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**WCFA-COVID EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND GRANTS – PHASE 2**

Senior Enlisted Leaders, Family Program Offices, and State Association Presidents,

EANGUS and the We Care for America Foundation are pleased to announce the receipt of additional funding which will allow us to provide much needed assistance to National Guard Soldiers and Airmen who have been impacted financially by the COVID-19 Pandemic. We extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to USAA for their continued support and this most recent donation which will be distributed in three phases over the next several months.

Similar to the initial COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds that were distributed in May 2020 (Phase 1) these funds will be available to current and former members of the National Guard, enlisted or officer, who demonstrate the loss of their primary income or employment, or a financial emergency directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants will be capped at \$500, and are intended to assist with basic household necessities such as rent, utilities, food, etc. In order to assist as many National Guard members as possible, the fund can only support one emergency grant per household. National Guard members who received a grant in Phase 1 are not eligible to receive another WCFA-COVID grant at this time.

The window to submit applications for Phase 2 of the WCFA-COVID Emergency Relief Fund will open at **6:00 pm Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 28, 2020**. A max of 600 applications will be accepted and reviewed during Phase 2. We ask that applications be submitted by National Guard members who absolutely need assistance as a result of a COVID-19 related financial hardship. Applications will be approved based on the greatest need. It is important to note that not all applicants will qualify for assistance and others who do qualify, will not receive a grant once the funding allotted for Phase 2 is exhausted. Additional phases and opportunities to apply for emergency assistance will be announced in the future. Each phase will be announced in advance and will require submission of a Verification Form noting the applicant's emergency need at that time.

The grant application process includes completion of a brief online application and submission of the WCFA-COVID Emergency Relief Fund Verification Form which must be completed and signed by the applicant's Unit Commander, Senior Enlisted Leader, or Family Program Representative. A copy of the fillable Verification Form is attached, or applicants can download a copy of the form from our website. Please refer to the We Care for America website at [www.eangus-wcfa.org](http://www.eangus-wcfa.org) for more information and to submit an application for assistance. Applicants approved for a grant will be notified and funds will be disbursed as quickly as possible.

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