



**Empowering Our Veterans**  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **EMERGENCY AID FOR LOCAL VETERANS**

PORT HURON, MICH. St. Clair County Department of Veterans Affairs secured and will be distributing COVID-19 emergency funding to veterans through the state's new County Veteran Service Fund Emergency Relief (CVSF-ER) program.

To date, the following counties have secured CVSF-ER funding thus so far are: Calhoun, Gladwin, Gogebic, Iosco, Kent, Marquette, Midland, Missaukee, Muskegon, Oakland, St. Clair, Wayne and Wexford. These counties have been approved for a total of nearly \$1.1 million in CVSF-ER funding; while: Cheboygan, Eaton, Genesee, Ionia, Isabella, Kalamazoo, Mecosta and Roscommon counties are close to securing another \$253,819 in the emergency relief assistance – for a working total of \$1.3 million. Eligible veterans from all eras – both wartime and peacetime – in participating counties can use the money to make home and vehicle repairs, pay medical expenses and meet other needs determined emergent.

In addition, counties listed above including St. Clair County will be participating in a CVSF-ER grocery voucher program for veterans through the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) and Meijer. This program will allow vouchers to be given to qualified veterans and utilized for food and personal care items at Meijer.

“The St. Clair County Department of Veterans Affairs has been proudly serving veterans and their families for over 75 years and will continue to do so especially during these trying times. Our peacetime-era veterans often struggle to find benefits they qualify for and the CVSF-ER program will be a huge help for many,” said Outreach Coordinator Nancy Deising.

The deadline to apply for the CVSF-ER funding and grocery voucher program is September 18, 2020. Veterans of all eras who qualify can take advantage of these emergency funding opportunities. Veterans can apply by completing a short application that can be obtained by visiting our website at [www.sccvet.us](http://www.sccvet.us) and clicking on the Emergency Grants or by calling the VA Office at (810) 989-6945. CVSF-ER program funding is available based on an approved application on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Questions can also be directed to the Media Contact and Outreach Coordinator, during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm (Closed for Lunch 12-1pm) at (810) 989-6945 or by e-mail at [sccvet@stclaircounty.org](mailto:sccvet@stclaircounty.org).

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