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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V) approve \$50,000.00 in Grants to assist Minnesota Veterans

At the **July 21, 2021** Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust fund monthly meeting, the following grants were approved by the eight-member board of directors:

Mandatory Fun Outdoors organization, was awarded \$20,000.00 by V4V Trust Fund for the 2021-2022 years to assist the organization with their programs that provide a wide variety of outdoors activities for veterans and their families. The variety of programs include hunting , fishing, horseback riding, canoeing, dog sledding , harvesting maple syrup, gardening, etc.... all bringing a better quality of life to these veterans.

<u>The Fergus Falls Veterans Home</u>, was awarded a pledge of up to **\$30,000.00** to complete their fundraising campaign to fund a greenhouse / gardening project on the Veterans Home campus. The project will provide the residents gardening opportunities and experiences. This project includes a significant number of of funding partners, including the V4V Trust Fund. Clearly, this project will be a great activity for the residents !

If questions or additional information needed, please contact the contact point noted above.

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

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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.....Website: <u>mnv4v.org</u>

To learn more about the history of the Big Island Veterans Camp see: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big\_Island\_Park And https://minnehahacreek.org/sites/minnehahacreek.org/files/Big%20Island%20Fact% 20Sheet.pdf

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