

Foundation

Current grant information and Foundation overview

Providing financial resources for quality programs, services and projects that support Veterans across Minnesota.

Foundation at a glance

501(c)(3)

The Foundation serves as the “Giving Arm” of DAV of Minnesota.

More than \$4.9 million

Granted to Veterans and programs across Minnesota since 1992.

Volunteer governance

Board members serve without compensation to keep administrative costs low.

Mission

Provide the financial resources necessary for DAV of Minnesota to support quality programs, services and projects for Veterans across Minnesota.

FY 2025–2026 grant impact



■ Services to Veterans ■ Transportation ■ Outdoors

\$399,601

reported support for programs, community grants and projects

\$114,900

Outdoors access

\$132,701

Services to Veterans

\$120,000

Transportation programs

FY 2025–2026 recipients and partnerships

Direct veteran services

Veteran Resiliency Project
Open Arms
VA Medical Center Food Pantry
United Way NE MN

DAV programs and outreach

DAV Transportation Program
National Service Foundation
Disaster Relief
Outreach seminars and chapter outreach

Adaptive and outdoor programs

National golf and winter sports clinics
Foundation Outdoor Events
Time on the Water
DAV Outdoor Partnership Program

Current partnership initiative

The Veteran Home Accessibility and Safety Initiative funds essential home modifications that improve safety, independence and the ability to age in place.

Community collaboration

The Foundation partners with DAV Chapters and nonprofits when projects advance the DAV of Minnesota mission and directly benefit Minnesota Veterans.

Who may apply

DAV Chapters

Minnesota chapters use the dedicated online Chapter Grant Request form.

Nonprofit organizations

Organizational recipients must be recognized by the IRS as tax-exempt.

Returning applicants

Consideration is limited to once in a 12-month period, and prior award accountability requirements must be complete before reapplying.

Organizational application checklist

- 1 **Current board list**
- 2 Program or project budget
- 3 Annual operating budget
- 4 IRS Form W-9
- 5 Current Form 990

Submit a complete application; incomplete requests should wait for a later published cycle.

How to apply

Organizations and public entities

Use the Grant Application Form linked from the Foundation's Grants & Resources page. The old 2022 PDF link in the prior deck has been removed.

DAV Chapters and Units

Use the live DAV of Minnesota Foundation Chapter Grant Request form. It asks for chapter approvals, compliance status, purpose, outcomes, measurements and a budget attachment.

Important scheduling note

The current Grants & Resources page will show the grant cycles when you apply. Make sure you know the cycle you are applying for and do it a head of time.

Current pages: davmn.org/foundation/programs-grants • davmn.org/chapter-grant-requests

Chapter request categories

Outreach

Connect the request to a measurable benefit for Veterans.

Reduction of homelessness

Connect the request to a measurable benefit for Veterans.

Healthcare and well-being

Connect the request to a measurable benefit for Veterans.

Transportation

Connect the request to a measurable benefit for Veterans.

Partnership

Connect the request to a measurable benefit for Veterans.

Outdoors

Connect the request to a measurable benefit for Veterans.

New program

Describe the new need, approach and outcome.

The online form also asks whether other Chapters or organizations are partnering on the project.

Requests outside the Foundation's scope

Not funded

1. General operating expenses
2. Fiscal-agent fees
3. Endowment funds
4. Religious purposes
5. Fundraising events or activities

Also excluded

6. Umbrella/discretionary regranting
7. Political lobbying or legislation
8. Individuals
9. Capital expenditures, repairs or memorials
10. Animal-based therapy or animal welfare

Review the current published restrictions before building a budget or making commitments.

FY 2025 financial snapshot

\$5.71 million

Total assets at June 30, 2025

\$5.54 million

Net assets reported on the 2024 Form 990

\$500,432

Grants and similar amounts paid

Revenue and expenses

Total revenue: \$847,272

Total expenses: \$809,943

Revenue less expenses: \$37,329

Investment position

The 2025 annual report lists \$5,487,017 in investments and \$283,799 in current assets as of June 30, 2025.

Figures are taken from the Foundation’s published annual report and public Form 990; use audited/current internal statements for board decisions.

Leadership and contact

2025 annual report roster

Michael McLaughlin — Board Chair
Joel Schilling — Director
Curtis Cannon — Director
Tony Schnellbach — Director
Paul Pederson — Director
Sandi Braunstein — Director
Josh Vrtacnik — Secretary
Scott Berndt — Treasurer
Mike Medhaug — Advisor
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Grant resources

davmn.org/foundation/programs-grants
davmn.org/chapter-grant-requests

Verify leadership titles before external distribution; the roster shown is the latest published in the 2025 annual report.