



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

President John F. Kennedy

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 Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Indian Wars 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 3.9 million dollars of direct assistance to qualified veterans within Pierce County. In 2007 the Veterans' Bureau signed an agreement with the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to assist incarcerated veterans.

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.

Office is closed on week-ends and holidays.

Assistance is provided in the form of vouchers only!

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)!

Assistance is provided on a need basis.

IT IS NOT AN ENTITLEMENT!

Food, Rent, Utility & Burial Assistance!

INCARCERATED VETERANS

RE-INTEGRATION PROGRAM (IVREP)

This is a joint project between the Pierce County Veterans' Bureau and the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs. Project staff members work to address the needs of eligible veterans incarcerated in the Pierce County Correctional Facility and other local jails. This program offers alternatives to jail and referral to housing, employment services, and treatment. Many of the incarcerated veterans have come to jail because of underlying problems; i.e., untreated drug and alcohol issues, poverty, homelessness, or issues related to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

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