



## UNITING TO COMBAT HUNGER GRANT 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

In 2018 the VFW joined forces with Humana and Feeding America® to establish the Uniting to Combat Hunger (UTCH) campaign. As of September 2021, the initiative has raised the equivalent of more than 2 million meals to address food insecurity in America. Beginning October 1, 2021, Uniting to Combat Hunger will sharpen its focus to address food insecurity among military families and veterans. To reward the efforts of VFW Posts and Auxiliaries that support the campaign, the VFW Foundation has the Uniting to Combat Hunger Grant. Posts and Auxiliaries may qualify for an unrestricted grant by meeting the following criteria:

1. For every \$1 raised by a VFW Post/Auxiliary to support Uniting to Combat Hunger, the VFW Foundation will provide a \$1 match in the form of an unrestricted grant to the VFW/Auxiliary Post. A minimum of \$500 must be raised to qualify for the matching grant.
2. For every hour that VFW Post/Auxiliary members volunteer to address food insecurity in their community, the Foundation will provide a \$1 match in the form of an unrestricted grant to the VFW Post/Auxiliary. A minimum of 500 hours must be documented to qualify for the matching grant.
3. Posts/Auxiliaries are encouraged to partner with their local Humana associate(s) on UTCH activities.

### UTCH GRANT GUIDELINES

1. UTCH grants are restricted to VFW Posts and Auxiliaries. Other VFW entities are ineligible. In order to qualify for the grant,
  - a. Financial contributions to UTCH must be made online at [www.vfw.org/UTCH](http://www.vfw.org/UTCH), or via check made out to VFW Foundation, designating UTCH in a cover letter or the memo portion of the check.
  - b. Volunteer hours must address food insecurity in your community. Volunteer activities may include but are not limited to: serving meals at a homeless shelter, conducting a food drive, packing/sorting food at a food pantry, etc.
2. A Post and its Auxiliary may each apply for a UTCH grant, but donations and volunteer hours will only count toward one request. If a joint request is submitted, grant funds will be split evenly between the Post and Auxiliary.
3. Volunteer hours and financial contributions to UTCH may be combined in the grant application. For example, a VFW Post/Auxiliary donates \$500 to UTCH and documents 500 volunteer hours served at a local soup kitchen. They are eligible for a \$1,000 grant to be split evenly between the Post and its Auxiliary.
4. The grant that the Post or Auxiliary receives from the Foundation may be utilized by the Post or Auxiliary for any purpose, so long as it is in accordance with VFW or Auxiliary By-laws. **The maximum amount for a UTCH grant back to the Post or Auxiliary is \$5,000.**
5. **This is a retroactive grant; applicants will submit their requests after their projects have been completed.** VFW Posts and Auxiliaries must document financial contributions and volunteer hours; for example, a copy of the VFW Foundation receipt for the UTCH grant, photos or screenshots of qualifying volunteer event, etc. The exact donation amount and number of volunteer hours must be specified on any such documentation. Supporting documentation must be provided at the time of submission.
6. The VFW Foundation reserves the right to make changes to the application procedure at any time.

The application form will be posted online October 1, 2021, at [www.vfw.org/grants](http://www.vfw.org/grants). If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Jason Couch at 816-968-1174 or at [jcouch@vfw.org](mailto:jcouch@vfw.org).

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