

Subject Veteran Grants

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Overview

This bill establishes:

- requirements for the Department of Veterans Affairs when administering legislatively directed competitive and direct grants; and
- requirements for the recipients of grants covered under this section.

Summary

Section Description

1 Requirements for legislatively directed competitive and direct grants.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines “active service member,” “commissioner,” “dependent child,” “immediate family member,” and “veteran” for purposes of this section.

Subd. 2. Grantee eligibility. Establishes the following eligibility criteria to receive a grant covered under this section:

- Minnesota nonprofit with at least five years of experience;
- good standing with the attorney general; and
- have a current federal tax form 990 on file with the IRS.

Subd. 3. Limitations on use of grant money. Restricts the use of grant money covered by this section to fund services for:

- Minnesota veterans, active service members, and their immediate family members; and
- immediate family members of a deceased veteran who died in the line of duty.

Subd. 4. Grant application scoring system. Directs the commissioner to develop a grant application scoring system to evaluate grant applications.

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Subd. 5. Grant amounts. Directs the commissioner award grants based on the results of the grant application scoring system.

Subd. 6. Suspension of grant money. Establishes the grounds for the commissioner to justify suspending grant payments.

Subd. 7. Reports. Requires grant recipients to file an annual report with the commissioner. Requires the commissioner, in turn, to submit an annual report to the legislature summarizing the reports that grant recipients submit under this subdivision.

Subd. 8. Administrative costs. Authorizes the commissioner to retain up to five percent of grant appropriations for administration.

Subd. 9. Interaction with other law. Provides that the grant administration requirements under this section are in addition to those required in chapter 16B.



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