



# TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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## Texas Veterans Commission Creates \$1 Million Grant to Meet Veterans' Emergency Financial Needs

AUSTIN – The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) announced Wednesday that it has opened the grant application process for \$1 million in grant funds from the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

To be awarded in March of 2010, TVC Grant I funds will be used to meet emergency financial needs of veterans and their families such as mortgage and rent payments, food assistance, and utility payments.

“After the sacrifices Texas veterans and their families have made, it is critical that we help them through these tough economic times,” says James Nier, TVC Executive Director. “These grant funds will provide essential services and aid to the most vulnerable veterans throughout the state.”

The grant funds will be awarded to organizations with experience providing assistance to veterans statewide. In reviewing grant applications, TVC commissioners will be evaluating grant applicants' effectiveness in identifying veterans' needs and targeting resources, as well as the organizations' internal governance, leadership and administration expertise.

The Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veteran's Assistance was created by the 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 2007 to provide aid to veterans and their families in need. During the 81st Legislative Session, a lottery scratch-off game was created to provide a secure revenue stream for the fund. Since its introduction on November 11, 2009, sales of *Veterans Cash* scratch-off tickets have provided over \$1 million to the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

For more information about TVC, visit [www.tvc.state.tx.us](http://www.tvc.state.tx.us).

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