

Veterinary Surgeon, Appropriation For Expenses Of. Office Expenses.

An appropriation made for the purpose of paying the traveling expenses of the deputy veterinarian is not properly available for use in paying general office expenses.

Oct. 2, 1912.

Hon. M. E. Knowles,
State Veterinarian,
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th ult., submitting the question as to whether the appropriation made for traveling expenses of deputy veterinarian is available for the payment of general expenses of your office.

This appropriation, by its terms, appears to be for the specific purpose of paying the traveling expenses of the deputy veterinarian and is not therefore properly available for use in paying general expenses; however, it is available for paying all traveling expenses of the deputy when in the discharge of any official duty.

As to your general expenses, you may find relief under the appropriations made for carrying out the law relating to "the state live stock sanitary board," particularly Chap. 146, Laws of 1911. The appropriation there for the year 1912 is \$15,000.00, which will probably be ample for your own expenses in the discharge of your duty relating to any of the matters which properly come under the head of the live stock sanitary board.

Very truly yours,

ALBERT J. GALEN,

Attorney General.