

It is estimated that there will be 120 surgeries and 40 refractions in 1948-49 and 180 surgeries and 60 refractions in the 1949-50 Fiscal Year.

This program has served to make self-sufficient enough persons who were receiving blind assistance to more than compensate the State for the direct cost of the program. We recommend approval of the amount requested.

RECREATION COMMISSION

For Support of the Recreation Commission from the General Fund

Item 263, page 59 of the Budget Bill and page 714 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$88,799, an increase of \$8,019 or approximately 9 percent over \$80,780 estimated to be expended in the 1948-49 Fiscal Year.

<i>Item of increase</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Budget page</i>
Budgeted increase based on work load, price increase, or salary adjustment at existing level of service		
Salaries and wages -----	+\$2,262	714
Operating expenses -----	+3,691	714
Equipment -----	+566	714
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Total -----	\$6,519	
Budgeted increase for new or expanded service		
Salary -----	\$1,500	714

Recommendations

Amount budgeted -----	\$88,799
Legislative Auditor's recommendations -----	None
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Reduction -----	\$88,799

Analysis

The salary increase of \$2,262 is to provide for automatic increases. The increase of operating expenses, \$3,691, include normal increase in rent, telephone, supplies, etc. The increase in equipment purchase (\$566) is included in a total amount of \$1,066 to be used for the purchase of an addressograph machine, adding machine and a new typewriter. The increase of \$1,500 salary under the item expanded service is to provide for temporary help to assist in preparing and mailing of reports, vacation and emergency relief of permanent employees.

We recommend that the Recreation Commission be eliminated, as not being an essential state service. Special personnel are provided throughout the Budget to promote recreational facilities where such facilities are a direct function of the agency concerned. The existence of a separate agency for the promotion of recreation as such is not needed.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

For Support of Department of Veterans' Affairs from the General Fund

Item 264, pages 59 and 60 of the Budget Bill and pages 715 to 718 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$258,323 from the General Fund for support of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. This is an increase of \$17,640 or 7.32 percent over the amount of \$240,683 estimated to be expended in the 1948-49 Fiscal Year.