



Minnesota
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Press Release

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Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V) approved \$90,000.00 in Grants to assist Minnesota Veterans

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

VINE Faith in Action of Mankato was awarded \$20,000.00 to be used for veterans programs throughout Southern Minnesota. The money for this grant will be used for older veterans, their spouses, and widows with wrap-around services: Transportation, peer mentoring and friendly visits, meals on wheels, caregiver support, adult day respite program and in-home volunteer respites to name a few activities. They also include social activities, day trips throughout the state, visiting tours, exhibitions, theaters, etc.

The Vine organization has a tremendous variety of programs driven by a very active and dedicated volunteers, both adult and youth. We are excited to play a role in leveraging an organization like Vine. See more at <https://www.vinevolunteers.com>

The Board agreed to set aside \$60K over the period of 2017-2018 to be used to help **Minnesota County Veterans Service Officers** in need of funds to purchase veterans transportation vans. If grant request applications are approved the Board will commit the grant up front and then grant the last \$4K needed in their fund raising campaign and will be provided at the end of their campaign to raise funds for the purchase of a new van.

The Board approved a **Minnesota VFW Auxiliary** request for their **Homeless Veterans Program** of \$5K upfront and an additional \$5K as matching funds when they reach \$20K.

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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