Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 801—Chapter 11
"Injured Veterans Grant Program"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 35A.14
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 35A.14

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

October 28, 2025 2 p.m.	Video call link: meet.google.com/mtw-zbss-sva Or dial: 361.400.7385 Conference ID: 993 125 828#

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

This proposed rulemaking provides the amounts for grants paid by the Department under the Injured Veterans Grant Program and the criteria for eligibility. This rulemaking also explains the application process and the requirements for applying.

Analysis of Impact

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**

- **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**

No costs are associated with this proposed rulemaking.

- **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**

Injured veterans and their families will benefit from this proposed rulemaking.

2. **Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:**

- **Quantitative description of impact:**

The Department is unable to quantify the quantitative impact at this time.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

There may be an increase in applications (and grants awarded) by allowing the application to be submitted on a veteran's behalf.

3. **Costs to the State:**

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

Costs of the grants awarded and administrative costs will be borne by the Department.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

There are no anticipated effects on State revenues.

4. **Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:**

The benefits to injured veterans and their families exceed the potential cost.

5. **Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

6. **Alternative methods considered by the agency:**

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

No alternatives were seriously considered by the Department.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.
- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.
- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

Not applicable.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind 801—Chapter 11 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 11
INJURED VETERANS GRANT PROGRAM

801—11.1(35A) Grant amounts and eligibility.

11.1(1) Grants paid by the department pursuant to Iowa Code section 35A.14 are paid in increments of $2,500, up to a maximum of $10,000.

11.1(2) An initial grant of $2,500 is payable to an eligible veteran who sustains an injury in the line of duty and, because of such injury, is either:

a. Medically evacuated from an operational theater to a military hospital for treatment; or

b. Hospitalized at a military hospital for at least 30 consecutive days.

11.1(3) After an initial grant is paid, subsequent grant payments of $2,500 are payable at 30-, 60-, and 90-day intervals thereafter if the veteran remains hospitalized or continues to receive medical care or rehabilitation services authorized by the military. Qualifying treatment or services must be provided in a location that is not the veteran's home of record.

11.1(4) A veteran remains eligible for the grant after discharge from the military so long as the veteran remains hospitalized or continues to receive medical treatment or rehabilitation services for the qualifying injury or illness.

801—11.2(35A) Application.

11.2(1) To receive an initial grant payment under this chapter, a veteran must submit an application to the department that includes documentation establishing either Iowa residency or eligibility as a nonresident pursuant to Iowa Code section 35A.14(1). A veteran must also submit reasonably reliable documentation establishing eligibility, such as but not limited to:

a. Military identification card;

b. Relevant military orders;

c. DD Form 214, if discharged.

11.2(2) To receive a subsequent, incremental grant payment under this chapter, a veteran must submit additional documentation establishing continued qualifying hospitalization, medical care, or rehabilitation services for the injury.

11.2(3) An application for an initial or subsequent incremental grant payment under this chapter will be submitted by the veteran. If the veteran is incapacitated due to the injury, however, the application may be submitted on the veteran's behalf by a close family member, such as a spouse or parent, or by an appropriate power of attorney. Grants payable under this chapter are paid only to the legal custody of the veteran.

11.2(4) A veteran may receive assistance in the application process by contacting the department office at 515.252.4698 or 800.838.4692.

11.2(5) For any qualifying injury sustained on or after January 1, 2027, the department must receive an initial application within two years of the date of injury.

11.2(6) Upon receiving an application for an initial or subsequent incremental grant, the department will, within 30 days, inform the applicant in writing that the application has been approved or denied or requires additional documentation establishing eligibility.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 35A.14.