

HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE GRANT POLICY & PROCEDURE

Eligibility

- **Life Members Granted PVA-WI Membership BEFORE 8/25/26 or any In-State Member:** Eligible - see detailed requirements below.
- **Out-of-State Life Members Granted PVA-WI Membership AFTER 8/25/26:** Not 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/r4dBiQEns?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**.