

PVA DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION

Paralyzed veterans and their families who suffer demonstrable losses after a natural disaster can file for financial assistance through PVA's Disaster Relief Fund. The fund offers a grant of a maximum of \$1500 to any member. This Program was established to give recovering families a jumpstart toward the road to recovery. Coverages include, though not limited to:

1. **HOME ITEMS:** Household items damaged by the disaster (flooding, electricity issues, etc.) Furniture, appliances, etc. Please provide a specific listing of items damaged by the natural disaster.
 - a) Provide a full account of the cause of the damage.
 - b) Provide a full account of items damaged and the estimated value.
 - c) Provide photos of the damaged items
2. **STRUCTURAL DAMAGE:** Damage to your home caused by a natural disaster. External or internal damage: Roof, siding, windows, etc.
 - a) Provide a full account of the cause of the damage.
 - b) Provide a full account of the damage and the estimated value.
 - c) Include photos of the damage.
 - d) Include information for any contractor contacted to repair the damage and Contractor expenses.
3. **FUEL:** Fuel needed to run a generator.
 - a) Provide the name and type of generator used.
 - b) If reimbursing, provide copies of all receipts for fuel.
4. **FOOD:** Perishable food items lost due to power outage.
 - a) Provide a list of all food lost.
 - b) If reimbursing, provide photos and receipts when possible.

Each application must be evaluated for need. Maximum disbursements will not be made in all cases.

Funding assistance will be limited to cleanup, fixtures or replacement of members' primary residence.

Considerations should be given regarding location, for costs of fuel (gas, diesel), food, etc.

The Associate Executive Director (AED) of the Veterans Benefits Department (VBD) will keep a record of all approved applications; all applications are to be maintained in PVA Chapter offices.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Chapter members are to submit their application to the Chapter President for their membership authentication.

Members At Large are to submit through their National Service Officer (NSO).

ROLE OF CHAPTER

To reach out to members, and offer the Disaster Relief Application, upon receiving an application and verify membership then forward to NSO/Regional Director or AED VBD.

In the event the Chapter President and/or NSO are also affected by the disaster then the VP Liaison can verify their membership through the PVA Corporate Portal or communications with the available Chapter Representatives.

ROLE OF THE NSO

To inspect or verify when needed and forward applications to AED VBD and to directly work with the National Office to expedite the process. After authentication by the Chapter and NSO, the application is to be emailed to the AED of VBD for final approval. (Include all photos, estimates and receipts).

In cases where the NSO and the chapter disagrees regarding approval or is not available the application will be emailed to the attention of the AED of the VBD for the final decision.

PROCESS

PVA Disaster Relief Application must be fully completed to include a separate statement (STEP TWO) of explanation of disaster and damages/losses that occurred. The form will be formatted as a fillable PDF for use on many different platforms (i.e. phones, tablets, computers). Once completed, it can be emailed to the Chapter and/or NSO. The separate statement shall include:

- What is the Disaster? Location and date.
- * List effects of disaster for which member is needing Disaster Relief Assistance.
- * Describe the loss, in as much detail as possible and email photos.
- * Estimate of repairs, as detailed as possible.
- * List any other relief organizations that the member has applied to or received assistance from.
- Submit to the Chapter President or NSO.

Disaster Relief Funds will be distributed electronically (ACH), through the requested banking information on the application. Secondary options will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the AED VBD.