

Veteran's Emergency Financial Assistance Program (VEFAP) Applicant Checklist

Eligibility:

On behalf of the Maine Bureau of Veteran Services, The American Legion Department of Maine and Easterseals of Maine may provide financial assistance for a veteran who is a resident of Maine and demonstrates to the bureau's satisfaction a financial need that includes, but is not limited to the following areas:

- a. Damage to home due to fire, flood or hurricane that is not fully compensable by insurance;
- b. Illness or the illness of an immediate family member;
- c. Hardship that would result in the veteran becoming homeless;
- d. Experiencing hardship and has filed a valid VA pension and is awaiting a decision.

Right to Appeal:

If you are denied you may request reconsideration and review by the director of Maine Bureau of Veterans Services.

Instructions:

Complete application and assemble all documents identified below. Send fully developed application in *one single* email, fax, or via US Mail, attention to our Department Adjutant:

American Legion Department of Maine
Attn: Adjutant (VEAP Applicant)
5 Verti Drive
Winslow, ME 04901

Fax: 207-872-0501
E-mail: legionme@mainelegion.org

Checklist:

- 1. Proof of Residency (Maine Driver's License, Vehicle Registration, etc.)
- 2. Copy of DD Form 214
- 3. Completed and Signed Application (Attached)
- 4. Estimate/Bill from Vendor OR Lease and Notice of Arrears from Landlord
- 5. Completed Veterans Count Financial Assistance Policy and Agreement (Attached)
- 6. Completed W-9 signed by Vendor or Landlord (Attached)
- 7. Two months of most recent bank statements
- 8. Proof of hardship, as applicable (i.e. eviction notice, proof pension has been filed, etc.)
- 9. Signed release for the Maine Bureau of Veteran Services (Attached)



American Legion Department of Maine

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Please send completed application and all supporting documentation to the Adjutant via email to legionme@mainelegion.org

Service Member/Veteran Information

Name, Address, Town, State, Zip, County, Mil Branch, Active Duty Time, Are You, When Separated, Discharge Status, Proof of Veteran Status, Service Era

Additional Information

Is veteran working with another agency?, # of people in household, Household gross income, Minor Children, Does SM/V have a job?, Housing, Does family have insurance?, Is SM/V a class member under Maine Consent Decree?

Explanation of Need

Describe the financial hardship that you are experiencing?

Long-Term Plan

What steps are you taking to prevent a similar financial need in the future?

In the last week, have you had any thoughts of harming yourself? If you answered yes, please see Page 6 for additional supports or visit your nearest emergency room.

I hereby affirm the information I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I have not received financial assistance under the Veteran's Emergency Financial Assistance Program within the last 12 months.

Signature, Date

American Legion Department of Maine			
Veterans Emergency Financial Assistance Program			
Financial Sustainability Assessment – <i>Version 04/2019</i>			
Average Monthly Income			
	Self	Spouse/Partner	Total
Net Wages			
VA Benefits			
Pension/Retirement			
Social Security			
Child Support			
Alimony			
Rental Income			
Unemployment			
TANF			
Food Stamps			
Other			
Total			
Average Monthly Household Expenses			
	Amount		Amount
Auto - Payment/Lease		Mortgage/Rent	
Auto - Fuel		Laundry	
Auto - Insurance		Personal Care	
Childcare		Pet Food/Care	
Child Support		Recreation	
Children's Activities		Savings	
Cigarettes		Student Loans	
Clothing		Tuition/School Supplies	
Credit Cards		Utility – Cable TV	
Food/Dining Out		Utility – Cell Phone	
Food/Groceries		Utility – Electricity	
Health/Dental Insurance		Utility – Gas/Oil Heat	
Home/Rental Insurance		Utility – Phone (landline)	
Life Insurance		Utility – Trash Disposal	
Medical Prescriptions		Utility – Water	
Medical Co-Pays		Utility - Wood	
Membership Fees		Other	
Subtotal		Subtotal	
Total Average Monthly Expenses			
Assets			
	Value		Value
Checking Balance		Real Estate	
Saving Balance		Automobiles (resale value)	
Cash On Hand		Stocks	
Subtotal		Subtotal	
Total Available Assets			



American Legion Department of Maine
VEFAP Financial Assistance Program
Policy and Agreement Form

Please initial/sign/date as indicated:

___ I understand that the Veterans Emergency Financial Assistance Program is intended for emergencies and critical unmet needs.

___ I understand that bank statements and proof of income may be required in order for this request to be considered. I further agree to provide complete, accurate information as requested and understand that failure to do so may affect eligibility for assistance.

___ I agree to participate actively in a plan for self-sufficiency and understand that further assistance will be contingent upon this active participation. If a referral for financial counseling or other services is part of the plan, and I choose not to connect with the referral, I may not be eligible for further financial assistance.

___ I agree that my demographic information will be shared with the Maine Bureau of Veteran Services to meet contractual reporting requirements.

___ I certify that all information I have provided during intake is true and correct to the best of my knowledge for purposes of applying for financial assistance.

___ I grant permission to American Legion Department of Maine to verify all information on my financial assistance application.

Print Applicant Name

Sign Applicant Name

Date



VEFAP Financial Assistance Program

Referral Information

Maine Bureau of Veteran Services, Veteran Service Officers: (for benefit counseling)

Location	Phone	Physical Address
Bangor	207-941-3005	35 State Hospital Drive, Bangor
Caribou	207-492-1173	14 Access Highway, Suite 5, Caribou
Lewiston	207-753-9106	35 Westminster St, Lewiston
Machias	207-255-3306	7 Court St., Suite 2, Machias
Portland	207-822-2391	151 Jetport Boulevard, Room 138W, Portland
Springvale	207-324-1839	634 Main St., Springvale
Togus	207-623-5732	VA Admin Center, Bldg 248, Room 110, Togus
Homeless Veteran Coordinator	207-430-6036	194 Winthrop St., Augusta

Veteran Service Organizations at Togus VAMC

Organization	Phone	Location
American Legion	207-623-5726	Bldg 205, Rm 318
Veterans of Foreign Wars	207-623-5723	Bldg 248, Rm 117
Disabled American Veterans	207-623-5725	Bldg 248, Rm 114
Military Order of the Purple Heart	207-623-8411, ext 4649	Bldg 248, Rm 205K
Paralyzed Veterans of America	207-623-5723	Bldg 248, Rm 112

Maine Bureau of Veteran Services, Director: (for appeal if denied)

Director	207-430-6035	mainebvs@maine.gov
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Crisis Services

Veteran Crisis Line	800-273-8255, Press 1	National
Maine Crisis Line	888-568-1112	Statewide

**If you need immediate mental health support, please go to your nearest emergency room*

Housing and Homelessness Resources

Homeless Veteran Coordinator	207-430-6036	Statewide
Preble Street Veteran Housing Services	800-377-5709	Statewide
VA Homeless referral line	623-8411 x2950	Statewide

Domestic Violence Support

Domestic Violence Help Line	866-834-4357	Statewide
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Veteran Case Management Resources

Easterseals Maine	828-0754 x1004	<i>Office locations:</i> 125 Presumpscot St. Portland 15 Cross St. Suite 17. Bangor Statewide service delivery
Health Affiliates Maine	(877) 888-4304	<i>Office location:</i> 306 Rodman Rd. Auburn Statewide service delivery

AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OR DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

I _____ (the veteran) authorize The American Legion Department of Maine Veterans Emergency Assistance Program to disclose/receive information to/from Maine Bureau of Veterans Services, 117 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333

The disclosure of information authorized is limited to the following (Check as appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Progress Notes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Evaluations
<input type="checkbox"/>	School Records: Psychological, IEP, etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lab Results
<input type="checkbox"/>	Service Plans: ISP, RSP, IFSP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medication History
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adoption Reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neuro-Imaging Results
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vocational Employment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Consultation Reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Budget Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Medical Exam Records	<input type="checkbox"/>	Functional Skills Assessment(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: Share demographic information to help identify eligibility for specific veterans benefits		

This authorization extends to the release of records that may be related to (check applicable choices):

Alcohol/Drug Treatment Psychiatric Genetic Testing Communicable Diseases

If a specific box is checked, that specific information **WILL** be released.

It is required for the following purpose(s): Coordination of Care, Evaluation of Services, Referral Services and Other _____.

Unless earlier revoked, this authorization terminates on: One year from the date of signature or on this date: _____.

The provider cannot require you to sign this Authorization as a condition to the provision of services.

This Authorization permits the American Legion Department of Maine (the “Provider”) to use and disclose your Protected Health Information for the purposes of other than treatment. You have the right to revoke this Authorization by providing the provider with written notice of revocation. The revocation will be effective upon receipt by the provider except with respect to or disclosures made prior to the receipt and reliance upon this Authorization.

Please note that once the requested information is disclosed pursuant to this Authorization, the provider will no longer have control over the information and there is a potential that it may be re-disclosed by the recipient and will no longer be protected by the privacy rules under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. (HIPPA)

Print Name (Veteran or Guardian)

Signature (Veteran or Guardian)

Date Signed

Print Name (Witness)

Signature/Relationship

Date Signed