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**TO: Tribal Veterans Service Offices**

**SUBJECT: 2015 American Indian Veterans' Service Grant**

In accordance with Wisconsin Statutes s. 45.82(4) and Wisconsin Administrative Code VA 15, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) announces the 2015 American Indian Veterans' Service (AIVS) Grant for improvement of services to tribal veterans. To best increase the amount of federal and state veteran's benefits, tribal governments should use the grant funds to meet local outreach requirements. The department may make annual grants of up to \$15,000 per grant. The maximum grant award will be determined by the number of tribes requesting grants.

The application packet for the 2015 AIVS Grants, WDVA 0056, is available online at [www.WisVets.com/Forms#WDVA0056](http://www.WisVets.com/Forms#WDVA0056). Completed applications must be submitted no later than **Wednesday, April 15, 2015**.

The Grant Agreement must have your tribe's name inserted in the four appropriate places and be signed by a Tribal Government official and your Tribal Veterans Service Officer. Upon approval of the grant, a signed copy of the grant Agreement will be returned to your Tribal Veterans Service Officer via email or fax.

A letter announcing the availability of the AIVS Grant is also being sent to the Tribal President/Chairperson of each of the eleven federally recognized tribes and bands referenced in VA 15.01.

Applications materials can be mailed or faxed to the address/fax no. listed above. Indicate in transmittal envelope or cover sheet that it is the 2015 AIVS Grant. Applications may also be scanned and emailed to [VetsBenefitsGrants@dva.wisconsin.gov](mailto:VetsBenefitsGrants@dva.wisconsin.gov). Please use "2015 AIVS Grant" in the subject line.

For questions regarding the 2015 AIVS Grant, please call 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387) and ask to speak with Rosemary Strand or submit an email to [VetsBenefitsGrants@dva.wisconsin.gov](mailto:VetsBenefitsGrants@dva.wisconsin.gov).