



New York State Council of Veterans' Organizations

To: NYSCOVO
From: Pete O'Connell
Re: 2026 State Budget
Date June 6, 2026

The legislature has finally passed the 2026 budget, but the Governor has yet to sign the Capital Projects and Aid to Localities budgets into law.

CAPITAL PROJECTS: S.9004-D/A.10004-D

Reappropriates \$2,471,000 for construction or improvement of facilities owned by veteran non-profit organizations. (Page 1217, line 4)¹

AID TO LOCALITIES: S.9003-D/A.10003-D

Office of Mental Hygiene

Dwyer Funding; (Page 1274, line 47)	\$ 8,023,600*
Suicide Prevention for veterans, first responders, law enforcement and correction officers. (Page 1274, line 38)	1,000,000*
Organizations related to suicide prevention, peer-to-peer training and other mental health support systems for veterans and first responders. (Page 1274, line 46)	2,000,000*
Cohen Veterans Network (Page 1277, line 16)	500,000
Veteran's Health Training Initiative (Page 1277, line 39)	350,000

Division of Veteran Services

Supplemental Burial Expenses (Page 1517, line 140)	400,000
Gold Star Annuity Benefits (Page 1517, Line 23)	699,000
Veterans' Benefits Advising Programs (Page 1517, line 38)	\$ 9,731,000
These funds are allocated as follows:	

¹ This would appear to be what is left of an original grant of \$5,000,000. Last year's allocation was \$4,100,000, which would appear to indicate that \$1,621,000 was spent on facilities owned by veteran's organizations last year.

County and City Veterans Service Agencies	2,380,000*
Monroe County Veterans Outreach Center	350,000
Burial Services	106,000
Vet-to-Vet Support Services	1,000,000*
Veterans Suicide Prevention Initiative	1,000,000*
African American Veterans Monument	500,000
American Legion's Bous State	100,000
American Legion's Girls State	100,000
Clear Path for Veterans	325,000
Enlisted For Life	100,000
Helmets to Hardhats	125,000
Legal Services of Long Island Veterans Rights Project	120,000
Legal Services of New York City Veterans Justice Project	200,000
Legal Services of Hudson Valley Veterans and Military Families	405,000
NYS Defenders Association Veterans Defense Project	720,000
Outdoor Rx Program	150,000
SAGE Veterans Project	200,000
Touro University Law Center Veterans and Service Members Clinic	125,000
Utica Center for Development	100,000
Helmets to Hardhats	150,000
VFW	125,000
Homeless Veterans Housing (funded by special revenue funds)	500,000*
Military Family Relief Initiatives (funded by special revenue funds)	100,000 ²
Veterans Counseling and Outreach (funded by Federal revenue funds)	500,000*

*Same as last year
