

Military Assistance Program Grant Guidelines

Purpose:

To provide financial assistance to VFW Posts/Depts. and Auxiliaries who sponsor events with their local military community. These funds are meant to build relationships and provide information on VFW programs and services.

MAP Grant Criteria:

1. Only a VFW or Auxiliary member may submit a MAP Grant Application.

2. The application must be signed and dated by the Post/Dept. Commander, Quartermaster or the Auxiliary President or Treasurer.

3. Post participation in programs will be verified.

4. The grant is limited to basic food items and Non-Alcoholic beverages for currently serving military and their family members only. Grants cannot exceed \$5000 per fiscal year (Sept. 1 - Aug. 31). Events cooked and served by the Post are \$8 per person, catered meals are \$10 per person.

Grant does not cover equipment/venue rentals, gifts, decorations, entertainment, etc.

- 5. Must recruit at least one new member prior to grant submission. Will verify prior to approval
- 6. Must have and explain recruitment plan for event.
- 7. The grant does not cover public or formal events such as: Military Dining In/Out, Military Balls, Change of Command/Responsibility Ceremonies, etc.

8. The grant application must be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the event. Any exceptions to this must be submitted in writing to the Director VFW Programs for approval.

9. An After Action Report along with eligible receipts must be submitted within 14 days of the event. Non submission will result in the Dept./Post/Auxiliary being billed for the grant amount.

10. If the event receipts total less that the grant amount provided, the Dept./Post/Auxiliary will be required to refund the difference within 14 days.

11. If the event is cancelled a full refund is required. If rescheduled for a later date, a written explanation must be submitted to the MAP office detailing the new dates. It will be determined by the MAP office and VFW Program Director whether a refund will be requested or the Dept./Post/Auxiliary will be allowed to keep the grant amount.

12. MAP Grants must be submitted through the following form:

MAP Grant Application

* You can also go to the All-American Dashboard to apply.

13. Map Grant Reporting must be submitted through the following from:

Map Grant Report

Note: Prior approval of similar events does not guarantee future approval. An AAU Report must be submitted prior to requesting a new MAP Grant.

For any further questions or concerns please contact the MAP Office by phone at (816) 756-3390