

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Payments for Municipal Services Provided to State Veterans Homes

Motion:

Move to provide \$150,000 PR annually, from program revenue DVA receives for the operation of the state veterans homes, for the Department to make grants to cities, villages, or towns that provide fire and emergency medical services to the state veterans homes.

Repeal provisions in 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 that established a July 1, 2017, sunset date for: (a) the current DVA appropriation for municipal services grants; (b) a statutory provision authorizing DVA to make the grants; and (c) provision that authorizes DVA to transfer unencumbered amounts from the state veterans homes institutional operations appropriation to the grant appropriation, in order to provide ongoing authority and funding for the program. Modify the Act 55 provision that authorizes the grants to specify that: (a) DVA may make municipal services grants totaling \$300,000 per biennium; and (b) grant recipients may only use grant funds for providing fire and emergency medical services to veterans homes and other facilities for veterans.

Note:

This motion would eliminate the sunset date for a municipal services grant program created by 2015 Act 55, to establish an ongoing program, funded at \$150,000 PR per year.

Under the Act 55 program, DVA provided grants totaling \$150,000 in 2015-16, as follows: (a) \$53,943 to the Town of Dover in Racine County; (b) \$48,570 to the Town of Farmington in Waupaca County; and (c) \$47,487 to the City of Chippewa Falls. DVA distributed this funding to these three municipalities in proportion to the payments they received under DOA's payments for municipal services program in the previous five years.

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