



**Minnesota
Veterans 4 Veterans
Trust Fund**

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Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V)
approved four grant requests for a total of \$27,000.00 to
assist Minnesota Veterans and their Families.**

At the June 2017 Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust fund monthly meeting, the following grants were approved by the eight member Board of Directors:

Middle River Veterans Outdoors Inc. A grant request for \$5,000.00 was awarded. The primary objectives of this grant request is to support the programs that provide outdoor recreation e.g. hunting and fishing activities at no cost to veterans that might not otherwise have the opportunity to do so because of age, physical, or financial issues.

Hugo Yellow Ribbon Network. A grant request for \$5000.00 was awarded. This grant is a part of the Minnesota National Guard's "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program." The grant will help in recognizing the military members who missed

hunting opportunities while they were deployed overseas and thank them with the gift of a day afield hunting pheasants, shooting sporting clays, and the fellowship enjoying delicious wild game dinner.

ARS Bellum Foundation. A grant request for \$10,000.00 was awarded to this Foundation. This grant will assist ARS Bellum Foundation by providing evidence-base clinical art therapy to veterans struggling with PTSD and related mental health conditions as a result of trauma during their service time and to military families. These programs are mobile to reach veterans in underserved areas throughout the state of Minnesota.

Free Funeral Urns for Veterans Program: A grant request for \$7,000.00 was awarded to the "Free Urns for Veterans Program". Their mission is to provide free Urns to the veterans family at the time of passing to assist in lowering their burial expenses. This grant is for the support of Minnesota deceased veterans.

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: [.org](#)

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

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