

Emergency Financial Assistance

Michigan Veterans Trust Fund

Clare County Veterans Services has contracted with the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTF) State Office to provide for the completion and processing of applications for emergency assistance for Clare county veterans. Upon completion, these applications are reviewed by the respective Trust Fund committees in Clare County and a decision is rendered.



To be eligible for a grant from the MVTF, a veteran or dependent must be a legal resident of Clare County at the time of the application. The veteran must have been discharged under honorable conditions, with at least 180 days of active wartime service (90 days for WWI veteran), or have been separated as the result of a physical or mental disability incurred in the line of duty (or aggravated by active duty). Service during the following periods (or an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, plus 180 days of honorable active duty, for service between periods in places such as Grenada, Lebanon, Berlin, Persian Gulf, Mayaguez Operation, or Desert Storm) is required.

- WWI – April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
(if service in Russia, then to April 1, 1920)
- WWII – December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
- Korea – June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955
- Vietnam – February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
- Persian Gulf – August 2, 1990 to present

Veterans Relief Fund

To be eligible for emergency assistance through the Veterans Relief Fund, a veteran or dependent must be a legal resident of Clare County at the time of application. The veteran must have been discharged under honorable conditions, with at least one day of active wartime service. Service during the following periods or an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in such places as Grenada, Lebanon, Berlin, Persian Gulf, Mayaguez Operation, or Desert Storm is required:

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(If service in Russia, then to April 1, 1920)
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Funds for this program are limited.

Accredited veteran benefits counselors are available to assist veterans and their dependents with their claims for benefits.

If you are a Clare county veteran and would like further information on emergency financial assistance or other veteran benefits please call (989) 539-3273/3651