

# VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Help for veterans affected by COVID-19.



Have you served your country as a member of the US Armed Forces?

Have you experienced financial loss on or after March 13, 2020, Governor Walz's Emergency Executive Stay at Home Order?

If you are a veteran, as defined by Minnesota Statute 197.447, you may be eligible for special COVID-19 grants offered by the Minnesota Department of Veteran Services:

COVID-19 Disaster Relief Grant - a one time \$1,000 payment to veterans and families to help mitigate the negative effects and economic impact of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Special Needs Grant - a one time grant up to \$3,000 which can be used for a variety of expenses and is paid directly to the creditor or vendor.

## ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for these grants you must be:

- ✓ A veteran as defined by [Minnesota Statute 197.447](#) or surviving spouse who has not remarried.
- ✓ A Minnesota resident.
- ✓ Financially impacted by COVID-19.

## APPLY FOR THE GRANTS

Ramsey County Veterans Services is here to help you apply for these assistance grants. Call us Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at 651-266-2545.

Both of the grants require verifications. Please have them ready when you call.

- The Disaster Relief Grant requires the DD214 document, proof of Minnesota residency and documentation that you have been financially impacted by COVID-19.
- The Special Needs Grant requires the above documents, two months of most recent bank statements, documentation of reduction in income, documentation of how you have been financially impacted by COVID-19, documentation of your need (copy of lease, late rent notice, mortgage statement) and list of your monthly expenses.

## OTHER HELP AVAILABLE THROUGH RAMSEY COUNTY

If you are concerned about interruptions in your income and paying your bills, Ramsey County can help through Emergency Assistance (EA) and Emergency General Assistance (EGA). EA and EGA help with shelter, such as past due rent, a damage deposit, or to stop foreclosure. EA and EGA also help pay for utilities, when there is threat of disconnection. Utilities include electricity, heat, and water.

If you are not already receiving public assistance, apply for EA and EGA online at [applymn.dhs.mn.gov](https://applymn.dhs.mn.gov).