

For MacDill AFAS HQ approved American Red Cross will process all applications and requests for Aid. This includes Sister Services.

DATE: 27 SEPTEMBER 2022

ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 03-2022

SUBJECT: DISASTER ASSISTANCE GUIDANCE (HURRICANE IAN)

1. PURPOSE.

To provide **\$600 grant** for Disaster Assistance to eligible members who are in the path of **Hurricane Ian** in Florida. **Eligible service member and their families with a financial need may be provided assistance for evacuation expenses associated with lodging, food, gas and any other essential items.** These Disaster Assistance grant applies to those who received evacuation orders (verbal or written) by Installation Commander or local municipal.

2. ELIGIBILITY.

- a. **Active Duty** and their eligible family members.
- b. **Air National Guard, AF Reserve (regardless of duty status)** and their eligible family members.
- c. **Retirees** receiving retired pay and their eligible family members.
- d. **Medically Retired** and their dependents, including those placed on the Permanent Disability Retired List (PDRL) or Temporary Disability Retirement List (TDRL).
- e. **Surviving Spouses and Children** of who died while on Active Duty (including those on Title 10 Orders) or in an eligible Retired status.

3. GENERAL GUIDELINES.

- a. Assistance will be provided as a **Grant (\$600).**
- b. **Assistance is "needs based".**
- d. No budget required.

4. PROCEDURE.

- a. Assistance will be considered for **individuals who have been ordered to evacuate** via a local municipal mandatory evacuation order. Mandatory evacuation information by County for the State of Florida can be found at www.floridadisaster.org/evacuation-orders/.
- b. Installation Commander at MacDill AFB, FL issued a mandatory evacuation/base closure and an official Limited Evacuation Order (LEO). **Active duty service members are authorized the use of the Government Travel Card for this emergency and therefore are not considered for this grant.**
- c. Eligible members may **apply** through American Red Cross (877-272-7337).
- d. Eligible members may also apply through AFAS HQ but must call 703-972-2604 for guidance on how to apply.
- e. Caseworkers, other Military Relief Societies and American Red Cross – **Blanket Authority for \$600 grant authorized.**

5. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS.

- a. Application
- b. Military ID
- c. LES
- d. Proof of residency (utility bill, driver's license, etc.)
- e. Special Power of Attorney (spouse)

6. This assistance will remain in effect until 7 October 2022. Eligible members requiring additional assistance may submit a separate application.