







**Military Family
Advisory Network**

Military Aid Societies

Helping Military Families Weather Financial Emergencies

				
Who do they serve?	<p>Airmen, Guardians, and eligible family members including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Active Duty * Guard * Reserve * Retired * Spouses & Children 	<p>Soldiers and eligible family members including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Active Duty * Retired * Army Reserve & National Guard (activated on Title 10 orders for more than 30 days) * Dependents of qualifying service members * Surviving spouses who have not remarried * Children of Soldiers who died on active duty or died after reaching retirement eligibility 	<p>Coast Guard members including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Active Duty * Reserve * Auxiliary * Retired * PHS Officers * Chaplains * Civilian Employees 	<p>Sailors, Marines, and eligible family members including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Active Duty * Retired * Reservists on active duty for 30 days or more
What do they offer?	<p>Emergency assistance through interest-free loans, grants, or a combination</p> <p>Education support including college scholarships, grants, no-interest education loans</p> <p>Community programs including child care for PCS and \$100 for baby essentials</p>	<p>Grants, zero-interest loans, and scholarships for spouses and dependents based on needs.</p> <p>Categories of assistance include housing costs associated with PCS moves, disaster relief, emergency travel, car repairs, and unmet medical expenses and many more.</p>	<p>Interest-free loans, grants, financial counseling, referrals, and other help</p> <p>Assistance programs focus on situations requiring immediate attention for essentials and solving temporary problems</p>	<p>Financial assistance including interest-free loans, grants, and budget counseling to meet unexpected needs</p> <p>Emergency travel, disaster relief, health education</p> <p>Budget for Baby workshops and thrift shops</p>
How do I apply?	<p>Apply online at afas.org, or visit your M&FRC for assistance</p>	<p>Visit one of the 70 AER offices worldwide, Red Cross offices if more than 50 miles from a military installation, or on the AER website starting in 2025</p>	<p>Contact your local CGMA Representative to start the process</p>	<p>Contact your local NMCRS office</p>
Will I need command approval?	<p>No, command involvement is not required</p>	<p>No, command involvement is not required for the first two requests in 12 months</p>	<p>No, command involvement is not required unless request is over \$5,000</p>	<p>No, NMCRS interactions are confidential and NMCRS will not contact your command without your consent</p>
Where can I learn more?	<p>afas.org</p>	<p>armyemergencyrelief.org</p>	<p>mycgma.org</p>	<p>nmcrs.org</p>

*Not near a military installation? Need emergency assistance after business hours or during a holiday?
Contact the American Red Cross at 1-877-272-7337 and select the financial assistance option.*

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