

# Emergency Financial Assistance for Veterans and Their Families

Through the Iowa County Veterans Service Office, veterans or their qualified family members who are experiencing an extreme financial crisis may be eligible for emergency grants to pay for heating fuel, utilities, groceries, and other basic needs, including limited medical care.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Am I Eligible?** To find out whether you meet the eligibility requirements for a given aid program, you should consult with the staff at the VA office. In general, you may be eligible for help if you are:
- A veteran who is a resident of Wisconsin, or
  - The unremarried Wisconsin-based surviving spouse or dependent child of a veteran who died in the line of duty, or while training on inactive duty, and you are:
    - 1) Ineligible for all other aid programs;
    - 2) Without financial resources; and
    - 3) Unable to work due to illness, disability or natural disaster [subsistence grant only].

## BENEFITS

- What Living Expenses Are Covered?** *A subsistence aid grant* can be used for your basic expenses, such as housing, food, utilities, basic transportation, health insurance premiums, prescribed medications, etc., for a 30-day period. If you continue to be incapacitated, you may receive up to three grants during any consecutive 12-month period. Grants cannot exceed \$3,000 during any consecutive 12-month period. (April 2009)
- What Medical Costs Are Covered?** *A health care aid grant* will pay up to a \$7,500 lifetime limit. Stipends in specified amounts may be applied to the cost of dental, vision and hearing care. (April 2009)
- Is There An Overall Limit On Benefits?** *Lifetime grant limit:* In addition to the grant limits established for each of the individual programs described above, there is a lifetime cumulative limit per veteran of \$7,500. (April 2009)

## APPLICATION

For more information about eligibility and applications, contact the Iowa County Veterans Service Office at 608-930-9865 or at their office 303 W Chapel St, Ste 1300, Dodgeville, WI 53533. Visit [www.iowacounty.org](http://www.iowacounty.org), click on Department, then click Veterans. More detailed information is also available on the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs web site: [dva.state.wi.us](http://dva.state.wi.us)