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## STATE OF MICHIGAN MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY LANSING

ZANETA ADAMS DIRECTOR

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RE: County Veteran Service Fund Grant - COVID-19 Emergency Relief/Counties with CVSF Awards

Due to the State of Emergency and State of Disaster declared by Governor Whitmer regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) is encouraging counties with County Veteran Service Fund (CVSF) grant awards to reconnect with stakeholders and revisit local priorities due to the circumstances created by COVID-19.

The MVAA understands that grant applications were drafted during a time of stability. While we celebrate and support the initiatives detailed in the applications, we are acutely aware that previously thriving local communities are now struggling.

If the CVSF grant monies can be utilized to help alleviate some of the emergent financial burdens your veterans are facing, please complete a Project/Budget Amendment. Have your Authorizing Official sign the document and submit it to the MVAA for final approval and signature. Once the Project/Budget Amendment is fully executed we will return a signed copy to you. Please include any local policy regarding financial relief efforts for veterans.

For those counties that already have a fully executed Grant Agreement, you may submit a Project/Budget Amendment at your convenience if you choose to create new initiatives and reallocate funds.

For counties that do not have a fully executed Grant Agreement, please continue with your current approval path. We are unable to process payment requests without a fully executed Agreement and we do not want to delay that initial payment. Once there is a fully executed Grant Agreement, you can request a Project/Budget Amendment at your convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact Marie Douville at <u>douvillem@michigan.gov</u>, or by phone at (517) 242-3114.

Respectfully,

Zaneta Adams, J.D. Director, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency