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TO: County Veterans Service Offices

SUBJECT: 2022 County Veteran Service Grant

In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 45.82 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. VA 8, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) announces the 2022 County Veterans Service Office Grant. Counties that meet statutory standards and employ a full or part-time County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) are eligible for a grant from the WDVA for the improvement of services to former military personnel of the county through the county veterans service office. The amount of the grant shall be \$9,350 for a county with a population of less than 20,000, \$11,000 for a county with a population of 20,000 to 45,499, \$12,650 for a county with a population of 45,500 to 74,999, and \$14,300 for a county with a population of 75,000 or more. Counties with a part-time CVSO shall be eligible for an annual grant of \$550.

To apply for a grant, the County shall do the following by January 31, 2022:

- 1. File a grant application (WDVA 0055B) with WDVA for the current fiscal year (7/1/21 6/30/22).
- 2. File an application cover letter that includes a statement which addresses the county's goals and objectives for calendar year **2022.**
- 3. File a Grant Agreement (WDVA 0055C) with the WDVA for the calendar year **2022**. The grant agreement must have the county name inserted in the four appropriate places and be signed by a County Government official, who possesses legal authority to authorize the County to apply for the grant, and the County Veterans Service Officer.
- 4. File a federal benefits service delivery report (WDVA 0055D) with WDVA for the preceding calendar year.
- 5. File a certified copy of the budget adopted by the county board for county veterans service office operations for calendar year **2022**, signed by the CVSO or his/her designee or the county clerk/treasurer or other county official, certifying that the submitted budget is true and correct.
- 6. File a proposed budget for the use of the CVSO grant (sample WDVA 0055E).
- 7. In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 45.82(2), file a letter from the county executive, administrator, or administrative coordinator certifying the county employs a CVSO, appointed under civil service procedures consistent with Wis. Stat. § 230.15. This letter shall state the specific date on which the current CVSO was appointed.

This letter is not required however, under the following conditions:

- a. The CVSO was hired prior to or on April 15, 2015.
- b. This letter was provided to the WDVA during fiscal year 2022.

The application packet for the **2022** County Veterans' Service Grants, WDVA 0055, is now available online at: https://dva.wi.gov/Documents/newsMediaDocuments/WDVA%20Toolkit/Forms/WDVA_0055_CVSO_Grant_Packet.pdf.



Please submit completed application materials referenced above via email VetsBenefitsGrants@dva.wisconsin.gov no later than Monday, January 31, 2022, and use "2022 CVSO Grant" in the subject line. Grant application materials may also be mailed to the address below or faxed to (608) 267-0403.

For questions regarding the 2022 CVSO Grant, please call 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387) and ask to speak with Chad McCafferty or Leslie Ann Busby-Amegashie or submit an email to VetsBenefitsGrants@dva.wisconsin.gov.