



Spokane County Regional

Veterans Service Center

Mission Statement:

The Purpose of Spokane County Veteran's Services is to provide emergency assistance a.k.a. "relief" to indigent honorably discharged veteran's, their families and widows pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington. For more information: see **Chapter 73.08 RCW** (*Revised Code of Washington*) **Veteran's Relief**.

History:

Spokane County Veteran's Services has been a department of Spokane County since 1952. Originally known as the Veteran's Aid Bureau, the office administered the "Soldiers and Sailor's Relief Fund" which can be traced back to the 1890's.

Each county in the state is responsible for providing emergency financial services to indigent veterans, widows and their families. Funding for these programs are mandated by law and comes from a small portion of each county's property tax revenue.

Veterans Advisory Board:

Just like other large counties in the state, this office has an advisory board. It is comprised of representatives from each of this county's nationally chartered Veteran's service organizations and other leaders in the veterans services arena.

For more information please contact us at (509) 477-3690.

Types of Emergency Services Available:

This "emergency (relief) assistance" is provided in *Voucher* form to a specific vendor for the following emergency related needs:

Food & Hygiene	Transportation
Rent (facing eviction)	Utilities (facing shut-off)
Burial Assistance	Training Assistance
Work Clothing	Barriers to Employment

In addition to emergency financial aid, we offer information services and assistance on a variety of Veteran's benefits, such as applying for military discharge papers (DD-214); referrals are made to other programs or community resources for education, employment and counseling.

NOTE: Financial assistance is NOT a cyclical entitlement, but emergency crisis intervention toward a sustainable positive outcome.

Eligibility Criteria

BEFORE we can veterans, state law requires us to acquire certain "qualifying" documentation. **All veterans who receive services from our offices must provide PROOF of the following:**

- 1. Proof of Honorable Discharge (DD-214)** from the Armed Forces of the United States. **also bring marriage license and minor children's birth certificates and veterans death certificate as applicable.*
- 2. Proof of Residency** in the State of Washington for at least 12 months AND must be currently residing in Spokane County.
- 3. Proof of Income** at the time of application (tax return, pay stubs, DSHS, VA and Social Security award letters etc.) **Income can be no greater than 150% of the poverty level established by Health and Human Services.*



The Spokane County Veteran's Services Office is a Public Partnership in collaboration with the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs. It is operated & owned by Spokane County and is governed by the Veterans Advisory Board comprised of members from Veteran's Service organizations and veteran community leaders, led by the Director who is appointed by the Spokane County Commissioners.

Additional Spokane Area Resources:

CouAmerican Legion WDVA
Veterans Services Office.
(509) 434-7750
address: 4815 N. Assembly Bldg 6-A

Regional VA Office (Seattle)
1-800-827-1000
For VA Loans, Health Benefits, etc
address: 915 2nd Ave., Seattle, WA 98174

VA Hospital - (509) 434-7000
Toll Free: 1-800-325-7940
address: 4815 N. Assembly 99205

Veterans Outreach Center
(administered by the VA)
(509) 444-8387
address: 13109 E Mirabeau Pkwy
Spokane Valley 99216

Health Care for Homeless Vets
(HCHV)- (509) 462-2500
address: 705 W. 2nd Ave. 99201

VFW Post# 51 (509) 327-9847
American Legion #9
(509) 328-2884
address: 300 West Mission (both posts)

2-1-1 (Local emergency assistance number) *just dial: 211 and tell the operator what your emergency needs are for a list of agency referrals.*

Northwest Justice Project
Legal Advice
Toll Free: 1-888-201-1014
9:15 AM to 12:15 Monday-Friday



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Spokane County Veterans Relief Services
WDVA Statewide Programs & Services
Grant Funded Programs & Services
Claims, Benefits, and Advocacy Services
Financial, Transition, & Reintegration Services
Advanced Employment Readiness Services
Crisis Relief Services

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**Phone: (509) 477-3690
8:00 AM—4:00 PM**

Mon - Fri

