Soldier AER Information Sheet
USAR Expansion Pilot

Who is eligible?
1. TPU Soldiers
2. IMA Soldiers

What categories are included:
1. Food
2. Utilities
3. Vehicle Expenses

How to apply



When
Begins: 1 April 2026

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What do I need to get started?
A: Here is the list of required items to create an AER account ***and*** apply for assistance:

1. Internet Access.
2. Your current LES.
3. Common Access Card (CAC).
4. Substantiating documents for your need (i.e. car registration for vehicle expenses).
5. AER Form 57- Budget: https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/resources/.
6. Commander/1SG military email address and telephone number.
7. Bank Account Information or Zelle.

Q: Do I need to be on orders to receive assistance?
A: No. TPU/IMA Soldiers in a drilling status (IDT) which includes ANY type of order of ***less than*** 30 days (i.e. Annual Training or PME) are eligible under this pilot. However, TPU/IMA Soldiers on orders 30 days or more, to include AGR's, are currently eligible to receive assistance under the active-duty application. Additionally, ***ALL Soldiers*** regardless of status are eligible for disaster assistance, which is separate from this pilot.

Q: Why does my commander need to know? Can they deny my application?
A: The Chief of Army Reserve's intent for this expansion centers around a commanders need to know their formations and deploy additional resources for Soldiers if needed. A commander cannot deny an application, nor do they have access to any submitted documents. AER HQ personnel are the overall approval authority.

Q: What if I have questions? Where can I receive information in a timely manner?
A: USAR AER Officers monitor usarmy.usarc.ocar.mbx.g1-qol@army.mil and can assist. This mailbox is monitored on battle assembly weekends. Additional information can be found on TEAMS Soldier Support | AER USAR Expansion Pilot Support | Microsoft Teams Code: wsci2xg

Q: How does the process work? How long should it take for a decision on my application?
A: The timeline can vary, based on the completeness of the initial application and other factors. Below is the flow chart of the process of this pilot.

Process: Step by Step

Soldier Creates ARMS Account → Soldier Submits → CDR Reviews → AERO Validates → AER HQ Decision