

Veterans Assistance Commission (Dept. 22)

Funded By: Veterans Assistance Commission Property Tax Levy

Mission Statement: *The Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) is the central committee for veteran's assistance in McHenry County. The Commission is dedicated to ensuring that no Honorably Discharged living veteran or surviving spouse of a veteran suffers from undue financial hardship. The Commission is also dedicated to the principle that all living veterans receive the healthcare to which they are entitled and that deceased veterans are buried with honor and dignity.*

Department Created By: *Illinois Compiled Statutes (330 ILCS 45) Military Veterans Assistance Act.*

Classification – Public Health and Welfare

Background: The Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) is a local government unit funded by the citizens of McHenry County through a tax levy. The Commission consists of 23 delegates and 23 alternates from the veterans' service organizations located in McHenry County. The goal of the VAC of McHenry County is to work closely with clients and other agencies to provide and coordinate services and assistance to help eligible veterans and/or their families overcome obstacles and become more independent.

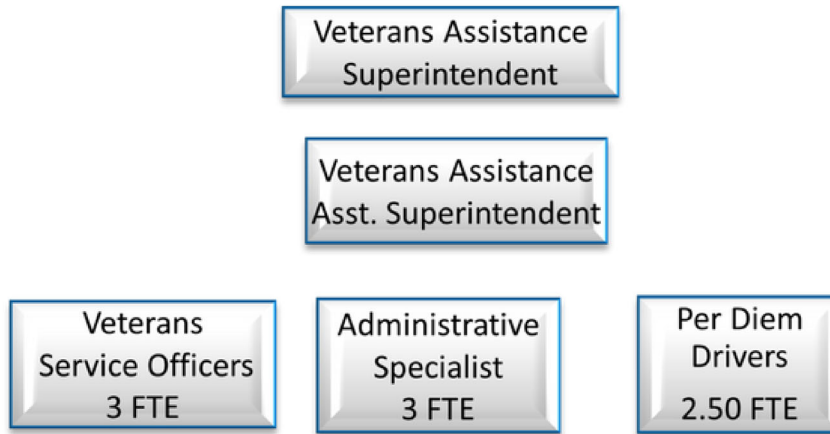
Functions:

- **Financial Assistance:** The mandatory function of the Commission is to provide financial assistance to needy veterans, the needy surviving spouse of a veteran, and the minor children of a veteran not in the veteran's custody.
- **Discretionary Functions:** The VAC has approved the following discretionary functions of the department:
 - Assist veterans and their family members in the filing of claims for various programs authorized by the United States Government and maintained by the US Department of Veterans Affairs and Social Security Administration. These programs include Disability Compensation, Pension, Dependents Indemnity Compensation, Headstones, and College Programs.
 - Operation of five motor vehicles for transporting veterans to North Chicago VA Medical Center and the McHenry County VA Outpatient Clinic. Volunteers and cab service are used to transport vets to the outpatient clinic and designated pick-up points for service to North Chicago VAMC. The majority of veterans transported are senior citizens or disabled.
 - The Superintendent administers the Indigent Veterans Burial program for the County Government.
 - Assist young men with registering with the Selective Service Administration.
 - The Dental and Medical Assistance Program assists with the Restorative Dental Program for low-income uninsured veterans. Medical assistance is generally for eyeglasses.

Full Time Equivalents History

Job Title	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	FTE	FTE	FTE
Superintendent	1.00	1.00	1.00
VSO II / Asst Superintendent	1.00	1.00	1.00
Veterans Service Officer	2.00	3.00	3.00
Administrative Coordinator	1.00	1.00	1.00
Office Clerk	-	1.00	1.00
Activities Program Aid	-	-	1.00
Per Diem Driver	2.50	2.50	2.50
Total Dept 22 - Veteran's Assistance	7.50	9.50	10.50

Organizational Chart



Veterans Asst Comm Bus Fund (390)

Fund Created By: *Resolution of the McHenry County Board*

Classification: **Public Health and Welfare**

Background: The bus fund was created by the County Board to receive and track donations from private donors for the purchase/maintenance of Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) vans or buses. The VAC is currently using PACE buses through a program administered by PACE. Recent expenditures from the fund have been for maintenance on the vehicles.

County of McHenry
2025 Proposed Budget
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Category	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Appropriated	FY2024 Actual (YTD)	FY2025 Budgeted
<i>Veterans Asst Fund</i>					
70 - Property Taxes Total	424,204	548,982	660,000	350,454	760,000
95 - Interest Earnings Total	31	121	-	-	-
91 - Utilization of Fund Balance Total	-	-	405,414	-	271,534
Veterans Asst Fund Revenue Total	424,235	549,103	1,065,414	350,454	1,031,534
30 - Personnel Total	373,997	541,429	649,314	357,433	611,611
40 - Contractual Total	55,376	113,508	323,500	93,620	323,500
50 - Commodities Total	11,562	33,856	52,600	10,235	52,600
67 - Operating Transfers Total	-	-	40,000	-	43,823
Veterans Asst Fund Expense Total	440,935	688,793	1,065,414	461,289	1,031,534
<i>Veterans Asst Comm Bus Fund</i>					
95 - Interest Earnings Total	317	1,236	1,100	899	1,900
96 - Misc. Income Total	5,172	1,826	6,000	3,702	6,000
Veterans Asst Comm Bus Fund Revenue Total	5,488	3,062	7,100	4,600	7,900
68 - Fund Balance Enhancement Total	-	-	7,100	-	7,900
Veterans Asst Comm Bus Fund Expense Total	-	-	7,100	-	7,900

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