



# Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V) approve \$41,000.00 in three grants to assist Minnesota Veterans.**

At the February 16, 2022, monthly Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust fund meeting, the following grants were approved by the eight-member board of directors:

- **Emerge Mothers Academy** was awarded **\$10,000**  
In 2022, Emerge Mothers Academy WILL INCREASE THE FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE AND STABILITY of 225+ single moms and female veterans families through work preparation and job placement services, financial literacy education, MicroLoan Grant, and homeownership classes. Mental health support and wellbeing and suicide prevention can be supported additionally through mentorship opportunities and parenting classes, creating a supportive community. Funds obtained from V4V will go directly to veterans in Minnesota through outreach, mental health support, financial literacy, job preparation and community support. See more at <https://www.facebook.com/EmergeMothersAcademy/>
- **The Minnesota Military Family Foundation** was awarded **\$5,000** for their efforts in financially supporting military families in need. MMFF hit an historic level in December as they have now given out over 2200 grants totaling over \$5M since we started in 2004. See more at [www.minnesotamilitaryfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.minnesotamilitaryfamilyfoundation.org)
- **The 87 MN County Veteran Service offices** was awarded a board-initiated grant of \$26,000 for the purchase of 1000 Hurrycanes to be distributed evenly to each of the counties to be given to veterans they serve who are in need of a

cane. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> of two purchases that V4V has planned. A 2<sup>nd</sup> grant will be given once the need for additional hurricanes is determined.

- The Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans (V4V) Trust Fund is a 501c (19) non-profit organization established as the result of the 2006 sale of Lake Minnetonka Big Island Disabled Veterans Camp. The non-profit organization has eight board members, two veterans each who are appointed by the DAV, VFW, MOPH, and American Legion. The board oversees the funds from the sale of the island to the City of Orono and has a grant application process on their website. Grants are made to organizations serving MN veterans in a way that conforms to the criteria the V4V has documented online at their website, [mnv4v.org](http://mnv4v.org)

To learn more about the history of the Big Island Veterans Camp see:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big\\_Island\\_Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Island_Park)

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