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TO: Tribal Veterans Service Offices

SUBJECT: 2023 American Indian Veterans Service Grant

In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 45.82(4) and Wis. Admin. Code Ch. VA 15, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) announces the **2023** American Indian Veterans' Service (AIVS) Grant for improvement of services to Tribal Veterans. The WDVA may provide annual grants of up to **\$16,500** per grant to the governing body of a Wisconsin American Indian tribe or band that satisfy the requirements of Wis. Stat. 45.82(4) and Wis. Admin. Code Ch. VA 15. The maximum grant award will be determined by the number of Tribes requesting a grant.

*****A separate program will be initiated for the Governor's Veterans Investment Initiative which will include supplemental funds for CVSOs/TVSOs.**

To apply for a grant, a federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Band shall do the following by January 31, 2023:

1. File a grant application (WDVA 0056B) with WDVA for the current fiscal year (**7/1/22 – 6/30/23**).
2. File an application cover letter that includes a statement which addresses the respective Tribe's goals and objectives for the Tribal Veterans Service Officer (TVSO) for calendar year **2023**.
3. File a Grant Agreement (WDVA 0056C) with the WDVA for calendar year **2023**. The grant agreement must have the Tribe's name inserted in the four appropriate places and be signed by an authorized Tribal Government official and the TVSO.
4. File a federal benefits service delivery report (WDVA 0056D) with WDVA for the preceding calendar year.
5. File a certified copy of the budget adopted by the governing body of the Tribe or Band for Tribal Veterans Service Office operations for the calendar year **2023**, signed by the TVSO or his/her designee or the Tribal clerk/treasurer or other tribal official, certifying that the submitted budget is true and correct.
6. File a proposed budget for the use of the AIVS grant (sample WDVA 0056E).

The application packet for the **2023** American Indian Veterans' Service Grants, WDVA 0056, is now available online at:

https://dva.wi.gov/Documents/newsMediaDocuments/WDVA%20Toolkit/Forms/WDVA_0056_TVSO_Grant_Packet.pdf.

Please submit completed application materials referenced above via email to VetsBenefitsGrants@dva.wisconsin.gov no later than **Monday, January 31, 2023**, and use "2023 AIVS Grant" in the subject line. Grant application materials may also be mailed to the address below or faxed to (608) 267-0403.



Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

Tony Evers, Governor | Mary M. Kolar, Secretary

In cases where one CVSO/TVSO serves both a federally recognized Tribe or Band and a county, the governing body of the Tribe or Band is eligible for an AIVS grant or the county is eligible for a County Veterans' Service Grant, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §45.82(2) & Wis. Admin. Code Ch. VA 8, but the Tribe or Band and County are not each eligible for a grant under both programs.

For questions regarding the 2023 AIVS 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