

Tompkins County

Veterans Services

2021 Budget Presentation

Mission

The Tompkins County Department of Veterans Services exists to connect local Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces – and their families – with federal, state, and local resources.

Departmental staff make these connections through a combination of counseling, referral, and direct assistance with obtaining records, compensation, pension, or other eligible benefits through entities including

- Federal Government (US VA or DoD)
- New York State and the Division of Veterans Services
- Tompkins County Government

Recommended Budget

	2020 Total Adopted	2020 Modified	2021 Target	2021 Rec. OTR's	2021 Total Rec.	\$ Change	% Change
EXPENDITURE	120,776	120,776	107,654	13,420	121,074	298	0.25%
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Grand Total	120,776	120,776	107,654	13,420	121,074	298	0.25%

Full-Time Equivalents

2018	2019	2020	2021 Target	2021 Rec.	# Change	% Change
0.00	0.00	1.00	0.75	1.00	0.00	0.00

2019-2020 Highlights

- Obtained Dual Accreditation
 - American Legion, NYS Division of Veterans' Services (NY DVS)
- Launched online presence:
 - Website: www2.TompkinsCountyNY.gov/Veteran
 - Twitter: "TC_Veterans"
 - Tompkins County Veterans Listserv
 - Tompkins' Veterans Organizations eList
- Creating a County department beyond a one-room office
 - Programming
 - Veterans Coffeehouse with Team Red, White, Blue (RWB)
 - Warrior Writers-Tompkins
 - Veterans Claims Days with NY DVS staff
 - Host Mental Health First Aid-Veterans Courses
 - Host weekly visits of NY DVS staff (expected late 2020)

Key Highlight: Hosted visit by U.S. Senator Charles Schumer in
February 2020

Over-Target Requests Supported by the Recommended Budget

Page #	OTR #	Priority	Req. OTR	Req. Source	Rec. OTR	Rec. Source	Purpose
4-204	24	1	\$13,420	Target	\$13,420	Target	Restore Full-Time Hours of Director of Veterans Services

Thank you for the honor of serving Tompkins' Veterans Community

