



**Minnesota
Veterans 4 Veterans
Trust Fund**

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Press Release

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**Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V)
approved \$19,000.00 in Grants to assist Minnesota
Veterans**

At the April 2017 Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust fund monthly meeting, the following grants were approved by the eight member board of directors:

Brown county Veterans Service was awarded \$4,000.00 to help with the purchase of a new replacement van for transporting Brown County Veterans to their scheduled appointments at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center two times a week and once a week to the St. Cloud VA Medical Center for scheduled appointments. The Brown County Veterans Transportation program is averaging around 450 riders per year taken to their medical appointments and returning to their home. The van averages 7 hours a day with 270 miles driven per day.

Allina Hospice Foundation Awarded \$15,000.00. Allina will be awarded \$5,000.00 annually over the next three years (totaling \$15,000.00) to assist level 4 veteran participants in the "We Honor

Veterans Program". Our grant will be used to seek matching funds from other donors. Allina Foundation mission is to serve patients and their families by raising funds for end-of-life care that provides peace, dignity and comfort. The Hospice treats the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the patient while focusing on comfort and the highest quality of life possible. If a veteran needs round-the-clock care, he or she may be admitted to the J.A. Wedom Residential Hospice. Medicare and private insurance will not cover the \$400.00 day room and board expense. That is where the V4V Trust Grant kicks in as it is used exclusively to benefit veterans only at the Wedum Hospice Veterans Program. We also suggested to Allina to reach out to the MN veterans Organization at the Department level to join the V4V in supporting their hospice program.

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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