

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Request for County Board Action/Agenda Item Cover Sheet



To: Chairperson, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Date: _____

Via: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

From: Penny Harms, Veterans Service Officer

Title of Item:

Veterans Service Office Report

Requested Meeting Date: 10-09-12 Estimated Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Presenter: Penny Harms, Veterans Service Officer

Type of Action Requested (check all that apply)

- For info only, no action requested
- For discussion only with possible future action
- Let/Award Bid or Quote (attach copy of basic bid/quote specs or summary of complex specs, each bid/quote received & bid/quote comparison)
- Approve/adopt proposal by motion
- Authorize filling vacant staff position
- Request to schedule public hearing or sale
- Request by member of the public to be heard
- Item should be addressed in closed session under MN Statute _____
- Approve under Consent Agenda
- Adopt Ordinance Revision
- Approve/adopt proposal by resolution (attach draft resolution)
- Other (please list) _____

Fiscal Impact (check all that apply)

- Is this item in the current approved budget? Yes _____ No _____ (attach explanation)
- What type of expenditure is this? Operating Capital Other (attach explanation)
- Revenue line account # that funds this item is: _____
- Expenditure line account # for this item is: _____

Staffing Impact (Any yes answer requires a review by Human Resources Manager before going to the board)

- Duties of a department employee(s) may be materially affected. Yes No
- Applicable job description(s) may require revision. Yes No
- Item may impact a bargaining unit agreement or county work policy. Yes No
- Item may change the department's authorized staffing level. Yes No



Supporting Attachment(s)

- Memorandum Summary of Item
- Copy of applicable county policy and/or ordinance (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable state/federal statute/regulation (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable contract and/or agreement
- Original bid spec or quote request (excluding complex construction projects)
- Bids/quotes received (excluding complex construction projects, provide comparison worksheet)
- Bid/quote comparison worksheet
- Draft County Board resolution
- Plat approval check-list and supporting documents
- Copy of previous minutes related to this issue
- Other supporting document(s) (please list) Report

Provide (1) copy of supporting documentation NO LATER THAN Wednesday at Noon to make the Board's agenda for the following Tuesday. (If your packet contains colored copies, please provide (4) paper copies of supporting documentation as we do not have a color printer or copier.) Items WILL NOT be placed on the Board agenda unless complete documentation is provided for the Board packets.

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To: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

From: Penny Harms, VSO

RE: MNDVA Disaster Relief Program

Date: October 3, 2012

I would like to present an summary on the MN State Department of Veterans Affairs Disaster Relief Grant at the October 9, 2012 Aitkin County Board Meeting.

Sincerely,



Penny Harms
Veterans Service Officer

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Aitkin County Veterans Office

Disaster Relief Grant Summary 2012

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs offered Disaster Relief Grants of up to \$750 for reimbursable expenditures due to flood, wind or storm damage. The grants were available to veterans and their families residing in Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Dakota, Goodhue, Lake, Rice and St. Louis County per the Governor's Emergency Executive Order 12-09. The reimbursement was for expenditures dated no earlier than June 13, 2012 and no later than September 30, 2012.

The Aitkin County Veterans Office submitted applications for 56 veterans in amounts ranging from \$87 to \$750. Five of these applications were for widows of veterans. Payments were received within 2 – 3 weeks from the date of application.

The most common items reimbursed through this grant were 6 dehumidifiers, 6 sump pumps, 2 well pumps, 9 water heaters, 5 washer/dryers, 3 generators and 6 road repair expenses. Other items included basement flooring, clean up costs, yard repair, sheet rock, furnace repair, tree removal, porta potty rental, and electric repair.

Reimbursements to date for the Disaster Relief Grant equal \$25,370. The total reimbursements expected will be \$37,297.87.