

Necessary Information for Application

1. The application must be completed fully to the best of your ability.
2. Supporting documentation that is required
 - A. Copies of billing statements
 - B. Estimates for repairs or replacements
 - C. Estimates for food, clothing , expenses.
3. A statement in your own words explaining the need for financial assistance, not to exceed 250 words .

Veteran:

You must produce one of the following...

- A. Order of Separation
- B .VA Printout which includes discharge status
- C. Other Official proof that clearly indicates dates of active duty and character of discharge.

Active Duty Personnel

You must provide the following...

- A. Deployment Orders
- B. Official letter from commanding officer detailing duty assignment.

For more information or an application please contact:

American Legion Auxiliary Unit # _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Ohio
PO Box 2760
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**AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY**

Serving veterans, their families and their communities



Making Our Veteran's Wishes Come True



**The American Legion
Auxiliary Department of Ohio**

Military Family Assistance Fund

MISSION:

**Providing Funds to
Assist Military Service
Members and their
Families**

A program instituted by the Department of Ohio American Legion Auxiliary to help Veterans, Active Duty Service

Members and their Families



What is the Military Family Assistance Fund?

It's a new program developed and introduced by the American Legion Auxiliary to come to direct aid of our veterans and their families.

The program offers financial assistance for eligible veterans and their families. There is money available to assist in covering the costs of maintaining basic family needs such as the costs of shelter, food, utilities, and health expenses. Helping to keep a stable home environment. Funding can include, but is not limited to, family living expenses including rent, mortgage payment and utility bills; medical expenses; childcare for working parents; insurance premiums, and assist with necessary home repairs.

It is not necessary to be a member of the American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary to apply. Assistance is in the form of a grant and doesn't not have to be paid back. We only ask that you "pay it forward" and someday do a good deed for another.

Who is eligible?

Ohio residents who are....

Active Duty Military Personnel, Veterans who have been honorably or medically discharged within the last four years, Reservists or National Guard personnel who have been deployed within the last four years, and Spouses of eligible applicants.

Eligibility is not dependent on American Legion or Auxiliary membership

Grants...

Grants are issued to alleviate cost of living expenses including food, shelter, utilities, clothing, home owners insurance premiums, home repair, providing handicapped facilities in the home, repair or replacement of major appliance. Reconnect utilities, and prevent eviction or foreclosure. To alleviate the cost of current medical expenses, or to assist in payment of outstanding medical bills. The grants also provide assistance in finding transportation for going to work, provides assistance for child care if the custodial parent must find employment,

Each application will be considered and based on the family's needs. Grants are payable up to \$1000.00 Grant recipients may have their requested bills partially or fully paid. Awards are paid directly to the creditors. No funds shall be paid directly to the grant recipients.

Wishes...

During the **2017-2018** Year, Auxiliary Units may apply for *Wish Funds* up to \$500.00 per Unit. Units submit an application explaining how they plan to grant a Veteran's wish and if the wish meets committee approval, funds will be sent to the Unit to facilitate. Upon completion the Unit must then send photo and a report explaining and showing the wish was granted.

American Legion Auxiliary...helping not only the Veteran but their entire family.

How are moneys for these grants available?

The largest financial contributor to this fund are the local and state American Legion Auxiliary members who make donations through their local Unit in order to help individuals in their

Fund raisers are conducted at the local Units and state events in order to increase the fund, thus increasing its giving capacity.

The American Legion Auxiliary partners with Corporate Organizations that want to give back to Ohio's Veterans.

If you would like to make a donation to the ALA Military Family Assistance Fund please contact the Department of Ohio, ALA

How to get started...

Applicants must contact an Auxiliary Unit in their local community to receive an application or can contact the Department Headquarters and one will be sent. Once the Veteran or Service Member or Service Member's Family has completed the application and provided all necessary documentation then it must be sent to the local Unit for a review. The Unit is to review the applicant's information and backup documentation. Once everything is provided the Unit is responsible for sending it to the Department Headquarters for approval. The Applicant and the Unit will be notified of the assistance rewarded .

If the Applicant is unaware of a local Unit in their community the Department Headquarters will assist in finding a sponsoring Unit and point of contact to assist in the grant application process.

The Military Family Assistance Fund focuses on the needs of our military personnel, young veterans, and their families, a demographic that the American Legion Family must appeal to and be active with to have a sustainable organization. It is through programs such as this that the American Legion Auxiliary can expand its services in our communities. We encourage those that participate as well as grant recipients to have a strong focus on "Paying it forward".