

## ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF



EFFECTIVE DATE: 7 JULY 2024

NAME OF DISASTER: TROPICAL STORM BERYL

SUBJECT: DISASTER ASSISTANCE BULLETIN NUMBER: 03-2024

Below is Headquarters, Army Emergency Relief (AER) Disaster assistance guidance for eligible individuals who have been personally affected by Tropical Storm Beryl. Financial assistance may be provided for basic essential needs (Temporary Lodging, Food and Fuel) to sustain oneself during and after the storm.

### **HQ AER Disaster Assistance Guidance (Bulletin 03-2024) is as follows:**

#### **1. ELIGIBILITY.**

- a. Soldiers on **Active Duty** and their eligible Family members.
- b. Soldiers **Retired from Active Duty because of longevity** and their eligible Family members.
- c. **Retired Army Reserve and National Guard** Soldiers receiving retired pay and their Family members.
- d. **Medically Retired** Soldiers 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 Soldiers who died while on Active Duty (including those on Title 10 Orders) or in an eligible Retired status.
- f. **Members of the Reserve Component** of the Army (National Guard and Army Reserve **under Title 10 U.S.C**) on continuous Active Duty **for more than 30 consecutive days** and their eligible Family members.

**Additionally, Disaster assistance eligibility has been extended to the individuals listed below who have been impacted by the Tropical Storm Beryl. These individuals are normally NOT eligible for AER assistance.**

- g. “Grey Area” Retired Soldiers of the Reserve Components (Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve);
- h. Title 10, Title 32, and TPU Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers who are NOT mobilized;
- i. Title 10, Title 32, and TPU Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers mobilized for LESS THAN thirty (30) consecutive days;

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- j. Title 10, Title 32, and TPU Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers activated in support of Tropical Storm Beryl relief efforts.

**NOTE: Caseworkers must clarify the Duty Status of applicants:**

- a. Regular Army (Active Duty)
- b. Retired Soldiers
- c. Survivors
- d. Title 10 - Guard, Reserve, or AGR (Active Duty)
- e. Non-Title 10 – Guard and Reserve. **Non-Active-Duty as described in (g-j) above (Extended Eligibility).**
- f. “Grey Area” Retired Soldiers

### 2. GENERAL GUIDELINES.

- a. Assistance may be provided up to **\$600 as a Grant under Blanket Authority** to eligible members listed in para 1 (a – j) above who have been impacted by Tropical Storm Beryl.
- b. Assistance may be considered for basic essential needs (Temporary Lodging, Food and Fuel).
- c. For Soldiers, the Company Commander or First Sergeant will be the individuals who validate the need by signing the AER Assistance Application (as applicable) prior to the Soldier requesting assistance. **For Army Field Recruiters, the Battalion Commander, Executive Officer, Company Commander, or First Sergeant may validate the need by signing the AER Assistance Application.**
- d. Retired Soldiers and Survivors will sign their own AER Assistance Application validating the need.
- e. **The budget requirement is waived; however, the request must be for a “valid need” associated with the disaster.**
- f. Assistance will be retroactive to **7 July 2024** and applicants may apply for reimbursement as a “one time” exception for basic essential needs, and departure / return needs. Applicants will be required to provide receipts for expenses i.e., food, fuel, and temporary lodging to be reimbursed by AER.

### 3. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS (The AER application forms are available on the AER website at [www.armyemergencyrelief.org](http://www.armyemergencyrelief.org) under the “Forms and Resources” tab)

- a. Military Identification Card
- b. AER Form 101, Application for AER Assistance with itemized list of basic essential needs - Temporary Lodging, Food and Fuel. **(Applicants in paragraph 1, a-f).**
- c. AER Form 770, Application for AER Assistance with itemized list of basic essential needs - Temporary Lodging, Food and Fuel. **(Applicants in paragraph 1, g-j).**
- d. Leave and Earning Statement (LES) for Soldiers.
- e. Title 10 orders for the current period of service (Guard, Reserve, or AGR) (if applicable).
- f. Proof of residence in the affected area: Driver’s license, utility bill, mortgage, or lease statement. Online verification is acceptable, and a hard copy is **NOT** required. **The**

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**burden of proof in on the applicant to provide proof of a power outage or flooding in the county or municipality in which they reside. For applicants who are displaced due to property damage, proof of property damage from the insurance company is required.**

- g. Special Power of Attorney (AER Form 53 or civilian equivalent) or Allotment Authorization (AER Form 55) when Soldier is not available.
4. **This guidance will remain in effect until 15 July 2024.**
5. The points of contact for this guidance are:
  - a. Assistance Section - SGM(R) Glen Wellman or CSM(R) Charles Durr at (571) 389-7137/ Extension #1 or via email at [assistance@aerhq.org](mailto:assistance@aerhq.org).
  - b. Loan Management Section - SGM(R) William Hagzan at (571) 389-7137/Extension #2 or via email at [repayments-allotments@arehq.org](mailto:repayments-allotments@arehq.org).
6. If additional guidance is required, please contact HQ AER toll-free at 1-866-878-6378.

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