



MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND

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The Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTF) has been helping veterans and their families regain their financial footing since 1946. In addition to providing emergency financial assistance through its Emergency Grant Program, the MVTF has collaborated with community partners including GreenPath Financial Wellness to provide financial education and debt management programs for veterans, and with Consumers Energy, which recently donated \$200,000 to the MVTF to assist veterans and their dependents with utility bills. These programs and more help establish Michigan as the place where veterans choose to live, raise a family, work and retire.



EMERGENCY GRANT PROGRAM

The MVTF assists wartime-era veterans experiencing unforeseen financial hardship through its Emergency Grant Program. Eligibility also includes peacetime veterans who have earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. Public Act 9, passed in 1946, set aside \$50 million in a trust fund that allows the interest earned each year to meet “emergent needs” of eligible veterans.

The Emergency Grant Program is 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, which include representatives from chartered veteran service organizations.

If a county or district committee denies a grant, the applicant can appeal to the MVTF Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees also reviews grants recommended for approval that exceed \$3,500.

Please see reverse for application instructions.

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

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APPLYING FOR AN EMERGENCY GRANT FROM THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND

If you are eligible, the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund can 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 the grant.

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

MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY

The **Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency** (MVAA) is the central coordinating agency, providing support, care, advocacy and service to veterans and their families.

The **Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center** at **1-800-MICH-VET** (1-800-642-4838) and **Michigan.gov/MVAA** provide one-stop access for veterans and their families seeking information, resources and support as they transition through each chapter of their lives.



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