

Training Tuesday – December 29, 2020

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) Q & A Summary

Question: Who is eligible for Temporary Financial Assistance?

Answer: Grants may be issued to veterans or active duty service members with minor children in the home. A qualifying veteran is determined in one of three ways:

1. Current membership in The American Legion
2. Active duty members of the Armed Forces
3. Currently under Title 10 orders

Question: How much is the grant and what does the grant cover?

Answer: Applicants may receive a non-repayable cash grant up to \$1,500 to cover the basic needs of minor children in the home including housing, utilities, food, and clothing. Some medical expenses may be included when pre-approved.

Question: Is there an age or other requirements for qualifying children?

Answer: Minor children must not be older than 17 (or 20 if still enrolled in high school or is physically disabled) and must be the biological child, stepchild, or in the legal custody of the qualifying veteran or active duty servicemember.

Question: What is the procedure for a TFA grant application?

Answer: TFA applications originate at the post/department level. An investigator will conduct a complete investigation to determine eligibility and the financial needs of the family. The investigator will then forward a fully completed packet to the department for review and their recommendation before it is sent to national headquarters for their review and grant authorization.

Question: Where does the funding come from for Temporary Financial Assistance?

Answer: The funding for Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) grant program comes from The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation and through a grant provided by The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Do you have a question not listed here?

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