



### My Special Project

Who better, than our own organization, can understand the challenges facing veterans, service members and military families every day. Experiencing financial difficulties should not be one of them. We should be there to help our Colorado families who have run into unexpected financial difficulties. Any eligible Veteran in need of assistance across the State of Colorado can apply for a one-time grant of \$500. The foundation receives referrals from VA Social workers, Veterans Service Officers, and other non-profit organizations. In the event the need is greater than the assistance that can be provided, the veteran is referred to outside resources for additional assistance to prevent eviction/ or loss of shelter, help with employment, interviewing and resume writing. Veterans will also be referred to our Veterans Service Officers for help with VA claims and benefits or, to their local human services agencies for any additional state assistance that they may qualify for. Isn't it time we start taking care of our veterans and their families right here in Colorado. Purchase one of our veterans' pin for \$3.00 and for every pin sold \$2.00 will go to the Colorado VFW Foundation. Host your own fundraiser and earmark your proceeds to help our veterans. What better way to honor our veterans, service members and their families than by being there when they need us the most. Your consideration for this worthy project would be greatly appreciated.



Every year our Department VFW office receives more requests than they can fund.

Last year alone **207** grant applications were received totaling close to **\$96,000**.

**92** applications were denied due to various reason such as their application was incomplete, their request was not within the foundation guidelines or they just weren't eligible.

**115** grants totaling over **\$55,000** were granted. They made a difference in someone's life. You may ask yourself where the money went, break out as granted:

- 1 Delta                    1 Golden                1 Firestone
- 1 Englewood            1 Fort Collins          1 Parker
- 1 Centennial            1 Northglenn          1 Pueblo
- 1 Wheat Ridge        1 Littleton            2 Greeley
- 2 Westminster        2 Federal Heights
- 3 Arvada                6 Thornton          16 Aurora
- 10 Lakewood        36 Denver
- 17 Homeless in the Denver Area, Colorado Springs, and in Adams, Arapahoe, El Paso counties.

If you are a veteran and in need of emergency assistance, please fill a grant application form and send it to:

VFW Department of Colorado Headquarters  
Colorado VFW Foundation  
1400 Carr Street  
Lakewood, CO 80214

or for more information call (303) 421-1630. Applications are processed on a first come first serve basis. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

**We are and always will be, "One Voice UNITED for Veterans and their Families!"**  
**Your VFW Auxiliary President, Caroline Gelatt**