

# VFW Unmet Needs Program Tops \$2 Million

## Almost 900 families helped over past year

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is proud to announce its Unmet Needs program set a new record by awarding more than \$2 million in financial assistance grants to nearly 900 military and veteran families during its 2016-2017 program year. The new record shatters last year's program record of \$550,000 being distributed to 184 families.

“The VFW Unmet Needs program continues to touch many lives every day,” said VFW National Commander Keith Harman, who explained that the program provides up to \$5,000 to veterans, service members and their families during times of financial hardship. The one-time assistance is awarded in the form of a grant, not a loan, so there is no repayment requirement. Since its inception in 2004, the VFW Unmet Needs program has provided nearly \$8 million in financial assistance to more than 4,850 military and veteran families. The program is supported entirely by generous donations from VFW members and supporters, and corporate sponsors like BURGER KING® franchise owners.

“Those who have worn the uniform have sacrificed enough” said Harman. “Panicking over whether to fix the car, replace the hot water heater, or put food on the table, are stresses they don't need. I am proud the VFW has a program that gives them a place to turn to when they need it most.”

[Learn more about the program's eligibility criteria and apply online today.](#)

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