VFW's Unmet Needs Program Provides Lifeline to Veterans, Military Families

Program awards emergency grants to help cover the cost of basic necessities

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars' Unmet Needs program continues to provide financial assistance to veterans, service members and their families facing unexpected financial difficulties.

The program awards emergency grants of up to $2,500 to help cover the cost of basic necessities, such as mortgage and rent, home and auto repairs, insurance, utilities, food and clothing. Recipients do not need to repay the grant.

"Veterans and military families often face unique situations that can suddenly leave them in a bind financially. The VFW's Unmet Needs program gives them a hand up when they need it the most. The program has truly been a godsend to many," said VFW National Commander William Thien.

The program launched in 2004, and thanks to generous supporters like BURGER KING® Franchises, has awarded more than 3,500 grants totaling more than $4.8 million. All grants are paid directly to the creditor (such as the electric company), and not to the individual.

Participating BURGER KING® Franchises have held an Unmet Needs fundraiser each November since 2007, raising more than $2.3 million to date.

"When you're facing financial difficulties, you feel like you're drowning, like you're suffocating. The Unmet Needs program allows people to catch their breath. It gives them time to get back on their feet," explained Thien.

To learn more about the VFW's Unmet Needs program, including eligibility information, click here.

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