

Report From Agency
STATE OF WISCONSIN
Department of Veterans Affairs

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RULEMAKING REPORT TO LEGISLATURE
Clearinghouse Rule 25-011

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA are attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

Chapter VA 2 establishes the general criteria, procedures, requirements, and conditions for awarding grants to eligible veterans and their dependents, non-profit organizations, and employers.

The proposed rule eliminates burdensome requirements and criteria not found in ch. 45, Stats., increases grant timelines, eliminates limits for health care aid, and amends the application procedures to reflect current practices and improve grant efficiency, compliance, and accountability.

The proposed rule also makes general updates, revises outdated provisions, and amends certain provisions for clarity and conformity with current drafting standards for style and format.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A public hearing was held on March 27, 2025. A summary of the public comments and the Department's response to the comments are reflected in *Attachment A* to this report.

Attendees consisted of:

- Joey Hoey, WDVA Assistant Deputy Secretary (Observer)
- Jeremy Lyon, WDVA Division of Veterans Benefits Administrator (Observer)
- Chad McCafferty, WDVA Veterans Benefits Specialist - Grants Unit (Support)
- Shelia Sutton, Taylor County CVSO (Observer)
- Mindy Allen, WDVA Administrative Rules Coordinator (Moderator)

Pursuant to ss. 45.03 (2m) and 227.14 (2) (a) 6m., Stats., administrative rules prepared by the Department of Veterans Affairs must be provided to the Board of Veterans Affairs. The Board may prepare a report containing written comments and opinions regarding the proposed rules. The Board received a copy of the proposed rules for action at its March 13, 2025, meeting and provided the attached letter of support.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All recommendations in the Clearinghouse Report were accepted and incorporated into the proposed rule, except for comment 5. b., relating to SECTION 7. The Department feels the definition is sufficient.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

N/A