

Veterans' Assistance Levy & Exemption & Deferral Programs



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What is the Veterans' Assistance Levy



How much is earmarked for veterans assistance?

- Minimum rate \$0.01125 and maximum rate \$0.27 per \$1,000 assessed value, or
- Less than \$0.01125 rate depending on the Veterans' Assistance Fund balance as of the 1st Tuesday in September, or



How are the funds used?



Where do veterans go to apply for these benefits?



What is the Veterans' Advisory Board?



What rates were levied for the 2018 tax year?

County	Levy Rate	Levy Amount
Thurston	\$0.011250	\$362,439
Whatcom	\$0.011250	\$323,591
Chelan	\$0.011250	\$124,688
Cowlitz	\$0.011250	\$121,431
Grant	\$0.011250	\$125,976
San Juan	\$0.011250	\$72,386
Stevens	\$0.011250	\$45,630
Whitman	\$0.011250	\$45,552
Yakima	\$0.011250	\$194,239
Clallam	\$0.011250	\$93,619
Franklin	\$0.011250	\$85,650 ⁷

County	Levy Rate	Levy Amount
Mason	\$0.011284	\$85,275
Clark	\$0.011296	\$646,458
Benton	\$0.011300	\$204,341
Douglas	\$0.012500	\$68,033
Kitsap	\$0.013000	\$444,324
Pierce	\$0.013943	\$1,413,764
Skagit	\$0.014600	\$259,210
Walla Walla	\$0.015599	\$92,108
Ferry	\$0.017000	\$10,720
Okanogan	\$0.019861	\$80,000
Lewis	\$0.020060	\$154,210
Skamania	\$0.045000	\$71,735 ⁸

County	Levy Rate	Levy Amount
Lincoln	\$0.002600	\$3,805
Snohomish	\$0.004853	\$574,699
King	\$0.005650	\$2,882,275
Kittitas	\$0.006993	\$44,999
Jefferson	\$0.008936	\$45,674
Pend Oreille	\$0.009056	\$13,010
Columbia	\$0.010898	\$10,000
Spokane	\$0.010960	\$500,000
Klickitat	\$0.010992	\$39,305
Asotin	\$0.011000	\$18,938 ⁹

County	Levy Rate	Levy Amount
Adams	\$0.000000	\$0
Garfield	\$0.000000	\$0
Grays Harbor	\$0.000000	\$0
Island	\$0.000000	\$0
Pacific	\$0.000000	\$0
Wahkiakum	\$0.000000	\$0

Data sources for the levy rates and amounts include county assessor's websites and data provided directly by the assessor to DOR

2018 Proposed Legislation

- Four bills dealing with veterans and property taxation
 - SB 6300 – Provides a property tax exemption for spousal survivors of veterans and certain first responders.
 - E2SHB 2006 – Veterans’ assistance levy is a stand-alone levy
 - SSB 6031 – Veterans’ assistance levy is a stand-alone levy
 - SHB 2739 – Veterans’ assistance levy can remain part of the county general levy or a stand-alone levy

Individual Benefit Programs

- Four (4) Programs
- Purpose is to prevent loss of home due to inability to pay property tax



Individual Benefit Programs

- Widows/Widowers of Qualifying Veterans –
- Deferral Programs – defers payment, state pays and charges interest, must be repaid
- Exemption Program – reduces tax amount, gift, results in tax shift

Widows and Widowers of Veterans Grant Assistance Program



Monetary assistance in the form of a grant

Laws and Rules

- RCW 84.39
- No WAC

Limited Income Deferral Program



RCW 84.37
WAC 458-18A

Senior/Disabled Deferral Program



RCW 84.38

WAC 458-18

Exemption Program



Laws and Rules

- RCW 84.36.379 – RCW 84.36.389
- WAC 458-16A

Combined Disposable Income





Questions?