



## **VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund (HMV) of (VA&R)

2024 -2025 Program Engagement Plan

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### **Program purpose:**

Offers assistance in the form of grants to women veterans who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless.

Encourage donations to the American Legion Auxiliary – Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund.

**Objective:** to provide assistance in the form of grant funds for women veterans who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless.

**Action Steps:** Inform members of the American Legion Family of the “ALA Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund” and its guidelines.

Maintain the posting of the HWV Grant application and guidelines on the Department website – [www.amlegionauxwi.org/var-hwv](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org/var-hwv)

Inform VA Benefit Representatives, case workers, County Veteran’s Service Officers, and our communities of the availability of grants for homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless women veterans.

**Objective:** Solicit donations for the Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund.

**Action Steps:** Informing members that the HWV Grant Fund has been added to the “Poppy Donation form, allowing Poppy donations to be used for this fund.

Provide updates on the donations, grants issued, and total funds available.

Host events to restock food pantries.

Have a rummage sale and donate leftover clothing items to local schools. (Make sure you have the school’s guidance counselor on board with this idea. You might also contact your community churches for their assistance in reaching out to those in need.

**Reporting Activities:** Submit to: Chrys Porter, 5110 Mischler Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701 by **April 1, 2025.**

1. Each unit is to submit an annual report reflecting their activities, if possible, pictures of those activities, and contributions to the Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund.
2. Describe any participation at a Veterans Stand-down or VA Job Fair.

**Unit Awards:** Citations and recognition to each of the three (3) Units making the highest donation to the Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund will be awarded at Department Convention.