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As COVID-19 continues to affect communities around the country, it's having a devastating impact on many of our nation's veterans. On top of the additional health risks our wounded, ill and injured veterans face with the coronavirus, thousands of veterans with service-connected disabilities are being laid off or have had to close their small businesses due to this pandemic.

In response to this unprecedented event, DAV has established a COVID-19 Relief Fund to provide financial aid to service-connected disabled veterans who have lost employment or income due to COVID-19. The issued grants are meant to help veterans pay bills, obtain food and provide for their families during these difficult times.

The application for this relief can be found at [DAV.org/COVIDrelief](https://www.dav.org/COVIDrelief). Veterans will need to fully complete the application and provide documentation verifying their status as a service-connected disabled veteran who has lost employment as a result of the pandemic. Disabled veterans who are small business owners or who work independently and have been negatively impacted financially as a result of the virus may also be eligible for this assistance.

We humbly request your assistance in getting this information out as widely as possible so that we may help those disabled veterans who are desperately struggling and no longer able to make ends meet during this unprecedented time. Like you, we don't know when this crisis will end. But we do know that together we can make a life-saving difference for our fellow veterans and their families.

If you would like to donate to this campaign, go to [DAV.org/relief](https://www.dav.org/relief) or text RELIEF to 484848.

With sincere appreciation,

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