

Purpose of the Fund

The Veterans' Assistance Fund provides eligible veterans and their families and eligible deceased veterans and their families assistance with the following:

Types of Assistance Provided

- Past Due Rent or Mortgage
- Power, Water & Garbage
- Food Vouchers
- Bus Passes
- Clothing Vouchers
- Laundry Vouchers
- Burial

Contracted Services:

- Homeless shelter services at two local shelters.
- Incarcerated Veterans Reentry Services Program at the Thurston County Corrections Facility.

Resources

US Department of Veterans Affairs
1-800-827-1000

Puget Sound Health Care System
American Lake & Seattle ~ 1-800-329-8387

American Lake & Seattle VA Hospital
DAV Van Transport ~ 1-800-329-8387 *71343

Additional Resources

Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs
1102 Quince St SE, Olympia, WA
1-800-562-2308 ~ 360-725-2200

WorkSource—Local Veterans' Employment Representative
360-570-4258

Puget Sound Health Care System
Homeless Veteran Clinics 253-583-1739

Drexel House
360-753-3340

Puget Sound Energy
888-225-5773

The Salvation Army
360-352-8596

Thurston County Housing Authority
360-753-8292

Union Gospel Mission
360-709-9725

DD Form 214 Application:
<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs>

2-1-1 Western Counties Call Center - information and referral specialists.



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VETERANS' ASSISTANCE FUND

Provides eligible veterans and family members assistance with basic needs such as rent, utilities, bus passes, food and burial.

Telephone: 360-867-2625

Fax: 360-867-2601



Telecommunications Device for the Deaf available through the County's TDD line at (360) 867-2603

The Veterans' Assistance Fund may be able to help you.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicant must meet each of the following criteria:

- Meet the definition of veteran as defined by law including but not limited to honorably discharged, actively serving honorably, discharged for medical reasons with an honorable record, or a current member of the national guard or armed forces reserves who has been deployed to serve.
- Resident of Washington State for at least six months immediately prior to application.
- Resident of Thurston County for at least 31 days immediately prior to application.
- Income eligible.
- Able to provide documentation proving eligibility including verification of need.

Here's How to Apply:

Call the Veterans' Assistance Fund to schedule an appointment and discuss what documents to bring to your intake appointment.

**Veterans' Assistance Fund
at Public Health & Social Services**

412 Lilly Road NE

Olympia, WA 98506-5132

Phone: 360-867-2625

**By Appointment Only
Appointments Scheduled
Tuesday & Thursday 9 am to Noon**

Representatives of veterans' service organizations available to answer your questions.

Examples of Documentation Needed to Prove Eligibility:

Bring in one document from each category unless otherwise stated.

VETERAN

- A. DD214
- B. NGB 22
- C. Discharge Orders & Certificate

WASHINGTON STATE RESIDENT-DOCUMENT DATED OVER 6 MO. AGO

- A. Washington State driver's license or identification.
- B. Utilized Veterans' Assistance Fund prior year.
- C. Mail from an official government source.
- D. Homeless shelter verification.

THURSTON COUNTY RESIDENT—DOCUMENT DATED OVER 31 DAYS AGO

- A. Washington State driver's license or identification.
- B. Utility or other bill.
- C. Mail from an official government source.
- D. Homeless shelter verification.

FAMILY SIZE-BRING ALL THAT APPLY

- A. Spouse or Domestic Partner-license or certificate.
- B. Dependent children of veteran, under 18 years of age—birth certificates.
- C. Surviving Spouse or Surviving Domestic Partner-license or certificate & death certificate.

INCOME-BRING ALL THAT APPLY

- A. Pay stubs from last 31 days.
- B. Current year award letter from government programs.
- C. DSHS grant verification.
- D. Unemployment record.
- E. Any other sources of funds coming into the household.

VERIFICATION OF NEED

- A. Rental Assistance-Lease.
- B. Utilities-bill owing in applicant's name.