



American Legion ready to assist Coast Guardsmen affected by shutdown

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With the government shutdown creating a critical need of monetary assistance for active-duty U.S. Coast Guardsmen, The American Legion is working with [Coast Guard Mutual Assistance](#) to provide immediate financial support through the Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program.

American Legion TFA grants help minor children in the home of active-duty servicemembers or current American Legion members with assistance for the costs of shelter, food, utilities, clothing, and health expenses during times of financial need. To provide expedited assistance to Coast Guards members during the government shutdown, American Legion National Headquarters has authorized the use of an abbreviated TFA application for use with active duty Coast Guard members only with minor children in the home, and only for the duration of the current government

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shutdown. The Coast Guard Mutual Assistance has these abbreviated applications, as well as American Legion departments.

TFA provides one-time grants of up to \$1,500 per eligible household. Once National Headquarters has received and approved a TFA application for a Coast Guard member, a check will be overnighted directly to the family in need.

American Legion departments with active-duty Coast Guard commands are encouraged to reach out to them and share that The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance program is available to meet their immediate needs during the current government shutdown. Questions on eligibility or how to apply for a grant may be directed to (800) 504-4098.

TFA grants remain available to military and veteran families with minor children in the home. For more information on receiving assistance, please click [here](#).

TFA grants are made possible through donations to The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation. The foundation supports veterans and military families in need, as well as American Legion service officers who provide free VA benefits and health care assistance to veterans. Donations to the Veterans and Children Foundation can be made at www.legion.org/donate.