### Johnson County Working Budget Report 2022, Working, Details, First Draft Requests - 2022

From Account: 0100-4050

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### **VETERANS SERVICES**

2021 Adopted - First 2021 Amended - First Draft Requests - 2021 Draft Requests - 2021 Segments/Accounts **Budget Request** 2021 Actuals Adopted **Amended** Forecast 2020 Actuals 2019 Actuals 0100 : General Fund 4050 : Veterans Service 0100-4050-51030-GG: Personnel Salaries 171,014.00 0.00 121,739.80 171,014.00 171,014.00 165,947.30 142,862.39 FY21 Budget 171,014.00 I am requesting an addition of a full time permanent Assist. Veteran Service Officer employee because our workload has dramatically increased-despite Covid

restrictions, last yr. alone we gained more than 1000 JoCo Veterans receiving service-connected compensation bringing us up to a total of 3,576 JoCo Veterans now receiving this benefit-despite an increase of 50% in our Veterans deaths during the same period. For all of the VA benefits awarded to JoCo, each separate benefit increased totaling a 13% overall increase in benefits for our JoCo Vets. The VA has also continued to complicate the process of obtaining, retaining and securing benefits which requires more work for us and a bigger challenge keeping up with and gaining a working knowledge of every county, state and federal law revision or addition that affects our Veterans and their families. If not allowed a new V.S.O. then we could follow other counties examples like Denton's that created a new title for this employee (they called theirs navagators).

I am requesting a salary raise for each employee of 6% because they never received the increase others did after the JoCo Salary Survey which would have helped raise them closer to the average VSO rate in comparable counties. Plus this year we worked harder than ever as the VA published statistics evidenced by the attached Chart, graph and handout. Despite not having ANY claims help in our county (i.e. VA Hospitals, VA Benefit Offices, Veteran Resources, Dept. of Defense Intake or discharge site, Veterans Orgs. etc.)our JoCo Veteran Services were instrumental in bringing in more funds per Veteran than our surrounding counties.

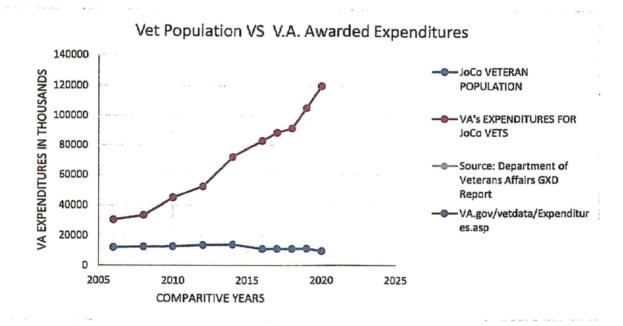
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0100-4050-51160-GG: Travel Allowance	5,460.00	0.00	4,095.00	5,460.00	5,460.00	5,437.25	5,482.75
0100-4050-52020-GG: Health & Life Insurance	43,176.00	0.00	32,378.40	43,176.00	43,176.00	43,357.92	25,451.68
0100-4050-52040-GG: Unemployment Insurance	137.00	0.00	102.31	137.00	137.00	128.08	95.83
0100-4050-52150-GG : FICA	10,941.00	0.00	7,722.32	10,941.00	10,941.00	10,544.76	9,083.05
0100-4050-52160-GG : Medicare	2,559.00	0.00	1,806.15	2,559.00	2,559.00	2,466.12	2,124.27
0100-4050-52170-GG : Retirement	19,649.00	0.00	13,987.78	19,649.00	19,649.00	18,881.34	15,536.05
0100-4050-53100-GG : Postage	2,000.00	0.00	235.66	1,100.00	1,100.00	380.64	440.31
	We had a tremendous increations forms, information and instractions, information and instractions from our usual handed our Veterans the maneeded for each benefit and in claims plus the emergency Veterans for their medical is Worth VA Flooded after clos Veterans still needed all of the counseling, medical attention manner.	uctions due to the fact that al face-to-face where we sterials and forms they the tremendous increase y assistance needed by our sues (i.e. VA closed, Ft ing) and each of our heir meds, their PTSD	0.00				
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0100-4050-53110-GG : Office Supplies	4,000.00	0.00	2,073.86	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,495.63	7,650.74
	With COVID (no face-to-face increase in printing/mailing a County/State/Fed rules & rej forms,Instructions etc. we co	all of the pertinent gs,required ould not give directly to	1,000.00				
	FY2021 Budget		3,000.00				
			4,000.00				
0100-4050-53120-GG:Law Books and Publications	900.00	0.00	0.00	850.00	850.00	710.86	710.86
	FY21 Budget		850.00				
	Increase due to cost increase	e of law books	50.00				
			900.00				
0100-4050-54100-GG : Dues, Conferences and Training	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	1,129.96	278.27
	FY21 Budget is 3600.00		3,600.00				
	Due to cost increases in trainings - state no longer pays a portion of our training costs due to recent change in law.		400.00				
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0100-4050-54101-GG: Mileage Reimbursement	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	554.49	513.14
0100-4050-58000-GG: Maintenance of Office Equipment	1,700.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	346.95	0.00
SubTotal: 4050: Veterans Service	266,536.00	0.00	184,141.28	264,186.00	264,186.00	253,381.30	210,229.34
SubTotal: 0100: General Fund	266,536.00	0.00	184,141.28	264,186.00	264,186.00	253,381.30	210,229.34
				201,200.00	201,200.00	200,002.00	220,223.34
Grand Total	266,536.00	0.00	184,141.28	264,186.00	264,186.00	253,381.30	210,229.34

## JOHNSON COUNTY



2000-2020 Johnson County Veteran population fluctuated and in 2020 hit its lowest-9,695. From 2019 - 2020 Johnson County lost 1,599 Veterans

2000-2020 VA Expenditures for our JoCo Veterans consistantly increased- by 880.88%

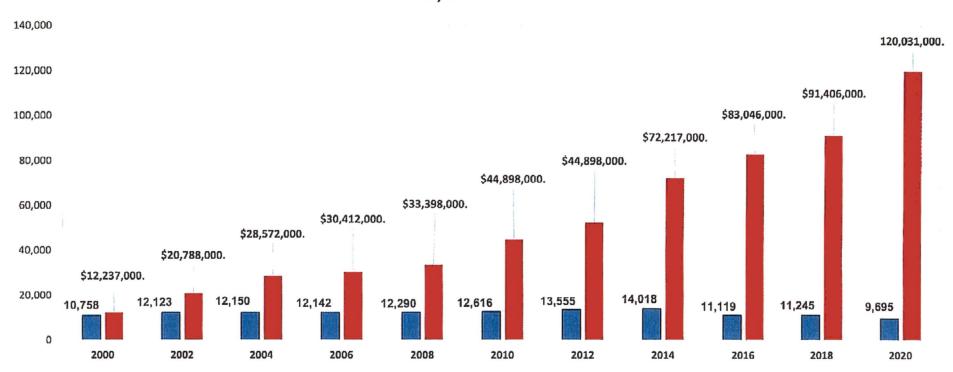
From 2019 - 2020 Johnson County Veterans gained \$14,697,000. - an increase of 13.94%

CONCLUSION: THERE IS NO DIRECT CORRELATION BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF VETERANS IN

ANY COUNTY AND THE AMOUNT THE VA AWARDS IN VA EXPENDITURES. This is evidenced by
the fact that from 2000-2020 - despite our JoCo Veteran population DECREASE, the VA

Expenditures awarded to our Veterans has DRMATICALLY INCREASED BY MORE THAN 880%

# VA Benefit Distribution Exclusively for JOHNSON COUNTY VETERANS For years 2000-2020



#### Legend:

Source of Statistics from the US Department of Veterans Affairs

Johnson County Veteran Population

Expenditures to our Veterans

## 2000 to 2020

- Johnson County Veterans gained \$107,794,000.00 in VA Expenditures: from \$12,237,736.00 in 2000 to \$120,031,000.00 in 2020 880.88% INCREASE 2019-2020
  - Johnson County Veterans gained \$14,697,000.00 in VA Expenditures: From \$105,334,000.00 In 2019 to \$120,031,000.00 In 2020 a 13.94% INCREASE