

Report From Agency
STATE OF WISCONSIN
Department of Veterans Affairs

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RULEMAKING REPORT TO LEGISLATURE
Clearinghouse Rule 21-012

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA are attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

Chapter VA 2 establishes the general criteria, procedures, requirements, and conditions for the award of grants to eligible veterans and their dependents, non-profit organizations, and employers. The proposed rules will allow for the distribution of funds to more veterans, veterans organizations, employers of veterans, and non-profit organizations who provide outreach and services to veterans and underserved veteran populations.

The proposed rules also amend the current grant process and evaluation criteria to improve grant efficiency, compliance, and accountability. This rule also makes general updates, revises outdated provisions, and amends certain provisions for clarity and conformity with current drafting standards for style and format.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The agency's response to public comments is reflected in Attachment A.

Pursuant to ss. 45.03 (2m) and 227.14 (2) (a) 6m., Stats., administrative rules prepared by the Department of Veterans Affairs must be provided to the Board of Veterans Affairs. The Board may prepare a report containing written comments and its opinion regarding the proposed rules. The Board of Veterans Affairs was provided a copy of the proposed rules for action at the February 11, 2021 meeting of the Board. The Board provided a letter or support for the proposed rules and offered no additional comments.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All recommendations in the Clearinghouse Report were accepted and incorporated into the proposed rule with the exception of Clearinghouse comment 2d. The provision was amended to remove the parenthesis but a definition was not added in order to avoid redundancy since this term is defined in the final rule draft of ch. VA 1. The definitions in ch. VA 1 apply to all VA chapters.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

N/A