

THE STATEMENT OF POLICY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Veterans Service Commission exercises extreme care in determining those individuals who are to be helped and to make sure no one entitled to relief is overlooked. The law under which the Veterans Service Commission operates is under the Ohio Revised Code §5901. Those who apply for Temporary Financial Assistance are required to have been discharged under honorable conditions, have served at least one day of active duty outside of training, and to be a Butler County resident. Applicants are also required to show that the hardship is not caused by their negligent behavior.

Temporary Financial Assistance received from the Butler County Veterans Service Commission is not to be construed as supplemental income. It is only temporary in nature, and used only to prevent undue hardship for veterans and/or family members involved, until other Federal Benefits or State/County Assistance may be obtained.

The need for Temporary Financial Assistance should arise due to an extenuating circumstance causing the veteran and/or family member to be in a financial hardship. The circumstance causing the financial hardship needs to have created an immediate need for assistance and the situation should not be result of the veteran's or family member's misconduct.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each Application for Temporary Financial Assistance under Sections §5901.15 to §5901.2 of the Ohio Revised Code shall be a veteran, or the spouse, surviving spouse, dependent parent, minor child, or ward of a veteran or active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, who is a verified resident of Butler County.

Temporary Financial Assistance granted by the Veterans Service Commission shall not be considered a pension by applicants nor veterans organizations. Temporary Financial Assistance is not poor relief and shall not be designated, considered, or referred to as Public Assistance. Applicants shall not be unnecessarily embarrassed.

All potential applicants must have an appointment. They will be provided with a detailed listing of required documents and necessary information to complete a Financial Application for Assistance when making said appointment.

No application will be processed without the DD214 or other official discharge document. No Application will be processed without a current Ohio driver's license or identification card.

Any applicant saying they are disabled and unable to work, will be required to provide this office with medical documentation attesting to this fact.

Veteran and spouse (when applicable) are required to participate in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Training Programs offered by ODJFS/BCJFS when the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist (DVOPS) recommends their participation. Applicants are required to register at OhioMeansJobs.com and post an "active" resume on the site. Applicants must be willing to go on any and all work leads referred to by Ohio Means Jobs-Butler County. They must be willing to accept any work, with-in reason, that may be offered to them. Policy "Any job is better than no job."

Veterans and Spouses can have NO Open Warrant or Capias dated within 12 months prior to appointment date; any issues must be cleared by Veteran before an appointment may be conducted.

General Checklist of Items Needed

DD-214 Discharge or equivalent document

Valid Ohio Driver's License or Ohio State ID

Proof of County residency

Birth Certificates of dependent children.

Social Security Card (s) -Veteran, Spouse & Children

Marriage/Divorce /Legal Separation Document

Death Certificate

Custody Papers if not their birth child

Child Support Documentation (either pay stubs showing payment or statement from Child Support Enforcement Agency showing last payment and any arrear-age)

Doctors Statement of ability to work/not work

Proof of Income for all residents of the household:

Retirement, Pension and/or Compensation Information

Proof of SSD/SSI/ SSI Children

Cash Assistance

Workers Comp/Other State/Federal Aid

Bank Activity for past 30 days that is less than a week old.

Mortgage/Lease/Rental Agreement

Section 8 Housing Information

Utility Statements for current residence

Electric - Gas - Water - Fuel Oil

Agency does not assist with previous address expenses.

Telephone/Internet Statements

Life Insurance Policies

Vehicle Payment -Proof of Payment *

Car Repair *- *Estimates required* .

*Vehicle Registration & Proof-of-Insurance required for primary automobile when requesting assistance for car repairs or car payment.

Medical Receipts for "Out-of-Pocket" Expenses

Children in School – If in institution of higher learning need copy of current registration or class schedule that includes student identification number.

Any other basic monthly living expenses.

Any other pertinent document.

ORIGIN

The Veterans Service Commission, formerly known as the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Commission, originates in the states' statutes. The law, as written in 1886 was for the veterans of the Civil War. With each conflict fought by this nation's military members, amendments are made so as to include veterans up to the date of the amendment.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Butler County Veterans Service Commission is an agency that provides veterans and their dependents reliable and professional service in providing advocacy and assistance in obtaining veterans benefits, temporary financial assistance, and transportation to VA appointments. The Butler County Veterans Service Commission works closely with our community partners to best meet the needs of the veteran families that we service, thus helping to improve the lives of veterans and their families residing within Butler County.

*Veterans are our Nation's
MOST PRECIOUS natural resource!*

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(Lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Daily)



Butler County Veterans Service Commission Service Officers are trained and available for filing any and all paperwork with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Butler County Veterans Service Commission is funded by Butler County, OH local property taxes as a County Agency. Agency staff are not (VA) federal employees.



Affiliated State of Ohio Agency:

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TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



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