

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS**MINNESOTA ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD**

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House Agriculture, Rural Economics & Veterans Affairs Committee
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House Agriculture, Rural Economics & Veterans Affairs Finance Division
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House Agriculture, Rural Economics & Veterans Affairs Finance Division
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The Honorable Chris DeLaForest
House State Government Finance Division
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Re: Annual Report on Support Our Troops Account Grants

Dear Senators and Representatives:

This annual report is being submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over military and veterans' affairs in accordance with MN State 190.10, Subdivision 3.

The Adjutant General entered into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Military Family Foundation (MMFF) to administer these funds. The first funds were transferred under the grant agreement on July 6, 2006.

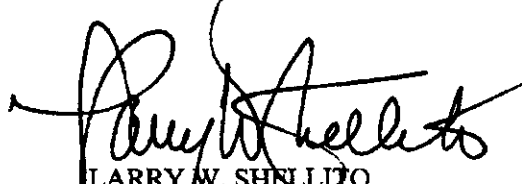
The MMFF received a total 122 grant requests for financial assistance to individuals during calendar year 2006. Of that total, 68 were received after the transfer of the grant funds. Of the 68 requests, 35 met the requirements of the statute and the grant agreement.

The total requested for these eligible grants was \$55,672, but after applying the \$2000 cap, only \$47,301 in Support Our Troops money was distributed. The remainder was paid using foundation funds.

The grants were used for such emergency purposes as:

Mortgage/Rent	9
Vehicle Repair	5
Travel to Visit Injured Soldier	1
Utilities/Fuel Oil Assistance	4
Counseling/Medical/Dental	4
Emergency Home/Appliance	6
General Bill Paying/Special Needs	6

Each request for assistance was validated by the MN National Guard Family Assistance Centers and was approved by board action at the MN Military Family Foundation. Requests generally are directed to the foundation once the local assistance mechanisms have been exhausted.



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The Adjutant General