

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Support Our Troops License Plate Funds Report
FY2021 Grants & Expenditures = \$488,764

\$105,858 - Veterans Service Organizations Grants to the American Legion, VFW, Vietnam Veterans of America, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and the Disabled American Veterans. Funds were used to support the assistance provided to veterans and their families by Congressionally Chartered Veterans Service Organizations. These SOT grants supplemented grant funding of \$353,000 that is provided pursuant to Minnesota Laws 2019, 1st Special Session, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2b.

\$25,000 - American Legion “Boat Wrap III” Grant enabled the American Legion to advertise and provide awareness of the Veteran Service Organizations through the manufacture of display wraps and decals for vehicle, boat, and motor advertising.

\$4,950 - Carver County “Mental Health Awareness” Grant supported a “Veteran Resilience Summit” on August 18, 2021 for Carver County Veterans and their partners for the purpose of sharing a meal together during a specially tailored presentation addressing the topic of “Veteran Resilience.”

\$60,000 – DAV “Transportation Program” Enabled DAV to expand their transportation program in the Metro, Central, Northeast, Northwest and Southeast areas of Minnesota by supplementing the salary of a DAV Transportation Coordinator, along with the purchase of two new vans for the southeast portion of the state.

\$12,390 – Eagle Group of Minnesota “Battle Buddy” Expanded “Battle Buddy” program to multiple twin city locations including Cargill. *An \$18,000 grant was executed in FY2019 with grant expenditures of \$2,820 occurring in FY2019, \$2,790 expended in FY2020 and the remaining \$12,390 balance in FY2021.*

\$26,296 – Every 3rd Saturday “Veteran Case Management” Provided case management assistance to veterans and their family members who are either currently in crisis or who have made recent positive changes in their life, such as exiting homelessness, or completing a mental health or a substance abuse program. *Grant was executed in FY2018 for \$50,000 with grant expenditures of \$13,684 in FY2019, \$9,056 in FY2020 and the remaining \$26,296 in FY2021.*

\$20,000 – Fishing for Life “Veteran Outdoor Programs” Providing outdoor and recreational opportunities for veterans and their families.

\$3,794 - Homelessness Risk Mitigation Fund Expenditures were used to reimburse landlords who housed a homeless veteran for damages sustained to rental units.

\$4,541 – Lutheran Social Services “Respite Care Coordination for Minnesota Caregivers” Provided assistance to Veteran caregiver families with developing a “Care Plan” in the event of a crisis that pulls the caregiver out of the caregiver role. *Grant was executed in FY2020 for \$20,700 with grant expenditures of \$4,541 in FY2021 and an expected \$16,159 in FY2022.*

\$20,960 – Minnesota Military Radio Expenditures supported an annual Camp Ripley Event for network & broadcast partners, advertising, IT support and website redesign. *A \$50,000 grant was executed in FY2020 with grant expenditures of \$25,000 in FY2020 and \$20,960 in FY2021. \$4,040 of the grant amount was returned unused.*

\$94,527 – NW Technical College “LinkVet” Supported MDVA service contract with NW Technical College, which provides staff and support services for LinkVet (1-888-LinkVet or <https://linkvet.custhelp.com>) the veteran’s resource and referral system.

\$33,564 – Region Five Development Commission "VetCSA Program" Enabled food insecure veterans living in the 5-County area including Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties to receive locally grown healthy food (Community Supported Agriculture – CSA) shares twice monthly. *A \$92,400 grant was executed in FY2019 with grant expenditures of \$58,836 occurring in FY2020 and \$33,564 in FY2021.*

\$19,750 – Snow Globe Public Relations Expenditure for the “20th Anniversary of 9/11 Remembrance Event” planning and support.

\$2,503 – Statewide Systems Costs Expenditure to support statewide systems costs for SWIFT, SEMA4 and other systems managed by MMB.

\$1,420 – Support Our Troops (SOT) Advertising Advertising in the Minnesota Legionnaire to encourage Veterans and their families to purchase SOT license plates.

\$47,475 – 23rd Veteran “23V Recon” Enabled veterans to experience a 14-week outdoor wellness transition course designed to retrain veteran’s brains to associate negative triggers with positive events. *An \$89,920 grant was executed in FY2019 with \$19,800 in expenditures occurring in FY2020, \$47,475 in FY2021 and an expected \$22,645 in FY2022.*

\$5,736 – YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities “Veterans Rendezvous Program” Expanded the Veterans Rendezvous Program in Forest Lake to additional Twin Cities locations offering Veterans access to resources and other support to build community connections outreach and engagement. *An \$82,775 grant was executed in FY2019 with \$25,240 of grant expenditures occurring in FY2019, \$26,879 in FY2020, \$5,736 in FY2021 and an expected \$24,920 in FY2022.*