



MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND

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HELPING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES REGAIN THEIR FINANCIAL FOOTING SINCE 1946

Through its Emergency Grant Program, the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTF) has approved more than 650,000 applications for emergency assistance and distributed more than \$130 million to eligible veterans and their dependents who were in financial crisis related to mortgage or rent, emergency home and auto repairs, property taxes and utility bills.

In addition to providing emergency financial assistance, the MVTF has collaborated with community partners including GreenPath Financial Wellness to provide financial education and debt management programs for veterans. These and other programs help to establish Michigan as the place where veterans choose to live, raise a family, work and retire.



Visit Michigan.gov/MVTF to learn more about the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Through its **Emergency Grant Program**, the MVTF assists wartime-era veterans (and peacetime veterans that have earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal) that are experiencing unforeseen financial hardship. Peacetime-era veterans that are 65 and older should inquire about the **65+ Peacetime Program** that offers similar emergency assistance.

These emergency assistance programs are discretionary, but policy defines emergent need as “an unforeseen circumstance causing a temporary financial emergency or hardship that a grant will resolve. The key factor in determining whether or not a grant is approved is the ability of the applicant to manage the obligation for which aid is requested after a grant is made.”

LOCAL VETERAN COMMITTEES

Applications are typically taken through the individual county veterans affairs offices, though veterans in certain counties may apply by contacting **1-800-MICH-VET** (1-800-642-4838). Completed applications will be submitted to local county or district committees of eligible veterans appointed by the MVTF Board of Trustees. **Please see reverse for application instructions.**

1-800-MICH-VET (1-800-642-4838)
Michigan.gov/MVAA

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APPLYING FOR THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND'S EMERGENCY GRANT PROGRAM

If you are eligible, the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund may be able to help you when an unforeseen situation has caused a temporary financial emergency or hardship that a grant would resolve. You must be able to show that you can meet future expenses after a grant has been provided.

Eligibility

- Honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions
- 180 days of active duty service during a period of war or 180 days of active duty with award of Armed Forces/Navy/Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
- A minimum of one day of wartime service with separation due to mental/physical disability incurred in the line of duty
- Dependents can apply if veteran is eligible under certain circumstances

How to Apply

- Veterans may contact the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency at **1-800-MICH-VET** (1-800-642-4838) to learn where they can apply in their county
- Call and make an appointment and ensure you bring all required documents and information to complete the application

What to Bring to Complete your Application

- Discharge papers, separation report or DD-214 (Member Copy 4 showing the dates of active duty and the character of discharge)
Note: To request a copy of your DD-214, contact the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency at **1-800-MICH-VET** (1-800-642-4838).
- Proof of residence (driver's license, voter registration, state ID)
- Bills or account statements regarding the items for which you are seeking a MVTF grant, plus copies of all monthly bills
- Proof of employment or other income
- Documentation of any VA disability rating
- Marriage certificate and/or birth certificates of minor children, if applicable
- Death certificate of a deceased spouse or parent, if applicable



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MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY

The **Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency** (MVAA) is the central coordinating agency for Michigan veterans and their families, providing support, care, advocacy and service. Veterans can call the MVAA at **1-800-MICH-VET** (1-800-642-4838) or visit **Michigan.gov/MVAA** to get information, resources and support as they transition through each chapter of their lives. As a state agency, all MVAA services are complimentary.

