

Sandusky County Veterans Service Commission

Financial Assistance Program

The general concern and goal of the Financial Assistance program is to help veterans and their dependents that are in need of temporary emergency financial assistance on a short-term basis.

Financial Assistance is NOT a pension, income supplement, or an automatic entitlement program, but is a short-term temporary program to assist on an emergency basis to provide the basics of life.

General Guidelines

- Applicants must be a Veteran, an active duty member of the armed forces, or the spouse, widow/widower, dependent parent, minor child or ward of a veteran or active duty member of the armed forces. (per Section 5901.08 of the Ohio Revised Code.)
- Applicants must be a bona fide resident of Sandusky County for at least 90 days prior to the date of the application.
- An official copy of the veterans DD214 must be kept in the applicants file.
- No applicant will be denied the opportunity to complete an application for financial assistance.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need and/or unexpected hardship.
- All applications must be made in person, except in the case where the applicant is housebound.
- Applicants must provide ALL required legal documentation to include, marriage/birth/death certificates, divorce decrees, proof of custody of minor children and child support orders.
- Applicants must verify ALL household income to include employment status and/or unemployment compensation or documentation stating why applicant is unable to work.
- Applicants must provide verification of ALL expenses incurred in the previous thirty days.
- An applicant cannot receive financial assistance within thirty days from the date the applicant received the most recent financial assistance.
- Applicants can apply for financial assistance four times in a calendar year; more than four times in a calendar year will only be approved at the discretion of the Sandusky County Veteran Service Commissioners.
- Households with more than one qualifying veteran will be limited to four applications in a calendar year. In the case where two qualifying veterans divorce/separate, the remaining applications may be split between both veterans.
- Maximum amount per applicant and total months of eligibility will be determined by the Sandusky County Veteran Service Commissioners.
- In the case where an applicant is denied financial assistance, they have the option to appeal in person before the board members.
- The guidelines above are subject to change at the discretion of the Sandusky County Veterans Service Commissioners.