



MISSION: It is the mission of the Veterans' Bureau to administer the Veterans' Assistance Fund as mandated by State Law to provide emergency relief to qualified indigent veterans residing in the Pierce County and, in partnership with other agencies and organizations, act as a central collection point for the veterans community to assess needs, evaluate programs, and avoid duplication of services to all veterans.

### Other Veterans' services providers

US Dept of Veterans Affairs - 800-827-1000

VA Medical Center (Am Lake) 253-582-8440

King County Veterans Programs 206-296-7656

Washington Soldiers Home 253-593-2045

Wash St Dept of Veterans 800-562-2308



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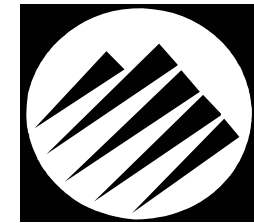
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Honorable discharged veterans who served in any branch of the US Military may be eligible for assistance subject to state residency requirements, length of service standards and income guidelines. (Supporting documentation is required.)



### **A short history of the VAF**

The Veterans' Assistance Act (formerly the Soldiers' and Sailors' Emergency Relief Act) is one of the oldest laws in the R.C.W. It was originally established to provide relief to Civil War Union Veterans in the State of Washington. This act allows each county to manage its own funds within the guidelines established by the state.

### **The Veterans' Bureau**

Until 1970 each nationally chartered veterans organization within Pierce County participated in the emergency relief program. Because of the large number of veterans' organizations and the large veteran population, the decision was made to consolidate and the Pierce County Veterans' Aid Bureau was established in June of 1970. In 1988 the word "Aid" was removed from the title to more correctly reflect the range of services provided. Since its' establishment, the Pierce County Veterans' Bureau has provided over 3.6 million dollars of direct assistance to qualified veterans within Pierce County.

“A nation that will not take care of the many who are poor cannot save the few who are rich.”

President John F. Kennedy  
1961 Inaugural Speech

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Office hours are  
**Monday through Friday.**  
8:30AM – 12:00Noon  
1:00PM to 4:30PM.

Office is closed on week-ends and holidays.

The Pierce County Veterans' Bureau has the right to verify all information on the application and to share information with other counties to establish statistical data and prevent fraud.

Assistance is provided in the form of vouchers only!

**NO CASH IS PROVIDED!**

Non-receipt of checks (VA, Social Security, Military Retainer, etc.) is not considered automatic entitlement to assistance

The purpose of the Veterans Assistance Fund is to provide emergency assistance to qualified veterans in need. It is funded by Pierce County using property tax dollars. We are not part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and assistance is provided on a need basis. **IT IS NOT AN ENTITLEMENT!**

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