



The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs offers a variety of services to veterans, their dependents, and survivors.

Additional information and applications for these benefits can be found on IDVA's website: www.iowava.org.

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To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan.

—Abraham Lincoln

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Veterans Benefits



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High School Diploma

This program furnishes an honorary high school diploma to qualifying veterans who did not complete high school due to armed service enlistment.

Injured Veterans Grant \$10,000 Maximum

This grant provides \$2,500 per month – up to \$10,000 – to members or former members of the U.S. military who are residents of Iowa and were seriously injured in the Iraq or Afghanistan theatre of operation. For more information and specific eligibility, contact IDVA, or visit IDVA's website.

Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs Benefit Specialists

The IDVA staff includes benefit specialists, accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, who specialize in federal VA benefits, as well as state benefits. They advise veterans and family members of veterans concerning federal VA benefits they may be entitled to receive. These include pension, disability compensation, and other ancillary benefits. Benefit specialists can also represent claimants with federal claims – and review all correspondence pursuant to those claims – to determine if an award action or denial was correct.

Iowa Veterans Cemetery

The Iowa Veterans Cemetery is located approximately 10 miles west of Des Moines, near Van Meter. The cemetery is available to veterans, their spouses, and dependent children for burial. Honorably discharged veterans are interred at no charge and spouses/dependents are buried for a \$300 fee. For further information and regulations, call the cemetery: 515.996.9048, or visit their website: <https://www.iowava.org/vetcemetery>

Iowa Veterans Home Marshalltown

The Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Iowa is available for honorably discharged veterans, as well as their spouses or widows for long-term care needs. Visit: <http://ivh.iowa.gov> for details.

Lifetime Hunting/Fishing License for Disabled Veterans

Veterans in receipt of at least a 0% service connected disability can receive a lifetime hunting or fishing license for a \$5.50 fee. The veteran must have served a minimum of 90 days during peacetime or at any time during wartime.

Military Services Home Ownership Assistance Program

This grant is available to service members who are buying a home in the state of Iowa. Members must have served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001 and purchased a home after March 10, 2005. For more information, visit www.ifahome.com, or call 800.432.7230.

Property Tax Exemption

The tax benefit reduces a veteran's assessed home value for property tax purposes by \$1,850. In order to qualify, a service member must have served on active duty during a period of war or for a minimum of 18 months during peacetime.

Tuition Assistance for War Orphans

Children of Iowa veterans killed in action following September 11, 2001, are eligible for up to \$5,500 per year in tuition assistance to Iowa post-secondary institutions. The maximum grant amount that can be received is \$5,500 per year for five years and no more than \$27,500 total. Dependents of those killed in action prior to September 11, 2001 are eligible for \$600 per year with a maximum of \$3,000. There is a residency requirement to receive this benefit.

Veterans License Plates

Honorably discharged veterans are eligible to purchase specialty veteran license plates for their vehicle. These special plates are available for an additional charge through the Iowa Department of Transportation. More information can be found at: <http://www.iamvd.com/ovs/plates/index.htm>

Veterans Trust Fund

The State of Iowa has established a \$5 million fund to provide certain services to veterans. Beginning in December 2007, interest from this fund has been available to provide relief for Iowa veterans and their families. *

Funds can be used for travel expenses for service-related medical care; unemployment or underemployment assistance due to service-related causes, job training, or tuition assistance; assistance with vision, hearing, dental care, durable medical equipment, and prescription drugs; counseling and substance abuse services; emergency vehicle and housing repair; transitional housing in an emergency; emergency room and ambulance transportation assistance; funding to determine whether a deceased veteran is the father or mother of a child; funding for family support groups; and grants for providing honor guard services at veteran's funerals. *

Trust fund expenditures are approved through the Iowa Veterans Commission. For a complete list of eligibility services, contact your local VA county director, the IDVA, or visit: www.iowava.org.

Vietnam Veterans Conflict Bonus

Iowa residents who served on active duty for at least 120 days between July 1, 1973 and May 31, 1975 are eligible for this bonus program. Veterans who served in Vietnam will receive \$17.50 for each month served. Veterans that served outside of Vietnam during this time will receive \$12.50 for each month of service. The maximum bonus amount is \$500 for veterans who served in Vietnam and \$300 for those who were not in country. *

This program is an extension of the original bonus created following the Vietnam War to honor soldiers for service through June 30, 1973. The Federal government has since expanded the Vietnam era to include July 1, 1973 to May 31, 1975, both dates inclusive. Vietnam-era veterans who received a bonus for service prior to July 1, 1973, will have that amount included in the maximum compensation amount for the new bonus. *

If you were denied the original Vietnam bonus for time served from July 1, 1958 through June 30, 1973, you may be eligible to apply for a retroactive bonus. In order to qualify, you need to have applied and been denied an original bonus due to residency, been inducted into the military in Iowa, and not have received a bonus from another state. For more information, contact the IDVA.

General Fund Appropriation Detail by Function (Continued)

Function				
Special Department				
Appropriation	FY 2008 Actuals	FY 2009 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2010 Total Department Request	FY 2010 Total Governor's Recommended
Human Services, Department of				
Non Residents Transfers	82	81	82	76
Non Resident Commitment M.III	174,704	172,083	174,704	160,898
Commission Of Inquiry	1,706	1,680	1,706	1,571
General Administration	16,782,706	17,200,246	17,827,142	16,027,217
Field Operations	66,555,087	70,680,435	76,349,846	66,234,344
Child Support Recoveries	10,469,844	15,397,334	15,632,714	14,102,101
Toledo Juvenile Home	7,604,484	7,749,750	8,052,565	7,097,841
Eldora Training School	11,923,327	12,296,550	12,636,911	11,262,156
Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders	6,523,524	6,841,722	7,788,085	6,928,144
Cherokee MHI	5,727,743	6,236,820	6,566,731	5,712,181
Clarinda MHI	6,938,073	7,450,903	7,643,388	6,824,127
Independence MHI	10,489,724	10,917,129	11,266,109	9,986,265
Mt Pleasant MHI	1,962,099	2,065,250	2,157,560	1,886,750
Glenwood Resource Center	19,002,377	19,298,627	18,399,020	18,515,453
Woodward Resource Center	13,038,833	12,824,232	12,394,395	11,484,307
Medical Assistance	631,593,774	645,302,330	729,751,864	883,095,255
State Children's Health Insurance	14,871,052	13,660,852	19,434,295	15,372,897
MH Property Tax Relief	95,000,000	93,575,000	95,000,000	87,492,625
Child Abuse Prevention	232,575	232,911	240,000	217,772
Family Investment Program/JOBS	42,675,127	42,060,901	36,010,666	35,036,216
Connors Training	42,623	41,984	42,623	39,255
Health Insurance Premium Payment	673,598	582,846	591,752	533,814
Volunteers	109,568	107,924	109,568	98,845
Child Care Assistance	37,875,701	40,483,732	45,848,033	40,452,289
State Supplementary Assistance	17,210,335	18,332,214	18,793,766	17,323,001
Medical Contracts	13,790,558	13,953,067	16,344,701	14,344,879
MH/DD Growth Factor	36,888,041	53,270,090	63,503,720	56,857,019
MH/DD Community Services	18,017,890	17,745,572	18,017,890	16,592,110
Family Support Subsidy	1,936,434	1,907,312	1,936,434	1,783,337
MI/MR/DD State Cases	11,067,178	12,863,806	13,067,178	12,027,659
Child and Family Services	88,520,320	88,971,729	98,013,005	94,546,404
Adoption Subsidy	31,972,681	33,656,339	37,167,991	36,655,458
County Suppl. MH/DD Growth	12,000,000	0	0	0
MH Safety Net Services	0	0	4,450,000	0
Medical Assistance, Hawk-i, Hawk-i Expansion	0	4,728,000	14,800,000	4,420,680
Family Planning	0	738,750	750,000	690,731
Pregnancy Counseling	0	197,000	200,000	184,195
Total Human Services, Department of Appropriations	1,231,671,768	1,271,545,201	1,410,964,474	1,493,987,872
Veterans Affairs, Department of				
War Orphans Educational Assistance	27,000	25,785	27,000	24,109
General Administration	863,457	1,224,380	1,243,744	1,121,373
Injured Veterans Grant Program	0	(23,550)	0	0
Veterans County Grants	750,000	585,599	600,000	547,535

