

NJVFW Veterans Assistance Program

(Formerly NJVFW MAP Program)

- The purpose of this fund is to assist veterans living in the State of NJ with financial need.
- This fund does not replace the VFW Post Relief fund, but is designed to work in conjunction with it.
- Included but **NOT** limited to examples of financial assistance:
 - Purchasing materials for ramps and to make house handicap accessible.
 - Make necessary one time payments for gas or electric or other "necessities" if the veteran's falls behind on payments.
 - Purchase batteries for electric wheelchairs/scooters.
 - Assist veterans with security deposits on apartments
 - Purchase gift cards for food for needy veterans.
 - Emergency vehicle repairs
 - Emergency Housing
- Funds from this account will **NOT** be used to pay cable bills, car payments, mortgages, cell phone bills or any other bill not deemed a necessity.
- 100% of all donations will be placed in a dedicated account with the NJVFW and only expenditures for veteran's assistance are authorized from this account.
- The maximum allowable assistance to any veteran is \$599.00 within a calendar year.
- The veteran does not need to belong to the VFW but will need complete an application form and show his/her discharge showing proof of active duty service. Dishonorable and Other than Honorable discharges disqualify the veteran for this assistance. "Active Duty for training purposes" does not qualify for this financial assistance. The veteran will need to provide documentation/Utility bill showing the need for the financial assistance.
- All monies from this fund will be paid directly to the vendor. If any money is to be paid to the veteran directly, it will be decided on a case by case basis by the committee.
- The committee will be made up of Ken Hagemann, Jeff Walding, Bob Jonas and a representative from the NJVFW Auxiliary to chosen by the NJVFW Aux President.