NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Indianapolis, Indiana

Resolution No. 2: Increase The Grant Amounts Authorized in the Specially Adaptive Housing Program
Origin: Resolution No. 21 (MN) 2024 National Convention
Submitted by: Veterans Employment & Education Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion is committed to ensuring that veterans have access to the resources and support necessary for a dignified and comfortable life, acknowledging the sacrifices they have made in service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, The Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) and Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) grants are crucial programs designed to provide financial assistance to veterans with severe service-connected disabilities, enabling them to live independently in a barrier-free environment; and

WHEREAS, The current grant rates for SAH and SHA programs may not fully cover the costs associated with adapting homes to meet the specific needs of severely disabled veterans, due in part to rising construction costs and the unique requirements of accessible home modifications; and

WHEREAS, An increase in the SAH and SHA grant rates would significantly benefit veterans by providing them with more substantial support to cover the necessary modifications, thereby enhancing their quality of life and ability to live independently; and

WHEREAS, Adjusting the grant rates to reflect current and future economic realities is essential to ensure that these programs continue to serve veterans effectively and fulfill their intended purpose; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 7-8, 2025, That The American Legion strongly supports and advocates for an increase in the grant rates for the Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) and Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) programs, to adequately address the needs of veterans with severe service-connected disabilities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion urges Congress, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and relevant policy makers to review and adjust the SAH and SHA grant rates in a manner that reflects the increasing costs of home modifications and the critical importance of these grants in supporting veterans' independence and quality of life; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be communicated to all relevant parties, including members of Congress, the Department of Veterans Affairs and veteran advocacy groups, to mobilize support for the necessary legislative and administrative changes to increase SAH and SHA grant rates for the benefit of our nation's veterans; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That National Executive Committee Resolution No. 12, October 2023, titled, "Increase the Grant Amounts Authorized in the Specially Adaptive Housing Program" is hereby superseded and rescinded.