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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING — DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Budget Hearing. On November 17, 2017, Governor Kim Reynolds held a budget hearing for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Director Jodi Tymeson gave updates on the Department's outreach activities over the past year and presented its budget request for FY 2019 as summarized in an earlier [Fiscal Update Article](#).

Department Request. The Department submitted an FY 2019 request for General Fund appropriations totaling \$4.1 million. This is no change compared to estimated FY 2018. The Department is seeking federal funding to build additional columbariums at the cemetery due to people currently choosing cremation over casket burials. The recent internments have averaged about 500 per year. Additionally, the Department is currently utilizing 14 of its 15 authorized FTE positions.

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