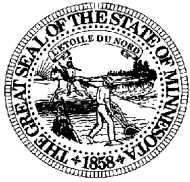


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Re: Annual Report on Support Our Troops Account Grants

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 pursuant to MN Statute 190.19, Subdivision 3. In this year's report, we included data from CY 2010 for comparison.

The Adjutant General entered into a no-fee grant agreement with the Minnesota Military Family Foundation (MMFF) to administer these funds.



The MMFF received a total 151 grant requests for financial assistance to individuals during calendar year 2011. This is an increase from 92 grant requests in CY 2010. Of the 151 requests, 75 (50%) met the requirements of the statute and the grant agreement. For comparison, in 2010, 54 of 92 requests were approved, or 59%.

The total requested for these 75 eligible grants was \$164,711, up from 102,961 in 2010. After applying the \$2000 cap, \$127,577 in Support Our Troops money was distributed compared to \$90,286 in 2010. The remainder, \$37,134, was paid using foundation funds from private donations. This amount is up from \$12,675 last year.

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.

The grants were used for such emergency purposes as:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Mortgage/Rent	30	43
Vehicle Repair	9	9
Travel to Visit Injured Soldier/Funeral	0	2
Utilities/Fuel Oil Assistance	1	1
Counseling/Medical/Dental	2	1
Emergency Home/Appliance	9	9
General Bill Paying/Special Needs	2	10
Child/Home Care	1	0
Total Grants	54	75

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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