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Veterans Affairs receives \$276,000 grant for Wisconsin Veterans Home at King

(MADISON) — Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle and Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Secretary John A. Scocos announced today that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs awarded WDVA a federal matching grant of \$276,024 to remodel space and install a freight elevator in MacArthur Hall of the Wisconsin Veteran Home at King (WVH-King), Wisconsin.

"Wisconsin provides among the best overall benefits packages of any state in the nation," said Governor Jim Doyle. "This federal grant will assist in the smooth and efficient care of veterans and their spouses living at the Home."

MacArthur Hall is a skilled nursing facility that houses 116 residents. Secretary Scocos of the WDVA said, "With over half of the residents of MacArthur Hall requiring motorized wheelchairs, their use of passenger elevators is vital. The WDVA thanks U.S. VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi and Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle for funding this much-needed project."

The construction project would involve installing a 12-by-12-foot freight elevator and three-story shaft and remodeling nearby space. The overall estimated cost of construction is \$464,652.

"Currently, freight is transported in passenger elevators. With the completion of this project, the staff at WVH-King will be able to deliver food, clothing, and supplies much more efficiently to residents," Scocos said.

The WDVA oversees operation of the state veterans homes at King and Union Grove, Wisconsin. The WVH-King provides living facilities and long-term care to over 700 residents, Wisconsin veterans and their spouses, who live in the Home's skilled nursing facility buildings.

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