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**TO: County Veterans Service Offices**

**SUBJECT: County Veterans Service Grants - Supplement**

In accordance with Wis. Stats. § 45.82(2), which reads in part...The department of veterans affairs shall award a grant annually, on a reimbursable basis as specified in this subsection, to a county that meets the standards developed under this section if the county executive, administrator, or administrative coordinator certifies to the department that it employs a county veterans service officer who, if chosen after April 15, 2015, is chosen from a list of candidates who have taken a civil service examination for the position of county veterans service officer developed and administered by the bureau of merit recruitment and selection in the department of administration, or is appointed under a civil service competitive examination procedure under s. 59.52 (8) or ch. 63.....

With the recent passage of 2015 Wisconsin Act 150, certain aspects of the civil service laws for classified employees, for the hiring process, probationary periods, merit compensation, awards, and disciplinary actions were revised; to include elimination of the civil service exam requirement.

As a result of the elimination of the civil service exam requirement, effective July 1, 2016, compliance with the terms of hire for the civil service act 150 (i.e., s. 230.15, Stats), will constitute compliance with 45.82(2).

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