



TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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Veterans to Receive Emergency Financial Assistance

Austin – On Wednesday Governor Rick Perry and the Texas Veterans Commission awarded a \$1 million grant to the Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation to be distributed to veterans experiencing financial hardship. Veterans across the state are encouraged to apply for emergency assistance with mortgage and rent payments, food assistance, utility payments and other basic needs.

“The Governor’s and Legislature’s support of the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans Assistance helps us provide much needed assistance to brave service members and their families,” said retired Brigadier General Karen Rankin, chair of the Texas Veterans Commission.

Through this grant, financial assistance is provided to veterans, spouses, dependent parents and children, and surviving spouses on an emergency basis. To qualify to receive this assistance, the “emergency” must be a situation that arose unexpectedly, created an immediate need for financial assistance, and was not caused or created by unreasonable conduct of the applicant.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte and Rep. Chris Turner authored the legislation that created the lottery scratch-off game providing a permanent revenue source for the Fund for Veterans’ Assistance.

“When our warriors return from the battlefields of distant lands, they are often faced with new battles on the home front. They are now battling to heal from the physical and emotional scars of war, to re-enter the private sector workforce, and to re-adjust to family life,” said Sen. Van de Putte in a statement from her office. “With this award from the Fund for Veterans’ Assistance, the Texas VFW will be able to help our warriors and their families meet the new challenges they face at home.”

“The \$1 million grant will not repay the debt of gratitude we owe 1.7 million Texas veterans. We can’t put a price tag on the incredible sacrifices they have made to protect our freedom,” said Rep. Turner. “But through the Fund for Veterans Assistance, veterans who are in financial distress through no fault of their own will have the opportunity to get some help.”

The Texas VFW Foundation assists veterans and their families by promoting programs to raise awareness and educate the public about the sacrifices made by America’s veterans, as well as the unique and special needs resulting from their service.

To apply for emergency financial assistance contact the Texas VFW Foundation at 800-997-7096 or visit their website at www.texasvfw.org.

For more information about the Texas Veterans Commission, visit www.tvc.state.tx.us.