

COVID-19 Financial Assistance for Veterans

On March 26, 2020, the Minnesota State Legislature voted to fund a special appropriation to assist Veterans who may be financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 Specific Programs have been activated specifically in response to mitigate the economic effects COVID-19 is having on our Veterans and their families. These programs can close at any time without notice due to the exhaustion of approved funding. All of the grants are awarded on a first come, first serve basis, and the amount of grants awarded is limited to the length of existing funding.

COVID-19 Disaster Relief Grant:

The purpose of the COVID-19 Disaster Relief Grant is to mitigate the negative effects and economic impact COVID-19 has had on Veterans and their families by providing a one-time financial relief grant in the amount of \$1,000.

Application for the disaster relief grant must be dated no earlier than March 13, 2020. A closing date for the disaster relief grant has yet to be determined and will depend on the length of the peacetime emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Minnesota and the availability of funding.

To qualify for this grant, applicants must be:

1. A veteran or surviving spouse (who has not remarried) of a deceased veteran as defined by [MN Statute 197.447](#), and
2. A Minnesota resident, and
3. Have been negatively financial impacted by COVID-19.

**Note: Two veterans married to each other are both authorized to apply for and receive the disaster relief grant.*

Application Resources:

[Program Overview Document](#)

[COVID-19 Disaster Relief Application](#)

[Application Portal](#) (Note: the application portal is NOT currently compatible with Internet Explorer)

Visit Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs [Disaster Relief Grant page](#) for more details and application information.

COVID-19 Special Needs Grant:

The purpose of the COVID-19 Special Needs Grant is to provide one-time financial assistance to a Veteran or surviving spouse who needs assistance due to a COVID-19 related event. Any funding awarded from this grant would go directly to a vendor or creditor of the applicant or an applicant's family member.

Application for the COVID-19 Special Needs Grant must be dated no earlier than March 13, 2020. A closing date for the COVID-19 Special Needs Grant is subject to the length of the

peacetime emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Minnesota, and the funding available.

To qualify for the COVID-19 Special Needs Grant, applicants must be:

1. A veteran or surviving spouse (who has not remarried) of a deceased veteran as defined by [MN Statute 197.447](#), and
2. A Minnesota resident, and
3. Have been negatively financial impacted by COVID-19.

*Note: Two veterans married to each other are only authorized ONE COVID-19 Special Needs Grant.

Items Covered by COVID-19 Special Needs Grant

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utility Bills• Auto Insurance• Rent/Mortgage/
Contract for Deed | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Security Deposits• Medical Bills• Auto Loan Payments | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Auto Repairs• Furnace/AC Unit• Home Repairs
(related to habitability) |
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Application Resources:

[COVID-19 Special Needs Grant Overview Document](#)

You MUST apply through your County Veterans Service Officer for the COVID-19 Special Needs Grant.