

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

- Past due rent or mortgage
- First month's rent
- Non-refundable deposits
- Daily bus passes
- Limited food assistance
- Limited utility assistance
- Resource referral
- Burial or cremation services

Resource & Referral

- **Veterans' Resource Guide**
<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ssveteran/PDF/VeteransResourceDirectory2014.pdf>
- **Referral for energy assistance**
- **Referral for shelter services**

Thurston County hereby reaffirms its policy to provide equal opportunity to all persons seeking or having access to its employment, services, and activities; free from restrictions because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, or the presence of any disability unless such disability effectively prevents the performance of the essential functions required of the position.

Resources

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

DAV Volunteer Transportation Network
American Lake and Seattle VA Hospital Van Transport
253-583-1343

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

DD Form 214 Application
www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

Puget Sound Health Care System
Homeless Care Line 253-583-2825
American Lake 1-800-329-8387

Puget Sound Energy ~ 888-225-5773

The Salvation Army ~ 360-352-8596

Union Gospel Mission ~ 360-709-9725

Drexel House ~ 360-753-3340

Thurston County Housing Authority
360-753-8292

Thurston County Veterans Assistance Fund
360-867-2625

WorkSource – Local Veterans' Employment Representative ~ 360-570-4258

2-1-1 Call Center
Information and referral specialists



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

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*Providing eligible veterans
and family members
assistance with housing
services including rent,
mortgage and shelter.*

Struggling to keep a roof over your head?

**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 having received an honorable discharge or a general under honorable characterization of service for a medical reason.
- 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

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

Household 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

Appointments are scheduled for:

Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays/Fridays

9am – 12pm

Thurston County Public Health & Social Services

412 Lilly Road NE, Olympia, WA 98506

OR

Mondays Only

Homeless Veterans Option Group 1pm – 2pm

By Appointment 2pm – 3pm

Lacey Veterans Services Office

4232 6th Ave SE Suite 202

Lacey, WA 98503

HOW TO APPLY

For additional information or to apply for the Veterans Assistance Fund, please contact us to schedule an appointment and find out what documents you need to bring.

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www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ssveteran/index.html