

# **VFW Unmet Needs' Grants Soar Beyond \$4 Million Mark**

## **Acclaimed VFW program assists military families in need with everything from major home repairs to infant formula**

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The VFW National Headquarters is proud to announce it has reached \$4,022,760 in emergency financial grants disbursed to U.S. service members and their families through the VFW Unmet Needs program.

Officially launched June 6, 2004, Unmet Needs has become one of VFW's most acclaimed programs among service members and their families, offering a "lifeline" for those in critical need of financial assistance.

With generous contributions by both individuals and corporate sponsors like Burger King, the program has helped more than 2,789 families across America. The assistance comes in the form of a grant, not a loan, so the recipients aren't required to repay it. Furthermore, 100 percent of donations received go directly to the program.

The grants help military families with everything from major home repairs to infant formula. Grants are available to all five branches of the military, as well as members of the National Guard and Reserves.

Uniquely, and believing everyone has a talent that can help a military family in need, Unmet Needs also offers donations in the form of "Skills." Those who've applied to the program and are in need of home repairs, auto repairs, etc., can be matched with a skill-donor to fulfill their needs.

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“The VFW is extremely proud of the fact that we can provide a lifeline for so many military families during an already trying time in their lives. This program really showcases what we do, and have always done, and that’s supporting America’s service members,” said VFW Adjutant General, Allen “Gunner” Kent.

For more information on how you can help support the efforts of Unmet Needs, please contact the VFW Foundation at 816-968-2784.