



Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund

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Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V) approve a \$32,500.00 Grant to assist Minnesota Veterans

At the **June 2021** Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust fund monthly meeting, the following grant was approved by the eight-member board of directors:

Independent Lifestyles, Inc. was awarded **\$32,500.00** by V4V Trust Fund for the 2021 year to provide retreats for 50 Veterans and/or family members. Each retreat costs approximately \$650 per person for a total of \$32,500 per year. They will offer a variety of retreats that include topics ranging from: PTSD, Community reintegration, suicide prevention, healthy relationships, community resources, coping with trauma, resiliency and much more. Camp Bliss is located on 48 acres and three lakes in Walker, MN. It provides the nature, the serenity and the security Veterans need in addition to high quality and comfortable accommodations. Retreats range from 2-4 days in length.

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 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: mnv4v.org

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

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Island_Amusement_Park

And

<https://www.minnehahacreek.org/project/big-island-restoration>

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