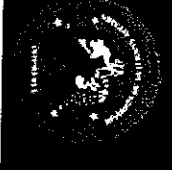


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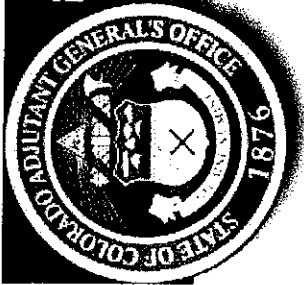
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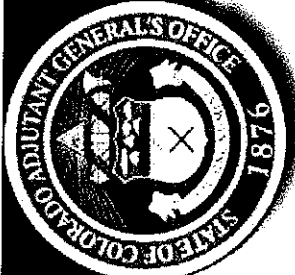


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Division of Veterans Affairs Highlights CY 08

	<u>CY 07</u>	<u>CY 08</u>
Client visits	723	1327
Claims pending	2224	4381
Previous claims completed	\$21M	\$46M
Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption	3,000	1,200



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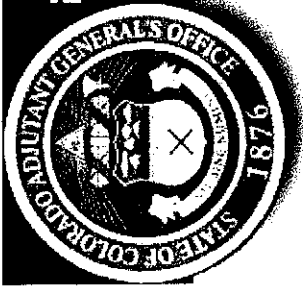


Veterans Health Care Trends

Upward trend in case load (all types)

- Economy down: Health care load up
- Aging of Korean, Vietnam and Gulf War Veterans
- Increasing number of Global War on Terrorism Veterans
- Presumptive findings from VA:

Diabetes, MS, Prostate cancers, TBI and PTSD



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Board of Veterans Affairs Highlights CY 08

Worked with Governor and Legislature to restore Veterans Trust Fund
(\$2.9M)

Participated in State Veterans Nursing Home Commission

Veterans Trust Fund Awarded 24 Grants totalling \$ 603,250 (FY 07-08)

Nearly \$1M in requests

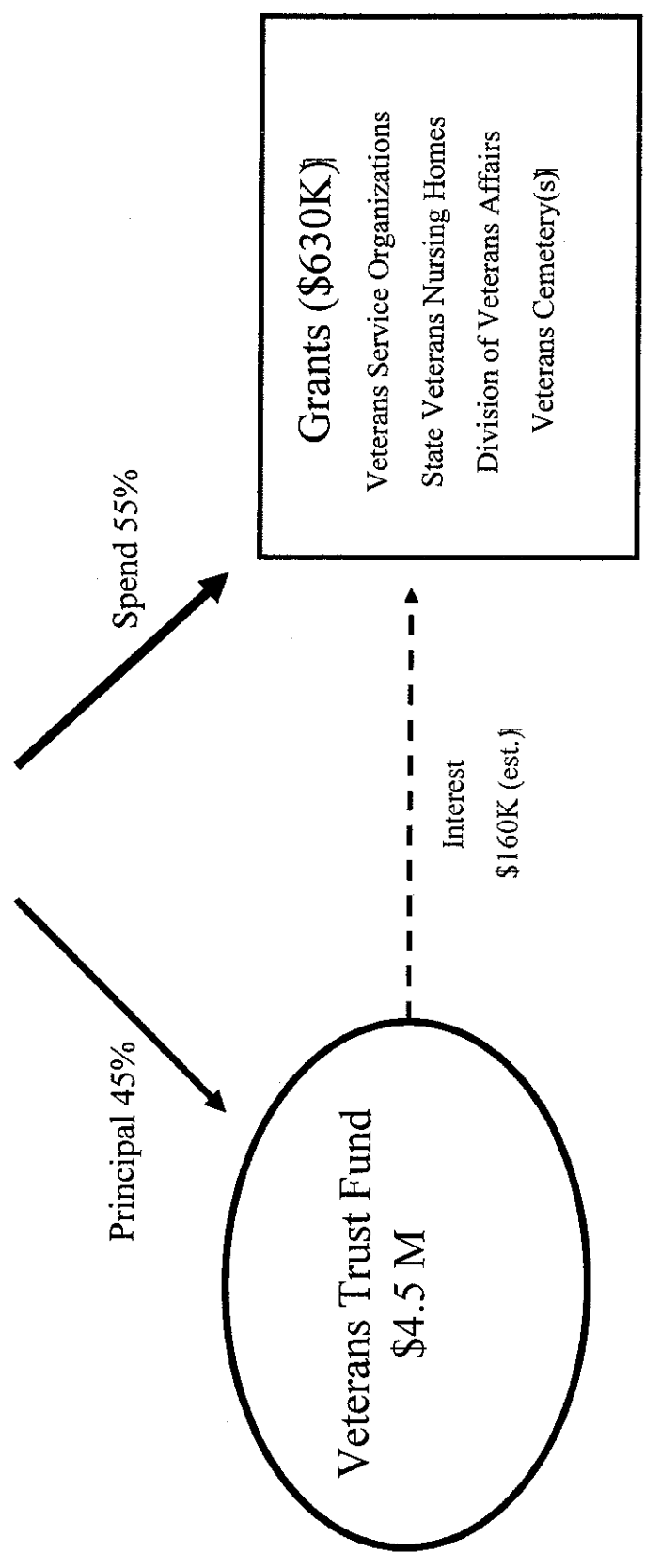
Served 7,717 Veterans



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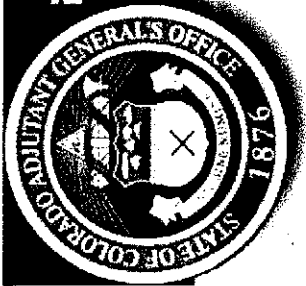
Tobacco Master Settlement (\$1M max) \$850K Avg



Grants (\$630K)
Veterans Service Organizations
State Veterans Nursing Homes
Division of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Cemetery(s)

Veterans Trust Fund
\$4.5 M

Interest
\$160K (est.)



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Veterans Trust Fund Grants

29 Grants Awarded

14 to rural areas

11 to Denver Metro

2 to Colorado Springs Area

2 to Pueblo

4,595 veterans served

Veterans Assistance

\$230,000

Transportation

\$190,350

Homeless

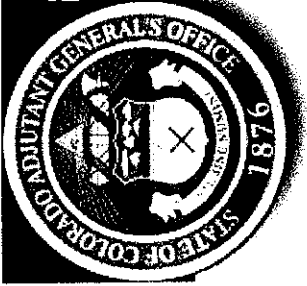
\$106,000

Stand-downs

\$35,000

Education

\$29,375



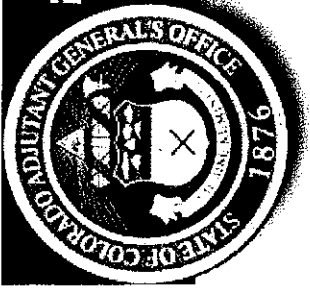
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CBVA Issues

- Trinidad State Nursing Home
- Part of State Veterans Nursing Homes "505" Fund (Enterprise)
- Not a certified veterans nursing home
- Does not receive USDVA Funding
- Loses about \$1M per year last 4 years
- Drains profit from "505" (puts funding of other VA homes at risk)

- U.S Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Hospital, Denver
- Colorado Veterans want "Stand Alone" replacement for old facility
- USDVA proposes "hospital within a hospital" (UCH Fitzsimons)



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Future

- .Continued growth in veterans claims (doubled in 08)
 - . Ageing of large cohorts (Vietnam, Korea)
 - . New claims from Global War on Terror
- .Expansion of CAP mission support to Homeland Security
 - . Aerial photography
 - . Air surveillance capabilities