## Chapter VA 7

## **GRANTS TO VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS**

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VA 7.01 Definitions: (1) "Nationally accredited veterans organization" as used in section 45.351 (1), Wis. Stats., shall mean the state department of a veterans organization which has representatives authorized to present claims before the veterans administration and which is incorporated by an act of the Congress of the United States (See Title 36 United States Code).

(2) In this chapter the following terms shall have the designated meanings:

(a) "State department" means a state of Wisconsin department or organization of a national veterans organization.

(b) "Regional office" means the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

(c) "Monys paid to employes" means salaries and travel expenses paid by "state departments" to employes maintained by them at the "regional office" whether or not engaged in veterans claims service.

"regional office" whether or not engaged in veterans claims service. (d) "Grant" means a grant under section 45.351, Wis. Stats., to a "state department."

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VA 7.02 Limitations. A grant will be made only to a state department and will be based solely upon moneys paid to employes by such state department. No state department shall receive a grant larger than the amount of moneys paid to employes by such state department, notwithstanding the minimum set forth in section 45.351 (1), Wis. Stats.

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VA 7.03 Eligibility. Only a state department 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 immediately next preceding its application may be eligible for a grant. In order to be eligible for a grant, a state department 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 the 5-year period immediately preceding such application. Subsequent applications for grants must be accompanied by affidavits by the adjutant or principal officer of the state department 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.

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VA 7.04 Application. Applications by a state department shall be filed annually with the department for periods commencing on the first

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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:

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

(2) A statement of moneys paid to employes by such state department covering the year for which application for a grant is made.

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

(4) All exhibits constituting a state department's application must be accompanied by sworn statements as to their accuracy by a Wisconsin certified public accountant.

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

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