnerships that were reported in the fiscal 2026 budget analysis. About 29,000 veterans, service members, military families, and community members have been served through MJF. MJF conducted various activities, using on-demand and virtual resources with its partnered organizations that focused on the initiative’s five focus areas such as military spouse hiring events and an open house to support employment; military family meal giveaways; workshops to support education; seasonal events and baseball games to support health and wellness; and a community partner summit to promote volunteer service. To continue increasing outreach through MJF, the department plans to launch five pillar-based subcommittees and focus on the development and reporting of two to three performance indicators to monitor the program’s effectiveness. **DLS recommends adopting committee narrative requesting the submission of a progress report on the activities of the MJF initiatives, including an update on the five pillar-based subcommittees and development of the performance indicators.**

### **3. No Capital Funding for Fiscal 2027 Due to Delays in Capital Project Schedules**

#### **Veterans Cemetery Expansion and Improvement Projects**

The department’s fiscal 2027 to 2031 *Capital Improvement Program* (CIP) includes funding for two projects, namely Crownsville Veterans Cemetery Expansion and Improvements Phase IV project and Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery Expansion and Improvements Phase VI project. No funding is included in the capital budget for either project in fiscal 2027. According to DVMF, architectural or engineering design, permitting, and other supporting documents for both capital projects are incomplete and unable to meet the federal readiness requirements to compete for funding through the Veterans Cemetery Grant Program (VCGP) in federal fiscal 2027, resulting in deferring the funding requirement.

The department seeks matching funds at the State level to secure federal funding from the USDVA for major capital projects. Federal funds for the veterans cemetery expansion projects will come from USDVA’s VCGP. Initial costs funded by the State are reimbursable through this grant program. However, federal funds are competitive and not guaranteed.

Chapters 253 and 254 of 2025 remove the State residency requirement and expand the eligibility for burial in a State veterans’ cemetery, making the State eligible for the VCGP.

Previously, the State required specified veterans to be residents of the State to be buried in a state veterans cemetery. This State residency requirement posed a barrier to accessing federal funding for the veteran cemetery expansion projects as the USDVA grant program requires that states not have a residency requirement.

- ***Crownsville Veterans Cemetery Expansion and Improvements Phase IV Project:*** This project has received \$1.2 million in general obligation (GO) bonds in prior authorizations for planning and is programmed to receive \$4.6 million in federal funds in fiscal 2028 and another \$4.6 million in federal funds in fiscal 2029 for project construction. The previously planned fiscal 2027 funding for this project is deferred to fiscal 2028 due to delays in the project schedule. The project is estimated to be completed in fiscal 2029, and the revised total estimated project cost is \$10.5 million, which is \$3.9 million lower than was previously estimated in last year’s CIP. The lowered project cost is due to the project’s updated scope of work, which (1) removes 5,064 casketed gravesites; (2) reduces the columbarium structures from 2,171 to 1,850; and (3) removes a new administration building and a four-bay maintenance garage. The current total capacity at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery is 26,587 for all burial types and the columbarium space is projected to be exhausted by fiscal 2028. According to DVMF, the department will coordinate with other state veterans cemeteries as a temporary capacity solution if the expansion project is further delayed.
- ***Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery Expansion and Improvements Phase VI Project:*** This project has received \$1.1 million in GO bonds in prior authorizations for planning and is programmed to receive \$9 million in federal funds in fiscal 2029 for project construction. The previously planned fiscal 2027 funding for this project is deferred to fiscal 2029 due to delays in the project schedule. The project is estimated to be completed in fiscal 2029. The revised estimated total project cost is \$10.1 million, which is \$5.5 million lower than the previously estimated total project cost in last year’s CIP. The reduced total project cost is due to changes in the project’s scope of work, which include (1) removing construction of a new fuel station and three-bay vehicle storage building with two service bays, wash bay, locker rooms, and a break room; (2) removing certain components of site improvements like security fencing, enhancements to the existing irrigation system, and updates to stormwater management facilities; and (3) removal of demolition of the existing upper shop garage and lower shop fueling station.

**DVMF should brief the committees on the reason for removing certain project components from both projects’ original scope of work. DVMF should also provide an updated timeline of completing architectural or engineering design, permitting, and other supporting documents for both capital projects to meet the federal readiness requirements and compete for the federal fiscal 2028 VCGP.**

## **New State Veterans Home**

The new State Veterans Home project did not receive a federal award under the USDVA State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program (SVHCGP) and has been canceled. The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2025 transferred \$62.9 million from the Dedicated Purpose Account appropriated for the new veterans' home construction to the General Fund. Language in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond (MCCBL) of 2025 restricted a total of \$62.9 million in GO bonds from two capital projects, which include \$45.9 million from the Baltimore Therapeutic Treatment Center and \$17 million from the New Supreme Court of Maryland Building to be used for the veterans home project instead, contingent on the State receiving conditional federal award from SVHCGP prior to June 1, 2026. The MCCBL of 2026 as introduced removes the contingent language.

## Operating Budget Recommended Actions

1. Adopt the following narrative:

**Quarterly Reports on Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH) Facility Operations, Staffing, and Federal Ratings:** The Department of Veterans and Military Families (DVMF) oversees the operation of CHVH, the only assisted-living and skilled-nursing care for veterans and their spouses in the State. The committees are interested in how the management contractor operates CHVH and its efforts on increasing staffing and residency numbers. Additionally, the committees would like to continue to monitor the ratings from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) surrounding nursing home facility performance. The committees request that DVMF submit quarterly reports in collaboration with the CHVH contractor on the progress of CHVH’s operations, census numbers, staffing levels, efforts to increase census and staffing numbers, the number of resident complaints, and resident complaints by type of complaint, as well as any report, rating, or fine from CMS. The reports should also include a description of corrective actions or measures taken to address the noncompliance highlighted in the Maryland Department of Health Office of Health Care Quality and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs annual survey reports. In each quarterly report, the report should note the period covered by the data and the corresponding dates.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on status of CHVH operations, staffing, and federal ratings	DVMF	July 1, 2026 October 1, 2026 January 1, 2027 April 1, 2027

2. Adopt the following narrative:

**Report on the Maryland Joins Forces (MJF) Initiative and Its Progress:** MJF is an initiative that was launched in November 2023. This initiative focuses on five main areas: (1) employment; (2) food and housing insecurity; (3) education; (4) health and wellness; and (5) volunteer services. The committees are interested in monitoring the progress of this initiative and the Department of Veterans and Military Families’ (DVMF) plans to address the five focus areas identified. The committees request DVMF to submit a report highlighting the number of veterans and military families served by this initiative, including the number of veterans and military families who actually benefitted from this initiative, its partnerships with other organizations, and activities conducted through this initiative. The report should also include information on the effectiveness and challenges in administering this initiative, an update on establishing five pillar-based subcommittees, and development of performance indicators and goals.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the MJF initiative and its progress	DVMF	December 1, 2026

**Appendix 1**  
**2025 Joint Chairmen’s Report Responses from Agency**

The 2025 JCR requested that DVVMF prepare two reports. Electronic copies of the full JCR responses can be found on the DLS Library website.

- ***Report on CHVH Facility Operations, Staffing, and Federal Ratings:*** DVVMF has submitted three of the four quarterly reports. The fourth report is due April 1, 2026. Further discussion of these reports is included in Key Observation 1 of this analysis.
- ***Report on the MJF Initiative and its progress:*** MJF is an initiative that launched in November 2023. This initiative focuses on five main areas: (1) employment; (2) food and housing insecurity; (3) education; (4) health and wellness; and (5) volunteer services. The committees requested that DVVMF submit a report on the progress of this initiative. Further discussion of this program is included in Key Observation 2 of this analysis.

**Appendix 2**  
**Object/Fund Difference Report**  
**Department of Veterans and Military Families**

<u>Object/Fund</u>	<u>FY 25 Actual</u>	<u>FY 26 Work Approp.</u>	<u>FY 27 Allowance</u>	<u>FY 26 - 27 \$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>Positions</b>					
01 Regular	126.00	125.00	125.00	0.00	0.0%
02 Contractual	5.75	6.25	5.25	-1.00	-16.0%
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>131.75</b>	<b>131.25</b>	<b>130.25</b>	<b>-1.00</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
<b>Objects</b>					
01 Salaries, Wages, and Fringe Benefits	\$11,867,419	\$12,206,213	\$13,759,985	\$1,553,772	12.7%
02 Technical and Special Fees	429,908	337,249	336,780	-469	-0.1%
03 Communications	72,814	88,017	88,617	600	0.7%
04 Travel	34,013	52,734	58,591	5,857	11.1%
06 Fuel and Utilities	1,041,349	1,198,787	1,201,314	2,527	0.2%
07 Motor Vehicle Operation and Maintenance	226,190	944,556	1,019,930	75,374	8.0%
08 Contractual Services	48,687,760	48,245,198	49,962,999	1,717,801	3.6%
09 Supplies and Materials	802,002	1,903,779	1,111,614	-792,165	-41.6%
10 Equipment – Replacement	312,432	1,079,160	352,335	-726,825	-67.4%
11 Equipment – Additional	46,715	493,194	169,542	-323,652	-65.6%
12 Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions	388,328	638,758	388,758	-250,000	-39.1%
13 Fixed Charges	222,675	233,710	229,087	-4,623	-2.0%
14 Land and Structures	55,836	1,030,373	0	-1,030,373	-100.0%
<b>Total Objects</b>	<b>\$64,187,441</b>	<b>\$68,451,728</b>	<b>\$68,679,552</b>	<b>\$227,824</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Funds</b>					
01 General Funds	\$42,090,256	\$45,653,396	\$45,199,157	-\$454,239	-1.0%
03 Special Funds	1,369,607	2,552,187	255,052	-2,297,135	-90.0%
05 Federal Funds	20,727,578	20,246,145	23,225,343	2,979,198	14.7%
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$64,187,441</b>	<b>\$68,451,728</b>	<b>\$68,679,552</b>	<b>\$227,824</b>	<b>0.3%</b>

Note: The fiscal 2026 appropriation includes proposed deficiency appropriations. The fiscal 2027 allowance does not include statewide salary adjustments budgeted within the Department of Budget and Management.