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Re: Annual Report on Support Our Troops Account Grants

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 MN State 190.19, Subdivision 3.

The Adjutant General entered into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Military Family Foundation (MMFF) to administer these funds.

The MMFF received a total 163 grant requests for financial assistance to individuals during calendar year 2009. Of the 163 requests, 121 met the requirements of the statute and the grant agreement.

The total requested for these 121 eligible grants was \$230,563 but after applying the \$2000 cap, \$197,706 in Support Our Troops money was distributed. The remainder, \$32,857 was paid using foundation funds from private donations.

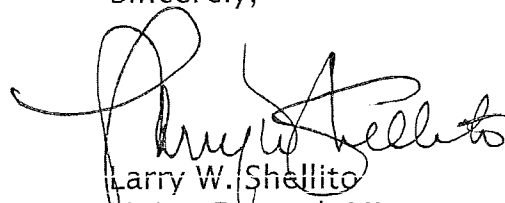
The grants were used for such emergency purposes as:

Mortgage/Rent	59
Vehicle Repair	15
Travel to Visit Injured Soldier/Funeral	2
Utilities/Fuel Oil Assistance	3
Counseling/Medical/Dental	4
Emergency Home/Appliance	8
General Bill Paying/Special Needs	27
Child/Home Care	<u>3</u>
Total Grants	121

Each request for assistance was validated by the MN National Guard Family Assistance Centers and was approved by board action at the MN 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 payments requests. Those are categorized as mortgage requests.

Sincerely,



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The Adjutant General