



Hardship Assistance Grant Program Policy and Procedure

Please read the policy and procedure below.

DISCLAIMERS / WAIVERS / CONSENT

To be eligible for any Paralyzed Veterans of America – Wisconsin Chapter (PVA-WI) program/benefit, an individual must be in good standing with the organization, must not be under suspension or subject to disciplinary action, and must conduct themselves in a manner that does not disparage PVA-WI's reputation or mission.

Eligibility Requirements for PVA-WI Programs/Benefits

To participate in PVA-WI programs/benefits, individuals must:

- Meet the eligibility requirements for the applicable program/benefit as outlined in this Manual.
- Comply with all obligations described in the PVA-WI Chapter bylaws, this manual, and any required registration forms. Noncompliance will result in suspension of eligibility until the requirements are met and approved.
- Agree to complete a brief survey, if requested, to aid in research or donor development efforts.

Additional Program Information

- Programs/benefits, policies, and procedures may change at any time and are contingent upon the availability of chapter funds.
- Applications and forms are available at: <https://wisconsinpva.org/formspolicies-procedures>
- For questions or additional information, email info@wisconsinpva.org or call (414) 328-8910.
- All application materials will be kept confidential.

Liability Waiver

By participating in PVA-WI events or programs, participants release and discharge PVA-WI, event organizers, sponsors, volunteers, staff, property owners, affiliated organizations, and their representatives from any liability, claims, or actions arising from injury, loss, or damage experienced while participating in, observing, or traveling to or from an event.

Media Consent

By participating in PVA-WI programs or events, participants grant permission to PVA-WI to use their verbal or written statements, photographs, digital images, and audio or video recordings. These materials may be used for publicity, promotional, educational, or informational purposes, including but not limited to newsletters, websites, social media, marketing materials, and other PVA/PVA-WI communications, in any medium now known or developed in the future.

HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE GRANT POLICY & PROCEDURE

Eligibility

Life Members: Eligible

Associate Members: Not eligible

The Hardship Assistance Grant is available to PVA–WI Life Members who are experiencing an unexpected or unavoidable financial crisis that threatens their basic stability, such as housing, utilities, or essential services. All grant requests are subject to Board of Directors approval and contingent upon the availability of chapter funds.

To be considered for assistance, applicants must demonstrate that **all other available financial resources have been fully exhausted**, including but not limited to:

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits
- State and federal government assistance programs
- Assistance or funding from private or nonprofit entities

Program Guidelines

- Grant awards are available up to a **maximum of \$1,000**.
- The Hardship Assistance Grant is intended as a **one-time award**.
- Additional (separate) funding requests may only be considered under **extreme extenuating circumstances (with executive committee review/approval)**, such as:
 - Natural disasters
 - House or apartment fires
 - Other extraordinary emergencies impacting basic living needs

Application and Documentation Requirements

To be considered for funding, applicants must submit the following to info@wisconsinpva.org.

1. A completed **Hardship Grant Application** available at <https://forms.office.com/r/r4dBiQEnsJ?origin=IprLink>.
2. Documentation verifying that **all other sources of financial assistance have been exhausted**, including VA benefits, state and federal programs, and/or private assistance.

Payment Procedures

Approved grant funds are **paid directly to the service provider** (e.g., landlord, utility company, medical provider). Funds are **not distributed directly to the applicant**.