

Resolution No 11 Support Veteran Access to MVTF Assistance

Whereas: The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency provides grant opportunities to County Veterans Service Offices through the County Veteran Service Fund (CVSF) up to \$50,000 for the purpose “to enhance and improve veteran service operations to connect veterans to their benefits and provide consistent access to services throughout the state”, and

Whereas: many County Veterans Services Offices have taken advantage of the CVSF grant program to enhance their service programs, and

Whereas: several of these County Veterans Services Offices have opted not to assist veterans by accepting and assisting with the development of MVTF applications creating a higher than necessary workload on MVTF state support staff and potential additional hardship on veteran applicants for MVTF assistance, therefore

Be it Resolved: That the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars supports state legislation that would require that any County Veterans Affairs Office in the State of Michigan that receives any supportive grant under any program of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) such as the CVSF, or any other State of Michigan agency, be required to provide assistance to veterans with the preparation of and submission of applications for emergency financial assistance under the programs of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTF).

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Endorsed by the Michigan Veterans Commanders Group