



St. Clair County Dept. of Veterans Affairs Emergency Relief/Hardship Fund Guidelines

This program is intended to aid peacetime and wartime veterans and their eligible dependents who are experiencing a temporary, financial hardship that a grant will resolve. Grant assistance will be provided as funds of last resort. The grant may be combined with other agencies and other programs such as the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and Soldiers and Sailors Relief fund to resolve the hardship. The requirement of an '**Emergent Need**' as is reflected in MVTF Policy #101 will need to be met. The application itself is designed to mirror most of the requirements of the MVTF excepting the allowance for Peacetime Era veterans to apply/qualify for the SCC Emergency Relief/Hardship Fund.

All applicants must be residents of St. Clair County. The veteran's character of discharge must have been either Honorable or General Under Honorable Conditions from the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy or Women's Auxiliary.

The following types of expenses may be considered:

- Auto Insurance
- Food, Paper Products, Cleaning Supplies, Personal Care Items, Household Supplies
- Property Taxes
- Auto Loan Payments
- Fuel for Vehicles related to necessary Travel
- Rent / Mortgage
- Auto Purchase
- Auto Repairs
- Fuel, Oil, Wood and Wood Pellets for Home Heating
- Medical Bills
- Dental Work
- Utility Bills
- Child Care
- Home Repairs, Appliances, Adaptive Medical Equipment (related to habitability)
- Temporary Shelter

All payments will be made directly to the service provider/vendor.

Applicants must complete the St. Clair County Department of Veterans Affairs Relief/Hardship Fund Application.

All requests up to \$500 may be approved by the St. Clair County Marketing/Outreach Coordinator. If the Marketing/Outreach Coordinator determines that a payment is not warranted, the applicant may appeal the decision to the Trust Fund Agent/Director.



Otherwise the Trust Fund Agent/Director will jointly review applications and determine whether or not to approve the request. Approved applications can be for the requested amount or a lesser amount deemed more appropriate. Approval or Denial of an application will be by a simple majority vote with a tie constituting approval.

There is no limit to the number of grant requests an applicant can submit. However, unless determined otherwise by the Trust Fund Agent/Director, no more than \$2,500 in total will be paid to, or on behalf of, an applicant.