



Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V) approved/disbursed \$13,000.00 in a grant to assist Minnesota Veterans.

At the June 15., 2022, monthly Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust fund meeting, the following grant was approved by the eight-member board of directors:

- **Bear Creek Development Center, INC** was awarded **\$13,000**
- The awarded funding will ensure 6 new studios will be furnished with appliances and moveable IKEA closets. The units are being converted from an existing shop building on the Mayowood Acres campus in SW Rochester, MN. These 6 units will be homes to veterans in transition, with case management provided by MAC-V. The units will be temporary, thus allowing numerous vets to be served by each unit over the next 10+ years. Rents will be kept low, so as to serve people making less than 50% of the area median income.

- **Other V4V News**

V4V Board Chair Lauri Brooke was reappointed to the Board by the DAV of MN Department Commander for a two year term.

Board member Greg Peterson will be assuming the role as Board treasurer as board member and past treasurer Marland Ronning has retired from the Board.

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

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

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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