

REFERENCE TITLE: veterans' services; behavioral health; appropriation

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
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## **HB 2766**

Introduced by  
Representatives Gillette, Biasiucci, Bliss, Nguyen

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Appropriation; department of veterans' services;  
3 mental and behavioral health; exemption; intent  
4 A. The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the consumer  
5 remediation subaccount of the consumer restitution and remediation  
6 revolving fund established by section 44-1531.02, Arizona Revised  
7 Statutes, in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the department of veterans' services  
8 for grants to fund nonprofit organizations that deliver evidence-based  
9 clinical care, wellness, education, peer outreach and clinician training  
10 for the benefit of active duty service members, veterans and the families  
11 of active duty service members and veterans who are impacted by mental and  
12 behavioral health issues, including any of the following:  
13 1. Post-traumatic stress injuries.  
14 2. Traumatic brain injuries.  
15 3. Depression.  
16 4. Anxiety.  
17 5. Substance use disorder.  
18 6. Suicidal ideation.  
19 B. Nonprofit organizations shall administer the services described  
20 pursuant to subsection A of this section in partnership with qualified  
21 hospital systems and state universities, regardless of when the veterans  
22 or active duty service members served in the military or discharge status.  
23 C. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt  
24 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating  
25 to lapsing of appropriations.  
26 D. The legislature intends that the appropriation made in  
27 subsection A of this section be considered ongoing funding in future  
28 years.