STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT POLICIES

SUBJECT: Housing Assistance Program Grant - General

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1) Defined: Immediate need grants that are not covered by other sources.

2) Funding limit: Up to \$7,500 per applicant

3) Interval of grant: Once every 3 years

4) Covered procedures: The fund will be disbursed at the discretion of the Commissioner.

5) Guidelines.

a. Eligible Needs

Assistance must address an immediate and critical need—such as emergency expenses or overdue living costs—where extenuating circumstances have created or are likely to create housing instability, barriers, or undue hardship.

Exhaustion of Other Resources

Applicants must first seek assistance from other community-based organizations or service providers. All such efforts must be documented, including dates of contact and outcomes.

c. Documentation of Denials

If other sources of assistance are unavailable or denied, written documentation must be provided. This must include the name of the organization, date of denial, and the reason assistance was declined.

d. Supporting Documentation

All requests must include itemized estimates, invoices, or bills, along with vendor contact information to verify costs and facilitate direct payment when applicable.

e. Ineligible Expenses

Grant funds may not be used to pay child support obligations or any expenses unrelated to housing stability or basic needs.