



# Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V) approved/disbursed \$40,000.00 in a grant to assist Minnesota Veterans.**

At the October 19, 2022, monthly Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust fund meeting, the following grant was approved by the eight-member board of directors:

- **Open Arms was awarded \$40,000**
- The award application stated funding will assist MN veterans by providing food as medicine, we nourish our clients and build community. Open Arms of Minnesota's (OAM) purpose is to create an inclusive and joyful community to provide high-quality medically tailored meals, nutrition education, and hope to our clients. OAM's Nutrition Program was designed to combat social isolation, improve health and wellness outcomes by providing appropriate nutrition, and bring hope to those who are marginalized and isolated. To that end, the OAM Nutrition Program has three primary goals:
  1. Increase access to healthy, whole foods that support a recommended diet for veteran clients and their family members
  2. Improve community veteran members' health outcomes
  3. Connect individuals and families impacted by life-threatening illnesses to a caring community.
- **Other V4V News**

V4V Board member Al Holtan an appointee of the MOPH has retired from the board and Mike Mcelhiney has joined the board, appointed by the State of MN MOPH Commander.

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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<https://minnehahacreek.org/sites/minnehahacreek.org/files/Big%20Island%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

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