## **ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF**



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## **INFORMATION PAPER**

(Update from 17 October 2017)

For: Active, Retired, National Guard, and Reserve Soldiers and their Family Members

Subject: Army Emergency Relief Support for Hurricane Maria

- 1. Who is eligible for assistance from Army Emergency Relief?
  - Active Duty Soldiers and their immediate Family Members.
  - Retired Soldiers (for medical reasons or longevity) and their immediate Family Members.
  - National Guard and Reserve Soldiers on Title 10 order for more than 30 consecutive days and their Family Members.
  - Surviving Spouses and Orphans of Soldiers who died on Active Duty or during Retirement.
  - Any National Guard and Reserve Soldier supporting Hurricane Maria relief efforts.
  - On a case by case basis, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers not mobilized but needing assistance due to Hurricane Maria.
- 2. Financial Assistance is available from Army Emergency Relief for the following:
  - Natural Disaster Immediate need items (Food, Clothing, Shelter, Generator)
  - **Essential Furniture** When establishing a new household or replacement is required as a result of a natural disaster.
  - Minor Home Repair Emergency home repair for primary residence when repair not covered by homeowner's insurance and while awaiting funds from federal and personal insurance claims.
  - Purchase/Repair of Stoves and Refrigerator Purchase appliances when establishing a new household, replace due to natural disaster or repair when required.
  - Clothing Delayed or lost household goods shipment and natural disasters
  - Rent Inability to pay upcoming or past due rent; Initial Rent and Deposit
  - Essential POV Repair Unexpected repairs for Essential Vehicle
  - **Utilities** Inability to pay upcoming or past due utilities; Initial Deposit
  - No-pay Non-receipt of pay as a result of DFAS error
  - Repair of HVAC Heating & Cooling System repair up to \$5,000.

- Rental Vehicles While on emergency leave or when essential vehicle is being repaired.
- Replacement Vehicles When cost of repairs exceed Blue Book Value of vehicle; up to \$4,000.
- Funeral Expenses Death of immediate Family Member
- Child Car Seats Purchase for safety of minor children.
- **Emergency Travel** Death or serious illness of a Family Member
- **Cranial Helmets** Medical necessity for treatment of moderate to severe head deformities in children.
- **Dental Care for Dependents** Up to \$5,000 for Dental needs necessary for individual health.
- 3. Ft. Buchanan Army Emergency Relief Office is currently located in Building 660. The current phone number is (787)707-3535 and operating hours are from 0830 to 1630, Monday through Friday. Army Emergency Relief assistance can also be obtained by calling the American Red Cross at 1-(877)272-7337.

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