

The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program has a significant history of helping veterans and their families. Since TFA began in 1926, The American Legion has awarded over \$18 million to veterans and their families to help stabilize their homes.

In May, the National Executive Committee of the American Legion passed Resolution No. 14, titled "[Temporary Financial Assistance Program Policy Update](#)," during its meeting. The resolution raises the one-time non-repayable grant amount from \$1,500 to \$2,500. This increase comes at a time when veterans and their families need it most, as they make critical decisions about housing, food, clothing, and basic utilities amid rising costs.

Eligibility for a TFA grant is contingent on the applicant meeting the following criteria.

- The applicant must be a current member of The American Legion or currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces under Title 10 of the U.S. Code, inclusive of all components.
- A minor child (biological, stepchild, or in legal custody of the veteran) is living full-time in the veteran's home.
- Other forms of assistance have been sought after, applied for, or denied.

Eligibility and verification of need will take place during the investigation process. The investigators (a 2-person team) will submit a single report detailing the causes of financial hardship and the steps taken to address the situation. This information and timeline are critical to preparing an accurate summary for review by the National Adjutant.

The American Legion remains committed to supporting veterans and active duty servicemembers. The Temporary Financial Assistance program continues to deliver essential support when it is needed most.

If you have any questions about the Temporary Financial Assistance Program, please feel free to contact Stacy Cope, Youth Welfare Program Manager at [scope@legion.org](mailto:scope@legion.org) or 317-630-1202.