

# Franklin County Veterans Service Commission Quarterly Update

### **Agency Update**

COVID-19 presented many challenges to serving the 65,000 Veterans in Franklin County.

In March we transitioned to a remote operation initially focused on providing assistance with food, emergency dental services, burial assistance and VA medical appointment transportation.

In May, we expanded financial assistance to include rent, mortgage and utilities and started VA benefit claim assistance.

The chart below provides a summary of our COVID-19 food voucher program which ended on 30 June.

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and assess the impact of expiring moratoriums covering evictions and utility disconnects on the Veteran community.

We are still working remotely and applications for assistance can be submitted by e-mail, fax, or in our drop box at Memorial Hall. The financial assistance application in available on our webpage.

### **Current Services**

Rent Assistance

Mortgage Assistance

**Utilities Assistance** 

**VA Benefits Assistance** 

VA Medical Appointment Transportation

Dental Program\*

Vision Program\*

Move In Kits\*

Schools Supplies\*

<sup>\*</sup> programs subject to income limits or other criteria

COVID-19 Food Assistance	March	April	May	June	Total
Single	58	349	502	376	1,285
Family	32	108	227	107	474
Homeless	0	3	3	4	10
TOTAL					1,769
Total	\$ 30,200.00	\$148,200.00	\$239,800.00	\$162,400.00	\$ 580,600.00
New Clients	12	35	99	38	184

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### April—June 2020 Summary

Veterans Served	1,686	Utilities Assistance	39
Met Commission	10	Dental Assistance	97
Financial Assistance	186	Household Items	1
Food Vouchers—Non Covid 29		Bus Passes	0
Rent Assistance	49	Meijer Voucher	20
Mortgage Assistance	1	Gas Vouchers	0

Financial Assistance \$ 491,744.19 Burial Assistance \$35,953.29 Transportation \$156,730.24 Meals on Wheels \$8,003.32

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CHECKLIST

### Eligibility

Financial Assistance applicants must meet one of the definitions of Veteran provided under the Ohio Revised Code. **90 Day Minimum Franklin County Residency Required.** As a need-based program, we will review eligibility and verify the situation

### **Eligibility Categories (Including Survivors & Dependents)**

- ⇒ Active Duty Discharged/Released under honorable conditions
- ⇒ Currently serving on active duty
- ⇒ Have a recognized service-connected disability
- ⇒ Reserve and National Guard member called to active duty by Presidential Order

**Required Documentation –** (Failure to provide requested documents will delay processing your request)

 _ All DD 214 forms or letters of Honorable Service (First Time Applicants)
_ Marriage/Divorce/Death Certificate. If separated, must furnish the veterans address/phone number for verification
 Income statements, pay-stubs or statement from employer on the amount of income for most recent 30 days for ALL household members (Spouse, Disabled Adult Dependent, Government assistance for child, significant other.)
Last 30 days of bank/pay card transaction history from ALL accounts (Checking, Savings, and pay cards)  ALL household members. (Spouse, Disabled Adult Dependent, Government assistance for child, significant other).
Copy of lease/Intent to Rent and/or statement from landlord explaining past due rent, late fee, and eviction amount owed by months, include address and telephone number of landlord/property manager
 _ Mortgage statement, payment booklet including the mortgage company's address and telephone number for where payment is mailed.
Copy of most recent utility bill(s) showing name, account number, and balance
IRS Form W9 Rent IRS Form W9 Mortgage

## **HELPFUL STEPS**

- Step 1 Gather required documents, this will assist in processing your request without delays
- Step 2 Submit the complete package using E-mail, Fax, or Dropbox outside our lobby
- Step 3 Wait for our phone call. Our goal is to call you within three business days to review your request