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Wisconsin Veterans Tribute Memorial Funding (DVA)

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CURRENT LAW

The Department of Veterans Affairs was appropriated \$3,000 GPR in 2001-02 under its veterans memorial grants appropriation to fund a one-time grant to the Wisconsin Veterans Tribute Memorial at Cadott in Chippewa County for the repair and replacement of flags, if the Memorial provided matching funds of \$3,000.

GOVERNOR

Delete one-time funding of \$3,000 GPR in 2001-02 for a matching grant to the Wisconsin Veterans Tribute Memorial for the repair and replacement of flags at the Memorial.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. The Wisconsin Veterans Tribute Memorial met the match requirement and requested release of the state GPR funding on January 29, 2002. The Department released the grant funds, as required under Act 16, on February 21, 2002. Consequently, there are no remaining funds that may be deleted from the agency's veterans memorial grants appropriation.

2. As a result of this grant payment, the Committee should delete the Governor's recommendation.

3. If the Committee believes that an offsetting reduction should be imposed elsewhere in the Department's budget so that there is no net loss to the general fund as a result of the recent grant payment, the Committee could reduce the Wisconsin Veterans Museum general program operations appropriation by \$3,000 GPR in 2001-02. This is the only significant GPR-funded state operations

appropriation under the agency. The Governor has already recommended a \$9,200 GPR reduction to this appropriation, but for 2002-03 only. A \$3,000 GPR reduction in 2001-02 would represent 0.4% of the appropriation.

ALTERNATIVES TO BILL

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation
2. Modify the Governor's recommendation by reducing the Wisconsin Veterans Museum general program operations appropriation by \$3,000 GPR in 2001-02 rather than deleting one-time funding of \$3,000 GPR in 2001-02 for a matching grant to the Wisconsin Veterans Tribute Memorial for the repair and replacement of flags at the Memorial.
3. Delete the Governor's recommendation

Alternative 3	GPR
2001-03 FUNDING	\$3,000

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