

# The Patriot Fund

Part of the Michigan American Legion Foundation, 501c3

The Patriot Fund was created to provide emergency Temporary Financial Assistance to veterans, service members and their families in time of need. This fund is available to Michigan veterans of all eras with honorable character of service, and is specifically intended to help veterans who do not qualify for, or receive assistance from any other existing financial relief programs. This fund provides life impacting relief for our Michigan Veterans and their families! The Patriot fund is also one of the few, if not the only fund, available to non-wartime veterans in our state.

The Patriot Fund provides one time grants averaging \$500.00 or less for paid in full balances that eliminate the temporary unforeseen hardship. These grants have helped with evictions, utility shutoffs, medical bills and transportation assistance just to name a few. The grants for our Michigan Veterans and Military Families are paid directly to the party owed by the veteran or service member and the bill must be in the veteran's name or their spouses as long as a valid marriage license is provided. Grants are not eligible for credit card bills, legal fees, or debts owed to family members. The Patriot fund is managed under the Michigan American Legion Foundation, (501c3), through the direction of the Reconnect Committee with American Legion Department of Michigan oversight. As volunteer veterans with all administrative costs covered by the American Legion Dept. of Michigan, 100% of all donations are used to assist our veterans and military families.

Since its inception, the Patriot Fund has helped thousands of veterans and military families with life impacting grants! We need your support more than ever to maintain this vital Michigan program. We receive referrals from sources such as the Michigan National Guard Family Assistance Coordinators, the VA's Veteran Assistance & HUD-VASH Coordinators, the American Red Cross, County Housing Assistance Agencies and even national organizations such as Operation Home Front. With the economic uncertainty here in Michigan the need for this fund has become vitally important and the need has continued to grow.

Mail contributions to:

The American Legion Dept. of Michigan  
212 N. Verlinden Ave., Suite A  
Lansing, MI 48915

Please make checks payable to: The Michigan American Legion Foundation  
Memo Line: The Patriot Fund

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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