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**Re: Annual Report on Support Our Troops Account Grants**

Dear Senators and Representatives:

This annual report is being submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over Military and Veterans Affairs in accordance with Minnesota Statute 190.10, Subdivision 3.

The Adjutant General entered into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Military Family Foundation (MMFF) to administer these funds. The first funds were transferred under the grant agreement on July 6, 2006.

The MMFF received a total of 197 grant requests for financial assistance to individuals during calendar year 2007. Of the 197 requests, 127 met the requirements of the statute and grant agreement.

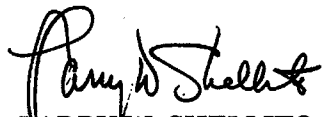
The total requested for these 127 eligible grants was \$212,814, but after applying the \$2,000 cap, \$180,274 in Support Our Troops money was distributed. The remainder was paid using foundation funds.

The grants were used for such emergency purposes as:

Mortgage/Rent	38
Vehicle Repair	11
Travel to Visit Injured Soldier	14
Utilities/Fuel Oil Assistance	2
Counseling/Medical/Dental	2
Emergency Home/Appliance	21
General Bill Paying/Special Needs	39

Each request for assistance was validated by the Minnesota National Guard Family Assistance Centers and was approved by board action at the Minnesota Military Family Foundation. Requests generally are directed to the foundation once the local assistance mechanisms have been exhausted.

Many of the requests cover multiple issues. The requests are categorized by the most serious need. For example, mortgage payments also often include utility payment requests. Those are categorized as mortgage requests.



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