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POS		AMOUNT	CODES
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VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF			50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS			50100000
<u>VETERANS' HOMES</u>			50100100
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			13
<u>LONG-TERM CARE</u>			<u>1303.00.00.00</u>
PROGRAM REDUCTIONS			33V0000
STATE VETERANS' HOMES PROGRAM			
REDUCTIONS			33V0100
SALARIES AND BENEFITS			010000
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE	5,252,928-	2516 1
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OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES			030000
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE	342,869-	2516 1
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EXPENSES			040000
GRANTS AND DONATIONS TF	-STATE	2,600-	2339 1
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE	1,902,996-	2516 1
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TOTAL APPRO.....		1,905,596-	
		=====	
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY			060000
GRANTS AND DONATIONS TF	-STATE	2,500-	2339 1
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE	34,197-	2516 1
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TOTAL APPRO.....		36,697-	
		=====	
FOOD PRODUCTS			070000
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE	375,120-	2516 1
		=====	
SPECIAL CATEGORIES			100000
CONTRACTED SERVICES			100777
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE	1,225,537-	2516 1
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TOTAL: STATE VETERANS' HOMES PROGRAM			33V0100
REDUCTIONS			
TOTAL ISSUE.....		9,138,747-	
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VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF	50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS	50100000
<u>VETERANS' HOMES</u>	50100100
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	13
<u>LONG-TERM CARE</u>	<u>1303.00.00.00</u>
PROGRAM REDUCTIONS	33V0000
STATE VETERANS' HOMES PROGRAM	
REDUCTIONS	33V0100

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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 21-22 NARRATIVE:

IT COMPONENT? NO

PRIORITY# 04

Possible Budget Reductions

PROGRAM TITLE:

State Veterans' Homes Program - (50100100)

ISSUE TITLE:

State Veterans' Homes Program Reductions - 33V0100

SUMMARY:

The State Veterans' Homes Program (Homes Program) provides high quality long-term health care services to eligible Florida veterans. The Program manages six (6) State Veterans' Nursing Homes (720 beds), and one (1) State Veterans' Domiciliary Home (150 beds). Pre Coronavirus occupancy rates are higher than 97%, but is currently 70% and decreasing.

Noteworthy is that for the last seven fiscal years, the Homes Program operations have been self-sufficient. Revenues from the long-term care services provided to our veterans have covered all operational expenditures, with no General Revenue funding. This is a self-sufficient program operating with due diligence and providing our aging veterans high quality long-term health services.

A reduction in the Homes Program of \$9,133,647 and \$5,100 in budget authority in the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund and the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, respectively, will result in an equal reduction in the services provided to our veteran residents. Reductions in Salaries and Benefits (010000), Other Personal Services (030000), Expenses (040000), Operating Capital Outlay (060000), Food Products (070000), and Contracted Services (100777) appropriation categories will impact the ability of the State Veterans' Homes Program to operate in compliance with state and federal mandates and would require a reduction in workforce of approximately one hundred and twenty-eight (128) nurse positions. Any reductions will leave the program unable to provide quality long-term care to our veteran residents and comply with the required nurse-staffing ratio.

A reduction of this magnitude in the Homes Program budget authority may have dire results to the veterans residing in our facilities and ultimately might result in the closing of one of the Homes.

The occupancy in the State Veterans Homes had increased during the last 10 years from overall 93% in Fiscal Year 2009-10 to currently higher than 97% in FY 2018/2019. Higher occupancy in the facilities results in higher revenues, but also an increased need for resources to support the day-to-day operations and to provide the basic daily needs of our veteran residents. As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, resident occupancy has decreased 23% as well as the associated revenue streams. The department has simultaneously worked over the past three years to open two new facilities which has

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF	50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS	50100000
VETERANS' HOMES	50100100
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	13
LONG-TERM CARE	1303.00.00.00
PROGRAM REDUCTIONS	33V0000
STATE VETERANS' HOMES PROGRAM	
REDUCTIONS	33V0100

exhausted the department's Operations and Maintenance Trust Funds. Reductions in this fund category will severely affect the quality of life and long-term health care for the veterans in our homes; thus, increasing the exposure to risks and non-compliance of the Homes Program.

There is no sub-program or component of this operational entity that can be eliminated; the reductions must be taken from existing operations. Veterans' Affairs, however, only have two program components, and those components are the very core of the department's existence. Any reductions to the limited funding of the Homes Program may have dire consequences to our veteran residents. The department requests the exclusion of the Homes Program from the 10% reduction consideration of Schedule VIII-B-2.

PROPOSED REDUCTION TOTALS:

Category	Appropriation Title	Fund	Amount
010000	Salaries and Benefits	2516	-\$5,252,928
030000	Other Personal Services	2516	-\$342,869
040000	Expenses	2339	-\$2,600
040000	Expenses	2516	-\$1,902,996
060000	Operating Capital Outlay	2339	-\$2,500
060000	Operating Capital Outlay	2516	-\$34,197
070000	Food Products	2516	-\$375,120
100777	SC-Contracted Services	2516	-\$1,225,537
Total Reduction:			-\$9,138,747

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POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
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CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

OTHER SALARY AMOUNT

2516 OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF						5,252,928-
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POS	AMOUNT	CODES
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VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF		50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS		50100000
<u>VETERANS' HOMES</u>		50100100
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		13
<u>LONG-TERM CARE</u>		<u>1303.00.00.00</u>
TOTAL: LONG-TERM CARE		<u>1303.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE		
TRUST FUNDS.....	9,138,747-	2000
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		RED FY21-22		
POS		AMOUNT		CODES
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VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF				50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS				50100000
<u>EXECUTIVE DIR/SUPPORT SVCS</u>				50100400
GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT				16
<u>EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC</u>				<u>1602.00.00.00</u>
MANAGEMENT REDUCTIONS				33G0000
OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES				030000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	21,790-		1000 1
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EXPENSES				040000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	100,397-		1000 1
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE	54,796-		2516 1
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TOTAL APPRO.....		155,193-		
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SPECIAL CATEGORIES				100000
CONTRACTED SERVICES				100777
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	11,088-		1000 1
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE	66,192-		2516 1
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TOTAL APPRO.....		77,280-		
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TOTAL: MANAGEMENT REDUCTIONS				33G0000
TOTAL ISSUE.....		254,263-		
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 21-22 NARRATIVE:

IT COMPONENT? NO

PRIORITY# 01

Possible Budget Reductions

PROGRAM TITLE:

Executive Direction and Support Services (50100400)

ISSUE TITLE:

Management Reductions (33G0000)

SUMMARY:

Executive Direction and Support Services function provides oversight to the department functions to include: State Veterans Homes Program, the Division of Veterans' Benefits and Assistance, Administrative and logistics functions, and provides advocacy for and outreach to Florida veterans. The department is one of the most streamlined entities in State government with minimal funding categories to derive funding from and as such, operates with an extremely limited budget.

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF	50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS	50100000
<u>EXECUTIVE DIR/SUPPORT SVCS</u>	50100400
GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT	16
<u>EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC</u>	<u>1602.00.00.00</u>
MANAGEMENT REDUCTIONS	33G0000

A reduction in Executive Direction and Support Services in General Revenue funding and Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund budget authority of \$145,326 and \$120,988, respectively, will require significant reductions in the level of support and oversight provided to the State Veterans' Homes Program and Division of Veterans' Benefits and Assistance. Support will have to be decreased due to insufficient budget for the day-to-day operations, lease payments for headquarters building, travel for on-site monitoring of facilities, contracted services, and support of the unique operating systems and associated software used by the Homes Program and the Division of Veterans' Benefits and Assistance. Executive Direction and Support Services currently operates at a "bare essentials" level and a decrease of this magnitude would have a negative impact to the veterans we serve.

Currently, Executive Direction and Support Services is limited to 2.1% or 29.5 positions of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (department) total workforce. Further decreases of funding will negatively impact the support provided to our two service areas. Therefore, fewer veterans will receive the benefits they have earned and the quality of long-term care services will be jeopardized. All related support and services will be delayed, as current functions would have to be diverted to other short-staffed functional areas.

A decrease in funding will require significant reductions in the level of support and oversight currently provided to the Homes Program, including the construction of new homes. Lack of appropriate oversight may result in non-compliance with state and federal requirements and therefore in audit findings/issues. In addition, it would negatively impact the ability of the department to advocate for Florida veterans.

The department understands the State's direction to eliminate unproductive or redundant programs in this reduction exercise. In a larger department that would be both sensible and feasible. Veterans' Affairs, however, has only two program components, and those components are the very core of the department's existence. The department lacks the capacity to eliminate a program wholesale and absorb those tasks in other areas. Critical is that Executive Direction and Support Services funding is already too small to absorb any reductions without significant operational consequences. The department requests the exclusion of Executive Direction and Support Services from the 10% reduction consideration of Schedule VIIIIB-2.

Proposed Reduction Totals:  
 Program Component: 1602000000

Categories	Appropriation Title	Fund	Amount
030000	Other Personal Services	1000	-\$21,790
040000	Expense	1000	-\$100,397
040000	Expense	2516	-\$54,796
100777	Contracted Services	1000	-\$11,088
100777	Contracted Services	2516	-\$66,192
Program Component Total			<u>-\$254,263</u>

COL A10 SCH VIIIIB-2 RED FY21-22 POS AMOUNT	CODES
VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF	50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS	50100000
<u>EXECUTIVE DIR/SUPPORT SVCS</u>	50100400
GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT	16
<u>EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC</u>	<u>1602.00.00.00</u>
MANAGEMENT REDUCTIONS	33G0000

Program Component: 1603000000			
Categories	Appropriation Title	Fund	Amount
060000	Operating Capital Outlay	1000	-\$12,051
Total Reduction:			<u>-\$266,314</u>

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TOTAL: EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC		<u>1602.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	133,275-	1000
TRUST FUNDS	120,988-	2000
TOTAL PROG COMP.....	<u>254,263-</u>	
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RED FY21-22		
POS	AMOUNT	CODES
VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF		50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS		50100000
<u>EXECUTIVE DIR/SUPPORT SVCS</u>		50100400
GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT		16
<u>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</u>		<u>1603.00.00.00</u>
MANAGEMENT REDUCTIONS		33G0000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		060000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE 12,051-	1000 1
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 21-22 NARRATIVE:

IT COMPONENT? YES

PRIORITY# 01

Possible Budget Reductions

PROGRAM TITLE:

Executive Direction and Support Services (50100400)

ISSUE TITLE:

Management Reductions (33G0000)

SUMMARY:

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A decrease in funding will require significant reductions in the level of support and oversight currently provided to the Homes Program, including the construction of new homes. Lack of appropriate oversight may result in non-compliance with state and federal requirements and therefore in audit findings/issues. In addition, it would negatively impact the ability of the department to advocate for Florida veterans.



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VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF	50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS	50100000
<u>EXECUTIVE DIR/SUPPORT SVCS</u>	50100400
GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT	16
<u>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</u>	<u>1603.00.00.00</u>
MANAGEMENT REDUCTIONS	33G0000

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Proposed Reduction Totals:  
 Program Component: 1602000000

Categories	Appropriation Title	Fund	Amount
030000	Other Personal Services	1000	-\$21,790
040000	Expense	1000	-\$100,397
040000	Expense	2516	-\$54,796
100777	Contracted Services	1000	-\$11,088
100777	Contracted Services	2516	-\$66,192
Program Component Total			-\$254,263

Categories	Appropriation Title	Fund	Amount
060000	Operating Capital Outlay	1000	-\$12,051
Total Reduction:			-\$266,314

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TOTAL: EXECUTIVE DIR/SUPPORT SVCS		50100400
BY FUND TYPE		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	145,326-	1000
TRUST FUNDS	120,988-	2000
TOTAL BUREAU.....	266,314-	
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		RED FY21-22		
POS		AMOUNT		CODES
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VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF				50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS				50100000
<u>VETERANS' BENEFITS/ASSIST</u>				50100700
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				13
<u>SERVICES/MOST VULNERABLE</u>				<u>1304.00.00.00</u>
PROGRAM REDUCTIONS				33V0000
BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE DIVISION				
REDUCTION				33V0700
SALARIES AND BENEFITS				010000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	664,059-		1000 1
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE	183,126-		2516 1
TOTAL APPRO.....		847,185-		
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OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES				030000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	12,000-		1000 1
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EXPENSES				040000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	20,865-		1000 1
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE	11,959-		2516 1
TOTAL APPRO.....		32,824-		
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OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY				060000
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE	1,500-		2516 1
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SPECIAL CATEGORIES				100000
CONTRACTED SERVICES				100777
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE	1,350-		2516 1
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TOTAL: BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE DIVISION				33V0700
REDUCTION				
TOTAL ISSUE.....		894,859-		
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 PRIORITY# 03

IT COMPONENT? NO

COL A10 SCH VIIIIB-2 RED FY21-22 POS AMOUNT	CODES
VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF	50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS	50100000
<u>VETERANS' BENEFITS/ASSIST</u>	50100700
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	13
<u>SERVICES/MOST VULNERABLE</u>	<u>1304.00.00.00</u>
PROGRAM REDUCTIONS	33V0000
BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE DIVISION	
REDUCTION	33V0700

POSSIBLE BUDGET REDUCTIONS

PROGRAM TITLE:

Division of Veterans' Benefits and Assistance - (50100700)

ISSUE TITLE:

BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE DIVISION REDUCTION - 33V0700

SUMMARY:

The Division of Veterans' Benefits and Assistance provides assistance to all former, present, and future members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their dependents in preparing claims for and securing such compensation, hospitalization, vocational training and other benefits or privileges to which such persons are or may become entitled under any federal or state law or regulation by reason of their service in the Armed Forces of the United States. This mandate is facilitated and accomplished through the activities of the Bureau of Veterans' Claims Services, Bureau of Veterans' Field Services, and Bureau of State Approving for Veterans' Training. The activities of these three Bureaus achieved a return on investment during the last fiscal year of \$63:1, for each dollar invested in Division of Benefits and Assistance, there was a \$63 return from the federal government.

A reduction in the Division of Benefits and Assistance of \$696,924 and \$197,935 in General Revenue funding and Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund budget authority, respectively, will require a reduction in workforce of approximately sixteen (16) positions which will result directly in a decrease in veterans' services and outreach to veterans. The department would be unable to serve and provide outreach services to those veterans attending existing Veteran Affairs' Clinics. Every federal dollar garnered through advocacy on behalf of Florida's veterans is a dollar potentially added to Florida's economy. Every health care or educational dollar provided by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs potentially frees a dollar from state expenditure.

A decrease in funding will significantly degrade the department's ability to comply with its statutory mandates pursuant to Chapter 292, Florida Statutes, to serve the veterans of Florida. The services currently provided to Florida veterans result in increased federal revenue in Florida via veterans' compensation and pension payments, and medical services. These service capabilities are clearly advantageous to both our state's growing veteran population and the State of Florida.

The department understands the State's direction to eliminate unproductive or redundant programs in this reduction exercise. The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs only have two program components, and those components are the very core of the department's existence. The department requests the exclusion of the Division of Veterans' Benefits and Assistance from the 10% reduction consideration of Schedule VIII-B-2.

Proposed Reduction Totals:

Category	Appropriation Title	Fund	Amount
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SCH VIIIIB-2			
RED FY21-22			
POS	AMOUNT		CODES
VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF			50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS			50100000
<u>VETERANS' BENEFITS/ASSIST</u>			50100700
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			13
<u>SERVICES/MOST VULNERABLE</u>			<u>1304.00.00.00</u>
PROGRAM REDUCTIONS			33V0000
BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE DIVISION			
REDUCTION			33V0700

010000	Salaries and Benefits	1000	-\$664,059
010000	Salaries and Benefits	2516	-\$183,126
030000	OPS	1000	-\$12,000
040000	Expense	1000	-\$20,865
040000	Expense	2516	-\$11,959
060000	Operating Capital Outlay	2516	-\$1,500
100777	Contracted Services	2516	-\$1,350

Total Reduction: -\$894,859

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POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
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CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS  
 OTHER SALARY AMOUNT

1000 GENERAL REVENUE FUND						664,059-
2516 OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF						183,126-
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						847,185-
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TOTAL: SERVICES/MOST VULNERABLE						<u>1304.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE						
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	696,924-					1000
TRUST FUNDS	197,935-					2000
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TOTAL PROG COMP.....	894,859-					=====

COL A10			
SCH VIIIIB-2			
RED FY21-22			
POS	AMOUNT		CODES
VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF			50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS			50100000
<u>VETERANS TRAINING SERVICES</u>			50100800
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			13
<u>SERVICES/MOST VULNERABLE</u>			<u>1304.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS			3300000
FLORIDA IS FOR VETERANS -			
REDUCTIONS			3308000
AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS			050000
FLISFORVETERANSCORP/OPS			050689
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	34,411-	1000 1

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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

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 PRIORITY# 02  
 POSSIBLE BUDGET REDUCTIONS

PROGRAM TITLE:

Florida Is For Veterans, Inc. (50100800)

ISSUE TITLE:

FLORIDA IS FOR VETERANS - REDUCTIONS - 3308000

SUMMARY:

A General Revenue reduction of 10% or \$34,411 in the funding of the Operations would negatively impact the ability of Florida is for Veterans, Inc. to support its mandated responsibilities pursuant to section 295.21, Florida Statutes. This reduction would have a negative impact to the veterans served by Florida is for Veterans, Inc.

The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (department) understands the State's direction to eliminate unproductive or redundant programs in this reduction exercise. In a larger department that would be sensible. A budget reduction for the newly created Florida is for Veterans, Inc.? would negatively impact their ability to provide veterans the services mandated by law. We request the exclusion of Florida is for Veterans, Inc.? from the 10% reduction consideration of Schedule VIII-B-2. The budget resources are too small to absorb such a reduction without operational consequences.

PROPOSED REDUCTION TOTALS:

Category	Appropriation Title	Fund	Amount
050689	Aid to Local Governments	1000	-\$34,411
Total Reduction:			-\$34,411

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF		50000000
TOTAL: VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF		50000000
BY FUND TYPE		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	876,661-	1000
TRUST FUNDS	9,457,670-	2000
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TOTAL DEPARTMENT.....	10,334,331-	
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