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TO: Tribal Veterans Service Offices

SUBJECT: 2021 American Indian Veterans Service Grant

In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 45.82(4) and Wis. Admin. Code Ch. VA 15, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) announces the 2021 American Indian Veterans' Service (AIVS) Grant for improvement of services to Tribal Veterans. The WDVA may provide annual grants of up to \$15,000 per grant. The maximum grant award will be determined by the number of Tribes requesting a grant.

To apply for a grant, the federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Bands shall do the following by January 29, 2021:

1. File a grant application (WDVA 0056B) with WDVA for the current fiscal year (7/1/20 – 6/30/21).
2. File an application cover letter that includes a statement which addresses the respective Tribe's goals and objectives for calendar year 2021.
3. File a Grant Agreement (WDVA 0056C) with the WDVA for calendar year 2021. The grant agreement must have the Tribe's name inserted in the four appropriate places and be signed by an authorized Tribal Government official and the Tribal Veterans Service Officer (TVSO).
4. File a federal benefits service delivery report (WDVA 0056D) with WDVA for the preceding calendar year.
5. File a certified copy of the budget adopted by the governing body of the Tribe or Band for Tribal Veterans Service Office operations for the calendar year 2021, signed by the TVSO or his/her designee or the Tribal clerk/treasurer or other tribal official, certifying that the submitted budget is true and correct.
6. File a proposed budget for the use of the AIVS grant (sample WDVA 0056E).

The application packet for the 2021 American Indian Veterans' Service Grants, WDVA 0056, is now available online at:

https://dva.wi.gov/Documents/newsMediaDocuments/WDVA%20Toolkit/Forms/WDVA_0056_TVSO_Grant_Packet.pdf

Please submit completed application materials referenced above via email to VetsBenefitsGrants@dva.wisconsin.gov no later than **Friday, January 29, 2021**, and use “**2021 AIVS Grant**” in the subject line. Grant application materials may also be mailed to the address below or faxed to (608) 267-0403.

In cases where one CVS0/TVS0 serves both a federally recognized Tribe or Band and a county, the governing body of the Tribe or Band is eligible for an AIVS grant or the county is eligible for a County Veterans’ Service Grant under Wis. Admin. Code Ch. VA 8, but the Tribe or Band and County are not each eligible for a grant under both programs.

For questions regarding the **2021 AIVS** Grant, please call 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387) and ask to speak with Chad McCafferty, or submit an email to VetsBenefitsGrants@dva.wisconsin.gov.