

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The Veterans Assistance Fund provides eligible veterans and deceased veterans and their families assistance with services and resources.



TYPES OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

The Veterans Assistance Fund provides services:

- Past due rent or mortgage
- Power, water and garbage
- Food vouchers
- Bus passes
- Clothing vouchers
- Laundry vouchers
- Eye care
- Referral services
- Burial or cremation services

CONTRACTED SERVICES

- Homeless shelter services at 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
Homeless Care Line 253-583-2825
American Lake 1-800-329-8387

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

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

WorkSource – Local Veterans’ Employment Representative
360-570-4258

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
www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

2-1-1 Western Counties Call Center
Information and referral specialists



Thurston County Public Health & Social Services
360-867-2500
1-800-658-6384
www.co.thurston.wa.us/health

To request this brochure in an alternative format, please contact the Veterans Assistance Fund at 360-867-2625.



HELPING VETS WITH BASICS



Thurston County
VETERANS
Assistance Fund

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



THE THURSTON COUNTY 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
- Low Income
- Able to provide documentation proving eligibility including verification of need

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[www.co.thurston.wa.us/
health/personalhealth/veterans](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/personalhealth/veterans)

Telephone 360-867-2625 • TDD Line 360-867-2603

EXAMPLES OF DOCUMENTATION NEEDED TO PROVE ELIGIBILITY:

Bring one document from each category below unless otherwise stated.

VETERAN

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

WASHINGTON STATE RESIDENT Document Dated Over 6 Months 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 and 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

HOW TO APPLY

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

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Appointments are normally scheduled for Monday-Friday, 8am to noon at:

Thurston County Public Health & Social Services
412 Lilly Road NE • Olympia WA 98506-5132
360-867-2625 • Fax 360-867-2601