



STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
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ZANETA ADAMS
DIRECTOR

April 9, 2020

RE: County Veteran Service Fund Grant – COVID-19 Emergency Relief

Due to the State of Emergency and State of Disaster declared by Governor Whitmer related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) is waiving some eligibility criteria for the County Veteran Service Fund Grant to allow counties to provide **emergent**, immediate, and direct financial assistance to its veterans, service members, and eligible family members in your county.

You have two options to take advantage of this funding opportunity:

1. Your county may apply for and administer the CVSF Grant COVID-19 Emergent Need Initiative. Funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis. Grant recipients will submit an invoice for those expenses accompanied by all necessary receipts and individual veteran application for assistance. The MVAA will supply the Application for Relief form that must be submitted to request assistance and reporting templates will be provided.
2. Your county, with approval of your Board Chair, pursuant to guidelines set by each individual County Board for signature authorization, may submit the application and elect to have the MVAA receive CVSF Grant COVID-19 Initiative funds and administer the program on your behalf. There will be no administrative fee charged to the County and you will be able to utilize veterans served data and funding amounts for reporting purposes.

These options will be available for selection on the attached COVID-19 Emergent Need Initiative application. Please complete and return no later than noon on Friday, May 1, 2020. The amount of the grant award will be at least \$25,000 and will be based on the final distribution of funds to additional counties. You will be advised of your grant amount award in your Grant Agreement.

Please email any questions regarding the COVID-19 Emergent Need Initiative Marie Douville at douvillem@michigan.gov, and your final application to MVAAGrants@michigan.gov.

Respectfully,

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Director, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency