

Soldiers Relief Fund

Requirements for Soldiers Relief Fund Applications for Emergency Needs

*The Soldiers Relief Fund is intended to assist Veterans and their dependents who are facing **an emergent need** (an unforeseen circumstance causing a temporary financial emergency or hardship that a grant will resolve) The Lapeer County Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Affairs Committee oversees the Lapeer County Soldiers Relief Fund. The Veterans Affairs Committee reviews and decides applications to the Soldiers Relief Fund. The criteria for applying to the Lapeer County Soldiers Relief Fund are listed below:*

- ***Veteran must provide a copy of their DD-214***
- ***Veteran must be discharged under Honorable conditions, with at least 6 month of active service** (or separated as a result of a physical or mental disability incurred or aggravated by active duty).*
- ***Veteran must be a legal resident of Lapeer County for at least 6 months at the time of application.***
- ***There must be at least 6 months from the last approved application to the Soldier's Relief Fund.***
- ***Application must be completed and submitted before a Soldiers Relief Fund board meeting will be scheduled.***

All applications must include the following as indicated

- **Veterans DD-214**
- **Picture ID (indicating home address)**
- **Copy of marriage license (if applicable)**
- **Birth Certificates of minor children**
- **All household income for the past 30 days (if adult over 18 years of age lives in the household provide school ID for high school or college)**

For Assistance with the following the information must be provided as indicated.

Utilities:

Consumer Energy/DTE

- current bill
- If shut off has been received include notification

Water bill

- Include shut off notice

Fuel Oil, Wood or Propane

- Include estimate

Housing:

Rent (existing)

- Must have **ONE** of the following: Rent account statement, Notice to quit, or Demand for Possession

New Rental

- New rental must have rental agreement from landlord with move in cost.

Mortgage:

- Applicant must provide name of Mortgage Company of Land Contract Holder with contact information and account number
- Last mortgage statement

Taxes:

- Must have property tax statement from Lapeer County Treasurer's office. (notice of foreclosure due to non-payment)

Emergency Needs: (Hot water heater, stove, refrigerator, etc.)

- Must have two estimates.

Transportation:

Automobiles:

- Title or registration to vehicle
- Proof of current insurance on vehicle
- Statement from finance company confirming monthly payment amount, amount delinquent, due date.

Insurance:

- Title or registration of vehicle
- Proof of current insurance on the vehicle
- Statement from insurance company confirming monthly payment amount, amount that is delinquent and du date.

Repairs:

- Title or registration of vehicle
- Proof of current insurance on vehicle
- Two estimates if possible from licensed auto repair shop

Medical and Dental:

We encourage veterans to apply for VA Health Benefits to possibly receive assistance with obtaining hearing aids or glasses.

Dental:

- Two estimated from dentist if at all possible

***Soldiers Relief fund does not pay late fees on any request.**

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17. MOST RECENT EMPLOYER (Veteran)	FROM TO	MOST RECENT EMPLOYER (Spouse)	FROM TO		
18. HAS VETERAN RECEIVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST, IF SO LIST PROGRAM <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO _____		19. DATE	20. COUNTY		
21. Purpose for seeking grant. Items listed here are the only ones that will be considered by the committee.					
Type of assistance requested (Mortgage, Rent, Electric, etc.)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Amount Needed					
22. *Any person who shall knowingly, by fraudulent representations, obtain or allow to be obtained any payment or aid provided by Lapeer County shall be deemed guilty of a felony (if over \$100.00 – MCL 750.218) or a misdemeanor (if less than \$100.00 – MCL 35.609) and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of \$5,000 or 10 years imprisonment, or a fine of \$500.00 and/or imprisonment of 6 months, respectively, at the discretion of the court. (PA 9 of 1946, as amended)					
I certify that the above information is true and factual to the best of my knowledge, and I authorize the Lapeer County Veterans Affairs Committee or agent to receive, transmit, and verify any information reported on this entire application to include employment, income, and expenses (not all inclusive) reported.					
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT					Date

MONTHLY INCOME		MONTHLY EXPENSES		
TYPE		AMOUNT		
Wages (Veteran)		TYPE	MONTHLY	COMMENT
Wages (Spouse)		Rent*		
Social Security (Veteran)		Mortgage*		
Social Security (Spouse)		Food (including cleaning supplies, etc.)		
VA Compensation		Heating/Gas*		
Military Retirement		Electricity*		
VA Pension		Telephone*		
Civilian Pension		GARBAGE/WATER		
Rental Income		Property Taxes		
Investments		Insurance (House)		
Unemployment		Medical*/Prescription		
SDI (State)		Car Payment		
Food Assistance		Car Insurance*		
SSI benefit		Child Support/Care		
Child Support		Gasoline		
Other		Cable TV		
		CREDIT CARDS		
		Other		
Total		Total		

*These items must be verified by receipts or account books for the past 3 months.

ASSETS (annotate Totals)				LIABILITIES (Balances)	
Savings		Bonds / CDs		Mortgage Balance	
Real Estate (Home Value)		Auto		Loan(s) Balance	
IRAs		Auto		Credit Cards	
Other-Real Estate		Other		Medical Bills	

I hereby certify that I and/or my dependents have no other financial resources other than those listed above. Combined with the information on the emergency grant application, this is an accurate presentation of my financial status. Subject to Section 23.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE
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Soldiers Relief Fund-Interview QUESTIONS (page 4 of application)

Veteran/Applicant _____

Date of Application _____

What unforeseen situation occurred that caused your need for applying? When did it occur?

What were the costs associated with this situation?

Were payment arrangements attempted and if so what was the result?

Is this situation temporary or short term? Please explain why.

If your request is for housing improvements, car repairs, etc. what date was the home/car purchased?
When was it repaired?

How will the applicant be able to pay ongoing financial obligations in the future?