

# Franklin Veterans Municipal Assistance Fund

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Did you receive a slip in your recent tax bill looking for donations to a Veteran's Fund? This flyer looks to address any questions you may have on this fund.

### **What is this Fund?**

On October 19, 2016, the Franklin Town Council accepted the provisions of a new state law that allows the Town of Franklin to establish a Municipal Veterans Assistance Fund.

### **What costs qualify for assistance?**

The funds raised will go toward three approved uses outlined in the state law – food, transportation, fuel assistance (heat and oil) – to assist Veteran's in need within the Town of Franklin.

### **What about assistance with housing costs or rent?**

Unfortunately, housing costs are not allowed under the law and the Town of Franklin cannot pay direct costs toward housing. If you need housing assistance, we encourage you to still contact the Veterans Officer to discuss other possible assistance.

### **Do all donations actually go to Veterans?**

Yes. It is important to note that 100% of the funds received goes directly into Franklin Veterans' pockets. The overhead and administration of this fund are done through the Franklin Veterans Officer, which is in the Town's annual operating budget.

### **How can I contribute?**

There are three ways to make a donation:

1. Online: <http://www.franklinma.gov/home/pages/online-payments>
2. Check/Money Order, please send payments to:  
Franklin Municipal Veteran's Assistance Fund  
10 Daniel McCahill St.  
Franklin, MA 02038

**All checks & money orders payable to: Franklin Municipal Veteran's Assistance Fund**

3. In-person: Please visit the Veteran's Services Department at the Franklin Senior Center to make a donation in person.

### **Who administers the funds?**

This fund is managed by the Franklin Veterans Officer with oversight and authority by the Town Administrator.

**How are funds distributed?**

Funds are distributed to qualifying Franklin Veterans through the Town's Veterans Services Officer.

**I'm a Veteran and could use some assistance or I know a Veteran who needs assistance. Who do I call?**

Call the Veterans Department at 508-613-1315 for details and an application.