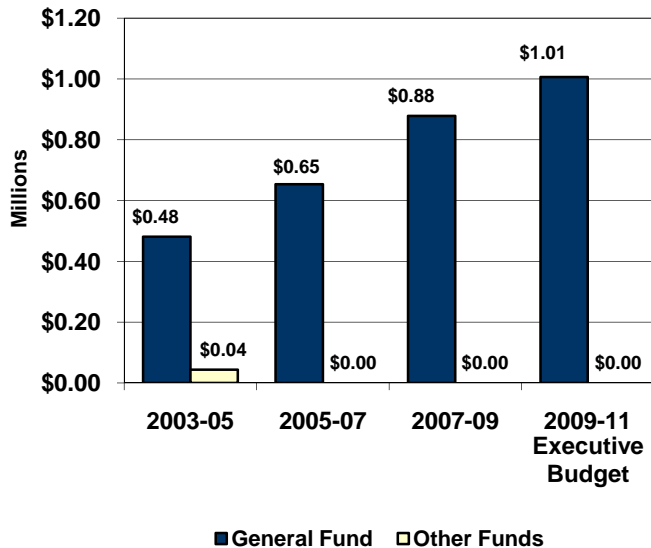


**Department 321 - Department of Veterans' Affairs
 Senate Bill No. 2007**

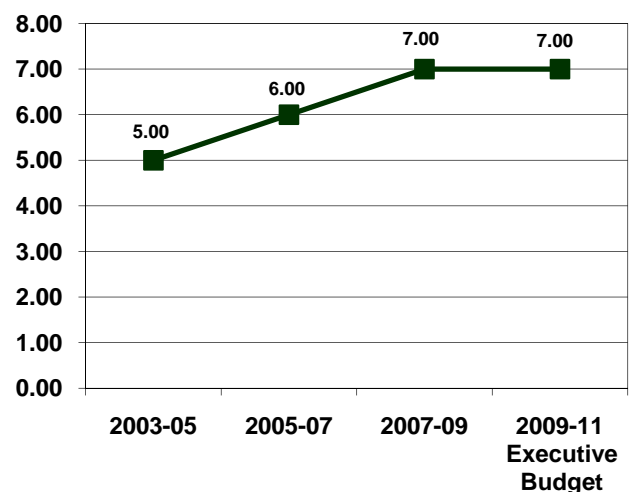
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2009-11 Executive Budget	7.00	\$1,006,054	\$0	\$1,006,054
2007-09 Legislative Appropriations	7.00	878,278	0	878,278 ¹
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$127,776	\$0	\$127,776

¹The 2007-09 appropriation amounts include \$11,506 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$10 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustment for classified employees.

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



Ongoing and One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2009-11 Executive Budget	\$1,006,054	\$0	\$1,006,054
2007-09 Legislative Appropriations	818,672	59,606	878,278
Increase (Decrease)	\$187,382	(\$59,606)	\$127,776

First House Action

The Senate did not change the executive budget recommendation for the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Attached is a summary of first house changes.

Executive Budget Highlights

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Removes one-time funding for the 2007-09 biennium	(\$59,606)	\$0	(\$59,606)
2. Provides funding to address salary equity issues, including \$1,200 for the related second-year salary increase	\$14,567	\$0	\$14,567
3. Provides funding for information technology increases, including loan software annual maintenance contract (\$5,000), technology fee for Information Technology Department services (\$5,094), and equipment (\$6,075)	\$16,169	\$0	\$16,169
4. Provides funding for increased travel expenses	\$23,540	\$0	\$23,540
5. Provides funding to develop and provide training to county veterans' service officers	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000

Continuing Appropriations

Veterans' aid fund - North Dakota Century Code Section 37-14-03.3 - The purpose of the veterans' aid fund is to make loans or advancements to any veteran and to a surviving spouse of a veteran if the spouse has not remarried.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1057 - This bill requires county veterans' service officers maintain accreditation and provides \$20,000 from the general fund for accreditation training.

House Bill No. 1414 - This bill relates to the issuance of special plates for surviving family members of fallen members of the military.

House Bill No. 1482 - This bill relates to the definition of foreign service, period of service, and payment of adjusted compensation.

House Bill No. 1510 - This bill relates to veterans' preference.

Senate Bill No. 2082 - This bill provides for the eligibility of veterans for resident tuition at state institutions of higher education.

Senate Bill No. 2201 - This bill provides \$2,700,000 from the general fund to the Tax Commissioner for paying the state reimbursement for a property tax exemption for disabled veterans.

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