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Over \$3 Million in Grants Available from the Texas Veterans Commission

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AUSTIN – The Texas Veterans Commission announces the availability of more than \$3 million in grants to be awarded from the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

Grant funds will be awarded to qualified charitable organizations, Veterans Service Organizations and local government agencies to address issues affecting Veterans and their families. Services funded to date include transportation to medical facilities, counseling for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), housing assistance for homeless Veterans, short-term emergency financial needs, Veteran courts, legal assistance and career training.

“These grants play a critical role in meeting the diverse needs of these Veterans and their families,” says Thomas Palladino, Executive Director of the Texas Veterans Commission. “I invite all eligible organizations and entities to consider how their specific programs can be leveraged to assist Veterans and encourage them to apply for a grant.”

Veterans Cash has been the primary source of funds for the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance since its introduction in November 2009. The current game features the iconic image of John Wayne. Individuals can also support Veterans by making an online donation to the Fund for Veterans' Assistance through <http://www.tvc.state.tx.us> or when registering a vehicle. Donations to the TVC Fund for Veterans' Assistance are tax deductible under the provisions of Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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The mission of the Texas Veterans Commission's is to advocate for and provide superior service to Veterans and their families in the areas of disability claims assistance, employment services, education benefits and grant funding. Over 200 skilled counselors in 75 cities provide one-on-one guidance to Veterans and their families to ensure they receive all the benefits to which they are entitled.

Information outlining the grant objectives, selection criteria and instructions application can be found at <http://www.tvc.state.tx.us/about/fund-for-veterans-assistance>. All grant applications must be received by the Texas Veterans Commission no later than 5:00 PM Central Time on **August 26, 2011**.

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