

COVID-19 Resource

Resources for Veterans

Updated December 1, 2020

*Due to COVID-19 services and programs are changing rapidly.
Please contact agencies directly to determine the availability of their individual programs.*

Dakota County Veterans Services

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Financial Assistance Available to Veterans:

Veterans who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible for financial assistance. In addition to existing veteran grant programs, two new grant programs (veterans may apply for all if financially necessary) are available to support Veterans in Dakota County. Qualifications Include:

1. You must be a Veteran or the surviving spouse of a Veteran (who has not remarried) as defined by MN Statute 197.447, and
2. A Minnesota Resident, and
3. Have been negatively financially impacted by COVID-19

The COVID-19 Disaster Relief Grant.

The Disaster Relief Grant is offered to mitigate the negative effects and economic impact of COVID-19 by providing a one-time financial relief grant in the amount of \$1,000. This is paid directly to the applicant. This can be applied for online through the MDVA at <http://MinnesotaVeteran.org/CovidRelief> or call Dakota County Veterans Services for assistance at 651-554-5601.

The COVID-19 Special Needs Grant.

The COVID Special Needs grant provides one-time financial assistance to a Veteran or surviving spouse who needs assistance due to a COVID-19 related event. Up to \$3,000 will be paid depending on need. Any funding awarded from this grant goes directly to the vendor or creditor of the applicant. **Applications must be submitted through Dakota County Veterans Services.** Contact us at 651-554-5601 for assistance.

Veterans Special Needs Grant.

Veterans needing additional financial support may be eligible to receive the Veteran Special Needs Grant. This one-time grant supports veterans & dependents to assist them with stabilizing their lives in times of hardship. A COVID-19 hardship is not necessary to receive this grant. **Applications must be submitted through Dakota County Veterans Services.** Contact us at 651-554-5601 for assistance.

Distance Learning Support Grant

The purpose of the [COVID-19 K-12 Distance Learning Support Grant](#) is to mitigate the negative financial impact a family experiences by implementing their school district's distance learning or hybrid learning plans by providing a one-time grant in the amount of \$3,000.



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Eligibility Period Applicants for the COVID-19 K-12 Distance Learning Support Grant must demonstrate a negative financial impact on or after August 1, 2020. A closing date for the K-12 Distance Learning Support Grant will depend on the availability of funding, but not later than June 30, 2021. Status updates on the program will be posted on <http://MinnesotaVeteran.org/CovidRelief>. **Applications must be submitted through Dakota County Veterans Services.** Contact us at 651-554-5601 for assistance.

For up to date, accurate information, visit the [Minnesota Department of Health \(MDH\) COVID-19 webpage](#), the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) Coronavirus webpage](#), or the [Dakota County COVID-19 webpage](#).



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