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1 AN ACT Relating to veterans' relief; and amending RCW 73.08.005.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 73.08.005 and 2008 c 6 s 502 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
6 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

7 (1) "Direct costs" includes those allowable costs that can be  
8 readily assigned to the statutory objectives of this chapter,  
9 consistent with the cost principles promulgated by the federal office  
10 of management and budget in circular No. A-87, dated May 10, 2004.

11 (2) "Family" means the spouse or domestic partner, surviving  
12 spouse, surviving domestic partner, and dependent children of a living  
13 or deceased veteran.

14 (3) "Indigent" means a person who is defined as such by the county  
15 legislative authority using one or more of the following definitions:

16 (a) Receiving one of the following types of public assistance:  
17 Temporary assistance for needy families, general assistance, poverty-  
18 related veterans' benefits, food stamps or food stamp benefits

1 transferred electronically, refugee resettlement benefits, medicaid, or  
2 supplemental security income;

3 (b) Receiving an annual income, after taxes, of up to one hundred  
4 fifty percent or less of the current federally established poverty  
5 level, or receiving an annual income not exceeding a higher qualifying  
6 income established by the county legislative authority; or

7 (c) Unable to pay reasonable costs for shelter, food, utilities,  
8 and transportation because his or her available funds are insufficient.

9 (4) "Indirect costs" includes those allowable costs that are  
10 generally associated with carrying out the statutory objectives of this  
11 chapter, but the identification and tracking of those costs cannot be  
12 readily assigned to a specific statutory objective without an  
13 accounting effort that is disproportionate to the benefit received. A  
14 county legislative authority may allocate allowable indirect costs to  
15 its veterans' assistance fund if it is accomplished in a manner  
16 consistent with the cost principles promulgated by the federal office  
17 of management and budget in circular No. A-87, dated May 10, 2004.

18 (5) "Veteran" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 41.04.005 and  
19 41.04.007, and includes a current member of the national guard or armed  
20 forces reserves who has been deployed in active duty.

21 (6) "Veterans' advisory board" means a board established by a  
22 county legislative authority under the authority of RCW 73.08.035.

23 (7) "Veterans' assistance fund" means an account in the custody of  
24 the county auditor, or the chief financial officer in a county  
25 operating under a charter, that is funded by taxes levied under the  
26 authority of RCW 73.08.080.

27 (8) "Veterans' assistance program" means a program approved by the  
28 county legislative authority under the authority of RCW 73.08.010 that  
29 is fully or partially funded by the veterans' assistance fund  
30 authorized by RCW 73.08.080.

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