



Dear Veterans Service Organizations,

Under the provisions of Wisconsin Statute § 45.41, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (Department) is accepting applications from state veterans service organizations for the Veterans Service Organization (VSO) Grant.

The provisions of this law require the Department to make each grant payment to an eligible VSO in an amount equal to 50 percent of all salaries and travel expenses during the previous fiscal year for those employees engaged in veterans' claim service and who are stationed at the Milwaukee VA Regional Office (VARO) or \$175,000 whichever is less. If the sum of payments payable to eligible VSOs should exceed the amount of funds appropriated, the Department must prorate the funds among the VSOs receiving payment.

Enclosed, please find the VSO Grant application packet which includes two documents comprising the application packet. The VSO Grant application packet is also available online at <https://dva.wi.gov/Pages/benefitsClaims/Financial-Grants.aspx>.

Completed applications must be received by the Department or postmarked no later than **May 4, 2023**.

The Application must bear the VSO's name inserted in the appropriate places, and signatures of the appropriate VSO official and the State Service Officer.

Application materials can be scanned and emailed to VetsBenefitsGrants@dva.wisconsin.gov (preferred). Please use "**2023 VSO Grant**" in the subject line. Applications may also be mailed to the Department address listed on the application or faxed to: (608) 264-0403. Indicate in the transmittal envelope or cover sheet that it is the 2023 VSO Grant.

If you have questions regarding the VSO Grant, please call 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387) and ask to speak with a grants specialist or submit an email to VetsBenefitsGrants@dva.wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian T. Jones
Division Administrator

Enclosures

1. Application for Veterans Service Organization Grant (WDVA 0057B)
2. Veterans Service Organization Grant – Federal Benefits Report (WDVA 0057D)