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**Re: Annual Report on Support Our Troops (SOT) Account Grants**

1. This annual report is submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over military and veterans' affairs pursuant to Minnesota Statute 190.19, Subdivision 3.
2. The statute authorizes the use of SOT funds for four purposes:
  - (a.) Grants directly to eligible individuals.
  - (b.) Grants to one or more eligible foundations for the purpose of making grants to eligible individuals.
  - (c.) Veterans' services.
  - (d.) Grants to family readiness groups chartered by the Adjutant General.
3. No grants were made in 2019 pursuant to purpose 2.(a.) above.
4. The Adjutant General entered into a no-fee grant agreement with the Minnesota Military Family Foundation (MMFF) to administer funds pursuant to purpose 2.(b.) above.
  - (a.) The MMFF provided 126 grants in 2019. Of these, 121 met the requirements of the statute and the grant agreement.
  - (b.) The total disbursed for these 121 grants was \$400,865.21 but after applying the statutory cap, \$336,178.12 in Support Our Troops money was distributed. The remainder was paid using funds from private donations to MMFF.