

Application Process

STEPS TO TAKE

1. The first step is for you to complete the brief inquiry form by visiting our website at: <http://www.hsd.maricopa.gov/MCHIP.aspx>
2. After you have completed and submitted the form, you will be contacted by MCHSD staff. Helpful staff will discuss your eligibility and the application requirements for the program.
3. The second step is for you to complete a program application.

DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICATION

Documents required of all applicants include, but are not limited to:

- Proof of all income for the most recent 90 days (more if instructed by the caseworker);
- Proof of applicant's home ownership (deed or title);
- Disability Rating Decision Letter or other acceptable verification from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs;
- Social Security card of the applicant and household members;
- Proof of citizenship or lawful presence of the applicant;
- Recent gas and electric bills with account numbers and service address listed; and
- Photo ID for applicant.

HSD

Human Services Department

MARICOPA COUNTY

Maricopa County Human Services
Community Development

234 N. Central Ave, 3rd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Phone: 602-506-5911

TDD: 602-506-4802

E-mail: HOME@mail.maricopa.gov

Visit our Website:

<http://www.hsd.maricopa.gov/HOSDV.aspx>

Maricopa County



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VETERANS
HOME
IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM

Housing Opportunity for Service
Disabled Veterans Program
(HOSDV)



Helping Veterans
Stay in Their Homes



HELP YOU CAN TRUST
AZHomeAgeResource.gov



Phone: 602-506-5911
TDD: 602-506-4802



Program Information

- Are you a veteran with a service-connected disability who owns a home?
- Does your home need disability modifications or accessibility improvements?
- We may be able to help!

Maricopa County Human Services Department (MCHSD) is pleased to offer veterans assistance with modifying their home to provide greater accessibility through the Housing Opportunity for Service Disabled Veterans Program (HOSDV). Funding is provided by the Arizona Attorney General's Office.



Human Services Department

TYPES OF IMPROVEMENT

Eligible improvements are disability modifications to owner-occupied homes of veterans that have a service related disability. The HOSDV loan program funds home modifications that enhance accessibility which include, but are not limited to:

- Widening doorways or hallways;
- Lowering countertops;
- Adding exterior ramps; and
- Installing grab bars or roll-in showers in bathrooms.

Eligibility Requirements



WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Home modification for service disabled veterans is available in all areas of Maricopa County. Additional eligibility requirements include:

- Home must be owned and occupied by Applicant, or under purchase contract as Applicant's primary residence.
- Home must be located within Maricopa County.
- Applicant must be a U.S. Veteran with a service-connected disability. The application must include their Disability Rating Decision Letter or other acceptable verification from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Such verification shall determine the homeowner is a U.S. Veteran with a service-connected disability.
- The improvements made to the home must be directly related to the service-connected disability.
- The service-connected disability is a medical determination indicating that improvements and structural alterations are necessary or appropriate for the effective and economical treatment of his/her disability.

What are the Terms?

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Loans are zero interest, zero payment loans forgivable after 7 years if the home is not sold, transferred, rented, or re-financed.
- Qualified MCHSD staff will assist eligible veterans with application and, if eligible for the program, during the bid and construction process.
- Homeowners may be eligible for more than one home improvement program through Maricopa County, including Weatherization or Rehabilitation services. MCHSD will inform applicants if other services are applicable.

To Start the Inquiry Process Visit:

Complete the Inquiry Form Here:
<http://www.hsd.maricopa.gov/MCHSD.asp>

Questions?
Phone: 602-278-8100
TDD: 602-278-8502
Email: HMBA@maricopa.gov

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) is a program to assist very low-income veteran families. The SSVF program focuses on intensive case management to help participants increase their ability to sustain permanent housing and reach their greatest potential. Case managers will work with veteran families to identify VA benefits and other public benefits including, but not limited to:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Housing counseling services | Health care services | Child care services |
| Educational assistance | Legal services | Transportation services |
| Financial planning services | Daily living services | Temporary financial assistance |

Participant Requirements:

- Veteran must have served at least one day active duty in the U.S.
- Military with discharge other than dishonorable
- Homeless or at risk of homelessness and looking to maintain permanent housing
- Income is less than 50% of Area Median Income (AMI)
- Capable of sustaining permanent housing after short term, intensive case management and/or financial assistance

Target Populations:

- 1) Homeless veteran families with dependent children
- 2) Homeless female veterans
- 3) H3 Vets

If you, or someone you know, is interested in applying for SSVF services, please refer to the contact information below.

Phoenix & West Valley (UMOM New Day Centers)
Families 602-275-4533 x230
Single Women 602-275-4533 x292

East Valley (Save the Family)
480-898-0228 x110



save the family
PROGRAM OF THE ARIZONA



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NEW DAY CENTERS

Transitional Living

UMOM's Veteran Transitional Living program opened in Oct. 2011, consisting of eight family units located within the New Day Centers campus. The program pairs intensive case management services and on-site VA Social Worker care to high vulnerability, low income veteran families.

The program has shown success in connecting families to services such as; health care, transportation, and employment training through VA and civilian service organizations while maintaining its focus on exiting families to stable housing.

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- Homeless veteran families with dependent children

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

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- Homeless veteran families with dependent children
- Homeless female veterans
- Chronic homeless veterans

The SSVF Program started in Fall 2011 and is located off site the UMOM campus at Madison Pointe Apartments, with satellite assistance in the East Valley at Save the Family. SSVF provides short term, rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention assistance with intensive case management to veteran families to obtain stable permanent housing. In its first grant year, SSVF served over 130 veteran households, totaling 360 homeless or at risk individuals in their transition to stable permanent housing.

SSVF Case Managers provide assistance and support in: Housing / Health care services / Childcare services / Legal assistance / Educational assistance / Transportation services / Financial planning services / Daily Living Services / Temporary financial assistance.

Target Population:

- Disabled Veterans and their families

Permanent Supportive Housing

UMOM provides subsidized permanent housing and support services for ten disabled veterans and their families at Madison Pointe Apartment Community. Located within walking distance of the VA Hospital, veterans are easily accessible to medical services with UMOM support staff on site for case management and service referral.

Who is Eligible?

- 1) Plea agreements stipulating to probation where the Court determines that the Veterans Court is an appropriate term of probation;
- 2) Deviation requests seeking placement in the Veterans Court that are agreed to by Maricopa County Attorney as a possible term of probation;
- 3) Settlement Conferences with judicial officers assigned to the veteran calendar (Vet1 & Vet2) who are familiar with Veterans Court unique issues impacting many veterans in the criminal justice system that result in the parties agreeing to the Veterans Court as a possible term of probation.
- 4) Recommendations from the Adult Probation Department (APD) recommending Veterans Court as a term of probation, including recommendations for individuals who are currently on probation but who are not currently in the Veterans Court.
- 5) Referrals from others in the criminal justice system, Veterans community, or treatment providers.

Let's honor our military,
The men and women who serve,
Whose dedication to our country
Does not falter, halt or swerve.
Let's respect them for their courage;
They're ready to do what's right
To keep America safe,
So we can sleep better at night.
Let's support and defend our soldiers,
Whose hardships are brutal and cruel,
Whose discipline we can't imagine,
Who follow each order and rule.
Here's to those who choose to be warriors
And their helpers good and true;
They're fighting for American values;
They're fighting for me and you.

By Joanna Fuchs

Maricopa County Veterans Court Contact Information

Catherine Soileau, Veteran's Court
Coordinator
soileauc@mail.maricopa.gov

Penny Miller, Veterans Justice
Outreach Specialist
Penny.Miller2@va.gov

Tiffany Grissom, MCAPD Supervisor
Veterans Court
tgrissom@apd.maricopa.gov



SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY

VETERANS COURT



Leave No Veteran Behind

Veterans Court hearings are
conducted every Thursday PM
before Commissioner Spencer

Mission Statement

The Maricopa County Superior Court Veteran's Court is an inter-agency, collaborative effort focused on Veterans in the criminal justice system. We are guided by the principles of accountability, compassion, evidence-based practices and deliberate justice. We promote these principles by working together to provide the necessary services to address the complex issues presented by the Veteran population, by providing a support system and adhering to a court process that addresses recovery, resiliency and rehabilitation.



What is Veterans Court?

The Superior Court Veterans Court was founded in 2011 in order to address the growing number of veterans involved in the criminal justice system. This court is a "problem-solving" court, which uses a collaborative approach to criminal justice proceedings. The Court works in conjunction with the County Attorney Office, defense counsel, RBHA, Veteran Mentors, and the Veterans Administration to give each participant the best chance of getting back on track as a healthy, productive Veteran and citizen.

Veterans Court is

- An opportunity for Veteran Offenders to work with the VA, Court, and probation to obtain resources in order to complete probation successfully.
- An opportunity for warrant status offenders to become compliant.
- Staffing/calendar will include representatives from the following groups:
 - Probation
 - Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care
 - Veteran Affairs
 - Arizona Department of Veteran Services
 - Public Defender

Goals of Veterans Court:

- Early identification of Veterans in the justice system.
- Provide one integrated Veterans Court to address Veteran issues in the justice system.
- Establish a collaboration of City, County, State, Federal and Community Stakeholders to foster effective sharing of information and collaborative decision-making.
- Reduce Veteran recidivism and increase the number of Veterans receiving access to services.
- Strengthen our Community by engaging Veterans in services.
- Assist Veterans/Probationers to successfully complete probation.



U.S. VETS PHOENIX

Programs and Services Provided:

- Veterans in Progress (VIP)
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
- Affordable Housing
 - Grand Veterans Village
 - Victory Place
- Permanent Housing
- Workforce
- Outreach
- Transition in Place (TIP) Program

For any questions, assistance or referrals

Please Contact U.S. VETS at
602.427.0404

or contact our Outreach team at:

602.757.9723
602.717.0206
602.292.6278

Mission:

The successful transition of military veterans and their families through the provision of housing, counseling, career development and comprehensive support.

U.S. VETS Offers:

- Housing Options
- Employment Assistance
- Intensive Case Management
- Sobriety Support
- Safe, Clean and Sober Living Environment
- Education and Training
- Referrals to VA Health Care
- Transportation Assistance
- Life Skills
- Outreach Services
- Counseling



Serving Those Who Served



804 E. Jones Ave Phoenix, AZ 85040
Victory Place



3400 NW Grand Ave Phoenix, AZ 85017
Grand Veterans Village

U.S. VETS Phoenix
804 E. Jones Ave Phoenix, AZ 85040

VIP is a 70 bed, four phase program designed to assist veterans (male and female) who are homeless, in moving to self-sufficiency through employment.

On-site residents are provided with intensive case management focusing on employment, life skills, sobriety maintenance and relapse prevention.

Phase I - On-site community service and workstations including readiness and sobriety support.

Phase II - Actively looking for work and/or working.

Phase III - Working and budgeting money for their own independent housing.

Phase IV - Permanent housing and successful transition from the facility.

Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF)

SSVF can help prevent veteran homelessness or facilitate rapid re-housing of homeless veteran. "Veteran Families" must be a veteran that is living in the household.

SSVF assists veteran households by maintaining housing stability through; Case Management, rental assistance, utility assistance, childcare, moving expense, transportation, security deposit and emergency supplies.

The Transition in Place (TIP) program allows veterans the opportunity to work towards independence and housing permanency while staying in their own apartment.

Case management and supportive services will be provided to the veteran in their apartment, as well as rent, until the veteran is capable and ready to assume the lease of the apartment on their own.

Located at Grand Veterans Village, U.S. VETS has 24 units within the Permanent Housing Program.

This program offers supportive services and rental assistance to disabled, homeless veterans to empower them to live as independently as possible in a permanent, veteran friendly community setting.



Grand Veterans Village

U.S.VETS Phoenix has recently started leasing veteran specific, affordable housing units located in Central Phoenix. Grand Veterans



Village offers 130 single units, reducing the number of veterans at risk of homelessness in the Metropolitan area.

With units starting at \$450.00 a month, U.S. VETS is focused on providing an affordable solution for veterans in need. On-site staff and case management are available if needed, with additional services being provided by U.S. VETS, such as counseling, and monthly events.

Victory Place



Victory Place is the home of VIP located in South Phoenix.

Workforce

The U.S. VETS Career Center provides assistance for veterans returning to employment. Structured employment activities include resume and job development, education and training referrals, computer and Internet access training, and skills testing.

Outreach

The outreach team makes direct contact with veterans and provides resources and referral services valleywide. Outreach is the first contact veterans have in proceeding forward into the U.S. VETS facilities.





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YOUR DONATIONS HELP VETERANS IN ARIZONA

U.S.VETS, Phoenix, 804 E. Jones Ave., 602-305-8585

U.S.VETS, Grand Veterans Village, 3400 NW Grand Ave., Phoenix, 602-264-9164

U.S.VETS, Transition in Place Program, 1110 N. 16th St., Phoenix, 602-677-5902

U.S.VETS, SSVF Program, 3507 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, 602-266-4673

U.S.VETS is a 501c3 non-profit organization and welcomes support & tax-deductible donations.

Phoenix Quick Reference Guide for Services for The Homeless

Community Info and Referral
CONTACTS (Community Network for
Accessing Shelter)
602-263-8900 or 1-800-799-7729

Information and Crisis Lines

Arizona Suicide Prevention
480-784-1500

Maricopa Crisis Line
602-222-9444

Runaway Hotline (12-20 Years)
1-800-621-4000

Social Security
1-800-772-1213

City of Phoenix Bus Transit
602-253-3000

National STD and AIDS Hotline
1-800-CDC-INFO
1-800-232-4636

Alcoholics Anonymous
602-264-1341

Crisis Nursery (Under 9 Years Old)
602-273-7363

Tumbleweed (12-17 Years)
602-841-5799

Emergency Shelters

Central Arizona Shelter Services
1209 W. Madison
602-256-8945

Phoenix Rescue Mission (Men)
1801 S. 35th Ave
602-233-3000

The Salvation Army (Families)
2707 E. Van Buren
602-267-4130

Tumbleweed – Open Hands
(9-17 Years)
4828 N. 37th Ave
602-841-5799

Vista Colina (Families)
1050 W. Mountain View
602-944-0960

La Mesita (Families)
2254 W. Main, Mesa
480-834-8723

Twelfth Avenue Retreat (Men)
1236 S. 12th Ave
602-253-4745

Respite Shelter for Men
(Leaving Hospital)
7000 N. Central
602-870-4353

Church on the Street (Men)
4006 W. Van Buren
602-447-0259

Gift of Mary (Night Shelter)
1406 S. 17th Ave
602-254-8424

U.M.O.M
3320 E. Van Buren
602-275-4533

Domestic Violence

Autumn House – Mesa
480-835-5555

Pre-Hab of Arizona Mesa
480-869-4024

New Life – Goodyear
623-832-4404

Faith House – Glendale
623-839-6788

De Colores – Phoenix
602-268-1515

Domestic Violence

My Sisters Place
Chandler
480-621-1024

Chrysalis – Phoenix
602-944-4999

Sojourner Center – Phoenix
602-244-0089

Transitional Shelters

Ozanam Manor / St. Vincent de Paul
(Elderly and Disabled)
1730 E. Monroe
602-850-6900

U.M.O.M (Families)
3320 E. Van Buren
602-275-4533

Andre House (Men and Women)
1002 W. Polk
602-252-9023

House of Refuge
(Men and Single Moms with Kids)
9835 N. 7th St
602-679-0223

Save the Family (Families)
450 W. 4th Pl #202, Mesa
480-898-0228

SW Behavior Health
(Seriously Mentally Ill and Veterans)
3490 N 3rd Ave
602-257-9339

Haven (Seriously Mentally Ill)
2313 W. Yuma
602-258-1542

Whole Life Foundation
(Families and Singles)
338 N. 15th Ave
602-256-2828

Native American Connection (18-24)
1244 E. McDowell
602-263-7773

The Bridge of Hope (Families)
5530 N. 17th Ave
602-589-5556

Homeward Bound (Families)
2302 W. Collier
602-263-7854

Labor's Community Service Agency
5818 N. 7th St, Ste 100 (Families)
602-263-6741

Sun Dance Lodge
(Women and Children)
1825 W. Northern
602-870-0378

Phoenix Rescue Mission (Men)
1801 S. 35th Ave
602-233-3000

Representative Payee Program

Advocates for the Disabled
4520 N. Central, Ste 575
602-212-2800

Project Home
510 W. Adams
602-252-3538

Maricopa County Public Fiduciary
222 N. Central
602-606-6804

Men's

St. Vincent de Paul
420 W. Watkins Rd
602-266-4873

Phoenix Rescue Mission
(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)
1801 S. 35th Ave
602-233-3000

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Andre House (Dinner)
213 S. 11th Ave
602-255-0580

Church on the Street
802 E. McKinley
602-254-8302

Detoxification

Community Bridges
2770 E. Van Buren, 602-273-9899 and
554 S. Bellview, Mesa, 480-962-7711

Chemical Dependency Treatment

Ebony House (Men)
6222 S. 13th St
602-276-4288

Drug and Alcohol Info Center
602-285-106

Native American Connection
650 N 2nd Ave
602-254-3247

National Council Alcoholism
and Drug Addiction
602-284-6214

The Salvation Army
13 E Pima
602-258-4520

Veteran's Hospital / Medical Center
650 E Indian School
602-277-5551 ext 7840

Phoenix Rescue Mission (Men)
1801 S. 35th Ave, 602-233-3000

Adopt a Family

Lutheran Social Ministries of SW
602-964-4543

Showers

Andre House
213 S. 11th Ave
602-252-9023

St. Vincent de Paul
420 W. Watkins Rd
602-288-4673

Home Base Drop In Center (18-24)
931 E. Devonshire
602-254-7777

Phoenix Rescue Mission Drop In Center
1801 S. 35th Ave,
602-233-3000

Transportation

Transient Aid Center
420 W Watkins
602-261-8852

Incarcerated and / or Ex-Offenders

Church on the Street
4006 W. Van Buren
602-447-0259

Ministry to the Incarcerated
420 W. Watkins
602-594-6636

AWEE
602-223-4333

AZ Common Ground
2406 S 24th St, E-100
602-914-8000

Clothes

Inferfaith Cooperative Ministries
501 S 9th Ave
602-254-7450

Andre House
213 S 11th Ave
602-252-9023

St. Vincent de Paul
420 W. Watkins
602-261-8853

Phoenix Rescue Mission
1801 S 35th Ave
602-233-2647

Children's Programs

Crisis Nursery
2334 E. Polk
602-273-7363

East Valley Child Crisis Center
604 W. 6th St
Mesa, AZ
480-989-2308

Child Protective Services
1-866-767-2445

Thomas J. Pappas Regional Ed. Ctr.
355 N. 5th Ave
602-452-4750

Education/Training / Jobs

Phoenix Indian Training
2601 N 3rd St, #211
602-264-7086

St. Vincent de Paul -
Opportunity Program
420 W. Watkins, 602-261-6856

Phoenix Rescue Mission Dial-A-Worker
1801 S 35th Ave, 602-233-3000

St. Joseph the Worker
213 S 11th Ave
602-393-8930

AZ DES Jobs Program
4622 W. Indian School Road, D-7
623-245-9545

Phoenix Workforce Connection
9601 N. 7th St, 602-861-0206 and
3406 N 51st Ave, 623-245-6200

Arizona Job Connection
4856 S. Central
602-276-5587

Arizona O.J.C
39 E. Jackson
602-254-5611

Phoenix Urban League
1402 S. 7th Ave
602-254-5611

AWEE
914 W Hatcher, 602-371-1216 and
604 N. 1st Ave, 602-223-4333

Maricopa Skill Center
1245 E. Buckeye
602-238-4300

Medical

CASS
Maricopa County Homeless Clinic
230 S. 12th Ave
602-256-6945

Veterans' Hospital
650 E Indian School
602-277-5551

Indian Medical Center
4212 N. 16th St
602-283-1200

And more...

Ecumenical Chaplaincy for the
Homeless
602-716-0436

Community Voice Mail
(Information and Referrals)
602-263-8845 ext 108



July 1, 2015

Healthcare for Homeless Veterans will be in a new location



Community Resource & Referral Center (CRRC)
"One Stop Shop" for Homeless Veteran Services
1500 East Thomas Road, Suite 106
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Phone: (602) 248-6040 (602) 568-7843

Hours: Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

584 feet from the bus stop and 2.2 miles south of the Main VA Hospital

Service

Service provided by

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| Daily SHUTTLE (Roundtrip to/from the VA & CRRC) | CRRC Team & VA Voluntary Services |
| Daily Eligibility Verification & Registration | Medical Support Assistant & Eligibility |
| Daily Clothing & Hygiene Program | Limited in-kind benefits |
| Daily Outreach & Assessment for all Healthcare and Housing Needs | CRRC Social Workers |
| Daily Peer Support | CRRC Peer Support Specialists |
| Daily Employment Services | CRRC & Community Employment Specialists |
| Daily Medical Care | Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team |
| Daily Substance Abuse Services | CRRC Addiction Therapist |
| Every Monday & THURSDAY 8a-Noon | HUD-VASH Information & Referral |
| Every WEDNESDAY 9a-4p | VA Regional Office |
| National 24/7 Call Center for Homeless Veterans | 1-877-424-3838 |



East Valley Men's Center Fact Sheet

WHAT: A New Leaf's East Valley Men's Center has 94-beds, 76 for shelter and 18 for transitional living. The program provides comprehensive services and personalized strategies for each resident. Many of the men face challenges because of life changing events, past substance abuse, criminal involvement or simply a long life on the streets.

WHO: Residents are screened before enrollment and asked to be candid about the problems that resulted in their homelessness. Staff provides a supportive and structured environment to assure safety and respect. Residents are required to pursue employment and to save a majority of their income.

HOW: EVMC's goal for the men is to re-integrate into the community with safe and stable housing and the tools to maintain self-sufficiency. Case Managers work individually with clients to set personal goals and address barriers that inhibit one from becoming a productive and contributing members of society. The Center provides life skills training, work assistance, socialization skills, Rapid Re-Housing efforts, food, basic needs and shelter. A multitude of collaborative partners provide additional services including financial education and medical services while dedicated volunteers cook dinner nightly.

OBJECTIVES:

- Increase residents' skills and income
- Have residents achieve greater self-determination
- Have residents obtain and remain permanently housed

WHEN: EVMC opened in December 1998 and merged with A New Leaf in November 2006. A New Leaf's EVMC is funded by State, Federal and local East Valley City Governments, Mesa United Way, Valley of the Sun United Way and a variety of charitable organizations. EVMC also receives support through fundraising, donations and volunteer services.

WHERE: 2345 N. Country Club Drive, Mesa, AZ 85201

CONTACTS: ~~Crystal Young~~ *hand attached* Mark Dobay
Program Supervisor Manager Director, Homeless Shelter Services
(480) 610-6722 x3303 (480) 221-6198

Crystal Young
~~crystal@turnanewleaf.org~~ *turnanewleaf.org*
~~mdobay@turnanewleaf.org~~ *mdobay@turnanewleaf.org*

For more information regarding how you can help this program through volunteering or donating, or to take a tour, contact the Philanthropy Office (480) 484-4648.

*****Please note that children under 18 years of age are *not* allowed on site.*****

A New Leaf: Helping Families... Changing Lives through Homeless & Domestic Violence Shelters, Behavioral Health & Community Programs.
Employment Opportunities: Human Resources (480) 464-7466, apply online.
Call (480) 969-4024 for reasonable accommodation on information and services.
Hearing impaired call TTY (800) 367-8939.

www.TurnanewLeaf.org



THE AMERICAN LEGION
AMERICANISM AND CHILDREN & YOUTH

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for Temporary Financial Assistance is limited to minor children of veterans. The parent must have served at least one day of active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during one the following periods:

December 7, 1941 — December 31, 1946

June 25, 1950 — January 31, 1955

February 28, 1961 — May 7, 1975

August 24, 1982 — July 31, 1984

December 20, 1989 — January 31, 1990

August 2, 1990 — Cessation of hostilities as determined by the U.S. Government.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION IS NOT REQUIRED.

Minor children include any unmarried child, stepchild, and adopted child 17 years or younger. Children 18 - 20 years old will be considered if a current disability requires special schooling or indefinite in-home care, or they are enrolled in an approved high school.

No child is considered eligible for TFA until a complete investigation is conducted, a legitimate family need is determined, and all other available resources have been utilized or exhausted.

TFA applications must originate and be investigated at the local level. When all other possible resources have been exhausted, contact your local American Legion Post, Department Headquarters, and/or Department Children & Youth Chairman.

The American Legion Endowment Fund

Funds for the operation of the TFA program are provided from a share of the earnings of The American Legion Endowment Fund.

In 1925, World War I had been over for six years, but for veterans and their widows and children, the years had been a continuing struggle to adjust to the war's aftermath. The members of The American Legion, aware of the grave responsibility entrusted to them by those who had served, knew the time had come to take action.

More than 900,000 Legionnaires, American Legion Auxiliary members, and other American citizens joined the campaign, raising nearly \$5 million and establishing The American Legion Endowment Fund.

Since those early days, over \$29 million has been distributed to disabled veterans and children of those who served our great nation and made the ultimate sacrifice.

To help us continue this proud tradition of service with a tax-deductible contribution, or to request more information about The American Legion Endowment Fund, contact:

The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation
c/o The American Legion National Headquarters
P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206



www.legion.org



TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

*Helping children
since 1925*



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TFA Temporary Financial Assistance

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH



Since 1919, The American Legion has remained committed to the health and welfare of our nation's veterans and families. Born out of this desire to serve, the National Commission on Children & Youth established a form of direct aid to veterans' children in 1925—Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA). This landmark program continues to be unique in the field of social work today.



Through TFA, a Post can call upon the National Organization for cash assistance to help maintain the basic needs of veterans' children. Non-repayable grants are awarded to eligible families over a temporary period when it is determined that a child is in need and all other available resources have been exhausted.



How TFA Helps Children

TFA is specifically designed to assist minor children of eligible veterans through cash grants. In order to maintain a stable home environment for the child or children, grants are awarded to help families meet the costs of shelter, utilities, food, and medical expenses.

Maintenance Grants

Maintenance grants may be used to assist with the basic need expenses such as:

- Shelter
- Utilities
- Food
- Clothing

Maintenance grants can not be awarded for previously incurred debt, except to:

1. Prevent disconnection of utilities
2. Prevent eviction or foreclosure.

Medical Grants

Medical grants for a child may be used to assist with healthcare expenses such as:

- Medical Care
- Dental Care
- Surgery
- Hospitalization
- Medications
- Dietary Needs

Medical grants require a written statement from a physician outlining the problem, treatment, and estimated costs. This type of grant must be approved before services are rendered. Medical grants can not be awarded for previous medical expenses or care.

Application Process

All TFA applications originate at the local or Post level. A local investigator personally visits with the family to determine the needs of the children. A completed application, with supporting documents and proof of military service, is forwarded to the Department Children & Youth Chairman or Department Adjutant. The designated Department representative reviews each case, makes a recommendation, and forwards the approved application to the National Headquarters.

The Americanism and Children & Youth Division reviews all approved cases, and forwards a recommendation to the National Adjutant. Upon approval by the National Adjutant, a check is drawn and forwarded to the Department Adjutant for delivery to the Post or family. In most cases, checks will be two-party checks payable to the veteran and creditor.

Temporary Financial Assistance is a program of:

The American Legion

National Commission on Children & Youth
P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206
(317) 623-1323

TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (TFA) INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

1. Prior to completing an investigation and application, determine if the minor child is eligible for TFA. The minor child must not be older than 17, or 20 if enrolled in high school or physically handicapped, and be the biological child of an eligible veteran or be in the legal custody of an eligible veteran. An eligible veteran has served honorably and at least one day of active duty during the eligibility period. Active duty must be Federal active duty (Title 10).

Eligible Periods

World War II December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946
Korean War June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955
Vietnam War February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975
Lebanon & Grenada August 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984
Panama December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990
Persian Gulf August 2, 1990 - Present

If the veteran does not have active service within these dates, the child will not be eligible. There are no exceptions.

2. Once you have determined that the minor child(ren) is eligible, make an appointment with the family at their residence to complete the application if possible. Secure all requested documentation and provide all requested information. Your report must include a detailed description of the family's financial need, steps taken to alleviate the situation, and follow-up plans of the Post and/or Investigator.

3. TFA is strictly for the basic needs of minor children including shelter, utilities, food, clothing, and medical. Medical grants must be approved prior to treatment and must be accompanied by a physician's statement and estimated costs.

TFA will not pay for: Cable, Consumer Debt, Internet Services, Insurance, Taxes, Transportation, Previous Debt, or any expense that does not contribute to the active basic needs of minor children.

4. The following documents must accompany the TFA application:

- DD214, VA statement of service, military orders, or other official proof of active duty discharge type
- Birth certificates of children
- Marriage license
- Custody documentation and legal name changes
- All current statements, bills, leases, foreclosures, eviction notices, disconnection notices to be considered. Expenses not documented will not be considered.

5. Ensure all sections of the application are complete and the appropriate signatures are obtained. Incomplete applications may result in delays or denial.

6. TFA recipients may not reapply until 30 days from the issue date of the last check. All previous recipients require a new completed application to include current statements and expenses to be considered.

7. Applications must be sent to your Department Children & Youth Chairman or Headquarters for approval. All applications sent directly to National Headquarters will be returned to the appropriate Department without review or action.

Before sending a TFA application to the Department C&Y Chairman or Department Headquarters, did you:

- Determine that the child or children are eligible for TFA?
- Complete all sections of the application and attach all required documents?
- Obtain all required signatures?
- Conduct a complete investigation and ensure that all other forms of assistance have been exhausted?
- Make a copy for your records in case of lost or destroyed applications?

All communication about submitted applications should be directed to the Department Children & Youth Chairman or Department Headquarters. To protect the privacy of applicants, National Headquarters will not release any information other than to the Department.