

Veteran Emergency Funds Guidelines

PURPOSE: To provide temporary financial assistance to Veterans who reside in Kanabec County when an unforeseen emergency occurs disrupting their orderly method of living and funds available from constituted sources such as private resources (income, savings, loans, etc) regular relief funds or other benefits which are not sufficient for the immediate needs of the veteran. The emergency deemed to exist must include the following factors:

Circumstances exist requiring immediate expenditure of funds for food, shelter, fuel, utilities, aid, care which are not available through constituted sources.

Veteran resources are insufficient to meet the need without jeopardizing his/her future security.

ELGIBILITY:

- Was discharged under honorable conditions after a period of active duty as evidenced by DD214 or other official documentation
- Resident of Kanabec County as evidenced by MN State issued ID.

CRITERIA:

- Veteran is temporarily unable to provide the necessities of living and has a direct and immediate need for assistance. The assistance must be essential and not for the relief of an inconvenience, or purchase of good or services other than necessities of living and
- caused by temporary loss of income, assets or support due to sickness, disability, unemployment, natural or manmade disaster or other cause beyond the control of, and not as a result of misconduct by the applicant or
- caused by a temporary increase in costs or expenses beyond the control of and not as a result of misconduct by the applicant resulting in insufficient funds to pay for necessities of living
- Applicants must show that other funds or resources are not available to address the need for temporary assistance
- They demonstrate a clear and present immediate need for temporary assistance in order to provide themselves and their families with shelter and the necessities of living.
- Aid will not be granted to a veteran whose emergency is caused by violation of law or misconduct
- Voluntary unemployment or refusal to work does not constitute an emergency

PAYMENTS:

- If eligible a veteran can qualify for an amount not to exceed \$500 in a twelve month period
- Payments for utilities, mortgage, rent, etc will be paid directly to the service company

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

- DD214 - Report of Separation
- MN State Issued ID or Driver's License
- Proof of loss of employment, termination notice
- Proof of lack of income, including unemployment pay
- Proof of expenses (Monthly Expense Report)
- Billings for current mortgage, rent, and utility payments

DENIED APPLICATIONS:

- Each denial will be made in writing to the veteran explaining the decision
- Veteran has 10 business days (date of mailing) to petition the committee
- Veteran must meet with committee at a time/date established by committee to provide written or oral testimony to support his/her claim
- If denial is continued it will be the final decision, no further appeal process

Kanabec County Veteran Emergency Assistance

Veteran Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Social Security #: _____

What is the emergency need: _____

How long has this been an issue? _____

What are the specific costs of the emergency? Provide documentation: _____

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to a grant of emergency assistance, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in no further program assistance for my family or me. I understand that this request and supporting documentation will be forwarded to the Veteran Emergency Assistance committee for consideration. Emergency assistance is issued upon the approval of the committee within the guidelines of the criteria.

I have reviewed the assistance criteria and will use the financial assistance to provide for my immediate needs as described in the application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Supporting Document(s) Checklist:

- MN State Issued ID or MN DL
- DD214
- Documentation for agencies to be paid (gas bill, utilities, etc)

I have reviewed the supporting documents listed above and submit them to the committee for consideration.

Printed Name/Title

Signature