



American Legion and VFW Posts Urged to Contact County ASAP for COVID-19 Relief

Minnesota American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts that did not receive a direct COVID-19 Business Relief Payment from the Minnesota Department of Revenue earlier this year are urged to contact their local county as soon as possible to determine if additional COVID-19 relief is available.

In December 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed a bi-partisan COVID-19 Business Relief package. The law provided funding for direct payments from the Department of Revenue to businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic that met specific eligibility requirements. The law also provided \$114,800,000 to counties. Each Minnesota county received a prorated appropriation based on population.

Each of Minnesota's 87 counties have set up their own grant program to provide economic relief to local businesses and non-profits adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each county is responsible for establishing its own application process and requirements for these business relief grants. Because each county can set up the program to best meet their local needs, Legions and VFW Posts that were not eligible for a direct COVID-19 Business Relief payment will need to contact their local county for information on how to apply for this funding.

It is very important to note that the law directs any unspent funding in this program to go back to the state's general fund on March 15, 2021, meaning Legions and VFW Posts will need to act soon.

We know that Minnesota's small businesses like yours have borne the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic, making sacrifices to protect your communities. We thank you for that sacrifice and know our communities are safer because of it.

Additional questions about this COVID-19 business relief should be directed to your local county.

For questions about direct COVID-19 business relief payments from the Department of Revenue, email salesuse.tax@state.mn.us or call 800-657-3777.