§ 171. Responsibility; county social services districts; city social services districts; cities; towns. 1. A county social services district which has elected, pursuant to the provisions of this title, to administer veteran assistance shall be responsible for providing veteran assistance, and the expense thereof, to:

(a) persons residing or found therein, subject to reimbursement by the state;

(b) persons residing or found in any town in the county, when the expense of providing safety net assistance to persons residing or found in such towns is a county charge pursuant to the provisions of section seventy-two and section seventy-three of this chapter;

(c) persons residing or found in a city forming part of the county social services district, when the expense of providing safety net assistance to persons residing or found in such city is a county charge pursuant to the provisions of section seventy-two and section seventy-three of this chapter.

2. A town responsible for the expense of providing safety net assistance to persons residing or found therein, pursuant to section sixty-nine, which has elected to administer veteran assistance, pursuant to the provisions of this title, shall be responsible for providing veteran assistance to local charges residing or found therein, and the expense thereof.