Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)
What is TFA?
Resolution No. 8: Restructure of Temporary Financial Assistance Statement of Policy

- Resolution No. 8 can be found at: https://archive.legion.org/bitstream/handle/123456789/6966/2017F008.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y

- A single onetime non-repayable Temporary Financial Assistance grant of up to $1,500 will be permitted in accordance with the conditions set forth in Exhibit A for the minor child(ren) of a qualifying veteran.

- A qualifying veteran is defined as a member of the United States Armed Forces serving on federal orders current under Title 10 of the United States Code, inclusive of all components, or any veteran possessing an up-to-date membership in The American Legion.

- Formal documentation is required as part of the Temporary Financial Assistance investigation process and application packet for verification that all other forms of financial assistance available have been sought and applied for, or have already been denied.

- Annual cumulative expenditure of Temporary Financial Assistance grants may not exceed $700,000 without prior approval of each chairman of the Americanism and Finance Commissions and the national commander.
The American Legion Endowment Fund
d.b.a. Veterans and Children Foundation

Assists veterans
• American Legion Service Officers Training
• Department Service Officers School
• Board of Veterans Appeals Training

Assists veterans’ children
• Temporary Financial Assistance
Scope

• 1,000 TFA applications received annually at the local level

• Average granted: $679,000 per year
In 2018 there were 374 minor children of 178 veterans nationwide who received $228,975.35 in TFA cash grants –

And it’s thanks to YOU!
Two TFA grant types:

- Maintenance Grants
- Medical Grants
Application Process

AL Member/Service Member

Department

National Headquarters

Department
Eligibility

• The minor child must not be older than 17, or 20 if still enrolled in high school or is physically handicapped. The minor child must be the biological child, stepchild, or in the legal custody of, a qualifying veteran. A qualifying veteran is defined as a member of the United States Armed Forces serving on federal orders current under Title 10 of the United States Code, inclusive of all components, OR any veteran possessing an up-to-date membership in The American Legion. Active duty applicants can be considered without being a member of The American Legion. A single onetime non-repayable Temporary Financial Assistance grant of up to $1,500 will be permitted for the minor child(ren) of a qualifying veteran.

• All other possible resources for assistance have been utilized

• Not considered fully eligible until a complete investigation is conducted
For a successful TFA grant......
# TFA Application Responsibilities

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Questions?