

## Chapter VA 7

## GRANTS TO VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

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**VA 7.01 Definitions.** In this chapter the following terms shall have the designated meanings:

(1) "State veterans organization" means a state of Wisconsin organization or department of a national veterans organization, which national organization is incorporated by an act of congress.

(2) "Regional office" means the United States department of veterans affairs regional office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

(3) "Moneys paid to employes" means salaries and travel expenses paid by "state veterans organizations" to employes engaged in veterans claims service and maintained by them at the "regional office".

(4) "Grant" means a grant under s. 45.353, Stats., to a "state veterans organization".

History: Cr. Register, March, 1965, No. 111, eff. 4-1-65; am. Register, December, 1965, No. 120, eff. 1-1-66; am. (2), Register, August, 1993, No. 452, eff. 9-1-93.

**VA 7.02 Limitations.** A grant will be made only to a state veterans organization and will be based solely upon moneys paid to employes by such state veterans organization. No state veterans organization shall receive a grant larger than the amount of moneys paid to employes by such state veterans organization.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1965, No. 111, eff. 4-1-65; am. Register, December, 1965, No. 120, eff. 1-1-66.

**VA 7.03 Eligibility.** Only a state veterans organization which has by itself, or with the financial assistance of its national organization, maintained a full time service office at the regional office for at least 5 years during the 10-year period immediately next preceding its application may be eligible for a grant. In order to be eligible for a grant, a state veterans organization must submit with its initial application sufficient evidence to establish that it or its national organization has maintained a full time service office at the regional office without interruption for at least 5 years during the 10-year period immediately preceding such application. Subsequent applications for grants must be accompanied by affidavits by the adjutant or principal officer of the state veterans organization concerned stating that a full time service office has been maintained at the regional office for the entire year for which application for payment of the grant is made.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1965, No. 111, eff. 4-1-65; am. Register, December, 1965, No. 120, eff. 1-1-66; am. Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70.

**VA 7.04 Application.** Applications by a state veterans organization shall be filed annually with the department for periods commencing on the 1st day of April in each year and ending on the 31st day of March of the year in which they are filed. An application shall consist of evidence of eligibility and of the following exhibits:

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(1) A financial statement, including a report of all income and expenses of the state veterans organization, covering the last completed fiscal year of such state veterans organization.

(2) A statement of moneys paid to employes by such state veterans organization covering the year for which application for a grant is made, which statement must be certified as correct by a Wisconsin certified public accountant and sworn to as correct by the adjutant or principal officer of the state veterans organization.

(3) A report of the number of veterans' claims processed by employes maintained at the regional office by the state veterans organization either solely or in combination with its national organization covering the year for which application for a grant is made.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1965, No. 111, eff. 4-1-65; am. Register, December, 1965, No. 120, eff. 1-1-66.

**VA 7.05 Administration.** The provisions of this chapter shall be administered by the secretary, who shall determine the eligibility of a state veterans organization for a grant and the amount of the grant for which it qualifies, and shall prescribe uniform forms for reporting number of claims processed. When an application has been filed, if the secretary determines that the state veterans organization concerned has not adequately established its claim for a grant, the secretary may require additional information. Any state veterans organization dissatisfied with a determination of the secretary may appeal such determination to the board.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1965, No. 111, eff. 4-1-65; am. Register, December, 1965, No. 120, eff. 1-1-66; am. Register, October, 1967, No. 142, eff. 11-1-67; am. Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. Register, April, 1986, No. 364, eff. 5-1-86; correction made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 5, Stats., Register, April, 1986, No. 364.