

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-028

INCREASE AND EXPAND VETERANS BENEFITS

WHEREAS, Lewis County provides qualifying Veterans assistance with rent, food and utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) passed Resolution 20-142 in April 2020, to establish temporary increases to the assistance provided. The temporary increases ended December 31, 2020, and the rates returned to the following amounts thereafter:

- Utilities assistance: \$450
- Rental assistance: \$750

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has reviewed the attached memo listing recommendations from the Veterans Advisory Board (VAB) to increase and expand Veteran benefits; and

WHEREAS, the VAB has recommended the following Veterans benefits be increased / expanded effective January 1, 2023:

- Utility and gas voucher assistance increased to \$500.
- Rental assistance increased to \$1,000 or 10% of the rent, whichever is lower.
- Eligibility for assistance to include "General Under Honorable Conditions" as long as the Veteran falls under the definition of a Veteran

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best public interest to increase / expand benefits for Lewis County qualifying Veterans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the following Veterans benefits shall be increased / expanded effective January 1, 2023:

- Utility and gas voucher assistance increased to \$500.
- Rental assistance increased to \$1,000 or 10% of the rent, whichever is lower.
- Eligibility for assistance expanded to include "General Under Honorable Conditions" as long as the Veteran falls under the definition of a Veteran

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 24th day of January, 2023.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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