

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office strives to offer the best service possible for veterans' and their families. In order to keep up the veterans' homes and the veterans' cemeteries, the agency routinely requests funds for capital improvement projects. The agency prioritizes projects at each of the veterans' homes and the veterans' cemeteries separately. Information on each of the homes follows.

KANSAS VETERANS' HOME

The KVH is located in Winfield, Kansas. It has five main buildings and connected structures that were built between 1948 and

1983. The facility has a 48-bed domiciliary unit, 73-bed long-term care unit, and 18-bed special care unit for Alzheimer's patients and those with related dementia. The KVH has professional staff charged with caring for the residents.

KANSAS SOLDIERS' HOME

The KSH is located on Fort Dodge near Dodge City, Kansas. It consists of three domiciliary buildings, a long-term care facility, 65 cottages, and numerous ancillary buildings. The Home maintains its own heating, water, sewer, and gas systems. The KSH also maintains all roads within Fort Dodge.

FIGURE 26
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, FY 2023 – FY 2025

	Actual FY 2023	Agency FY 2024	Governor FY 2024	Agency FY 2025	Governor FY 2025
Capital Projects:					
Kansas Veterans' Home Rehabilitation & Repair and Other Projects	\$ 1,686,436	\$ 1,760,993	\$ 1,760,993	\$ 1,738,442	\$ 1,738,442
Kansas Soldiers' Home Rehabilitation & Repair and Other Projects	677,569	1,809,253	1,809,253	1,244,612	1,844,612
Kansas Veterans' Cemeteries Rehabilitation & Repair and Other Projects	61,941	1,156,635	1,156,635	291,891	291,891
Northeast Kansas Veterans' Home Construction	-	17,200,000	17,200,000	-	-
<i>Subtotal—Projects</i>	<u>\$ 2,425,946</u>	<u>\$ 21,926,881</u>	<u>\$ 21,926,881</u>	<u>\$ 3,274,945</u>	<u>\$ 3,874,945</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,425,946	\$ 21,926,881	\$ 21,926,881	\$ 3,274,945	\$ 3,874,945
Financing:					
SGF	\$ 61,941	\$ 413,939	\$ 413,939	\$ 201,980	\$ 201,980
State Institutions Building Fund	2,364,005	21,006,935	21,006,935	2,983,054	3,583,054
Federal Funds	-	460,000	460,000	89,911	89,911
All Other Funds	-	46,007	46,007	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 2,425,946	\$ 21,926,881	\$ 21,926,881	\$ 3,274,945	\$ 3,874,945

FY 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

AGENCY REVISED ESTIMATE

The **agency's** revised estimate includes \$21.9 million, including \$413,939 SGF, for capital improvements in FY 2024. This is an all funds increase of \$2.4 million, or 12.3 percent, and an SGF increase of \$176,959, or 74.7 percent, above the FY 2024 approved amount. This includes \$21.0 million SIBF for various capital improvement projects, including \$17.2

million SIBF for the new Northeast Kansas Veterans' Home. (Note: Although \$17.2 million SIBF is appropriated for the construction of the new home in FY 2024, the agency will not know until the spring of 2024 whether the VA will approve federal funding for the project. In this scenario, the agency would likely have to carry over funds into FY 2025 for the construction of the new home.)

The revised estimate also includes \$3.6 million SIBF for emergency repair and maintenance projects at both the KVH and the KSH. Specific projects at the KVH include: upgrading the burner control on boiler and feed water equipment; installing new air-cooled chillers; replacing outside lighting; and remodeling the Peden Wing in the Blekley Hall. Specific projects at the KSH include: cottage painting; room conversion for a LTC bariatric room; and generator replacement, make-up air unit, roof replacement, and remodel of shower rooms at Halsey Hall.

GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION

The **Governor** concurs with the revised estimate of \$21.9 million, including \$413,939 SGF, for capital improvements in FY 2024.

FY 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

AGENCY REQUEST

The **agency** requests \$3.3 million, including \$201,980 SGF, for capital improvements for FY 2025. This is a decrease of \$18.0 million, or 85.1 percent, and an SGF decrease of \$211,959, or 51.2 percent, below the FY 2024 revised estimate. The decrease is primarily due to the agency not requesting monies for the construction of the new Northeast Kansas Veterans' Home for FY 2025. The decrease is also due to the agency's belief that several projects, such as the installation of committal shelter doors at two cemeteries, will be completed in FY 2024.

GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION

The **Governor** recommends \$3.5 million, including \$201,980 SGF, for capital improvements for FY 2025. This is an SIBF increase of \$600,000, or 18.3 percent, above

Finally, the revised estimate includes \$413,939 SGF and \$282,696 SIBF and \$460,000 in federal grant monies for rehabilitation and repair projects at the Veterans' Cemeteries. The federal grant monies would go toward a scattering garden wall and an expansion of the Columbarian Wall on Fort Dodge. The remaining funds would go toward the following projects: road installation, roof for storage, a new storage building on Fort Dodge, and committal shelter doors on Fort Dodge and at WaKeeney.

Included within the request is \$2.9 million SIBF for emergency repair and maintenance projects at both the KVH and KSH. Emergency projects at the KVH include upgrading the electrical infrastructure for the facility, whereas emergency projects at the KSH include an HVAC upgrade, pharmacy expansion, replacement of fire panels, and an IT infrastructure upgrade. Also included within the request is \$291,891 SGF for emergency repair and maintenance projects at the veterans' cemeteries, including the addition of committal shelter restrooms at Fort Riley.

the agency's FY 2025 request. The increase is for the demolition of the Junior Officers Quarters and Walt Hall at the KSH on Fort Dodge.