

# Financial Resources for Military Families

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Sometimes families need financial assistance. Military families can face unexpected expenses due to a deployment, PCS'ing across county, having to fly "home" suddenly, etc. This can become urgent for families who are already managing the added expenses incurred when caring for someone with a disability or special healthcare need.

Financial resources are free (not a loan) when assistance is directly provided by the organization. Services offered may be free or are considered "affordable" when a family's financial resources are limited.

## Military Oriented

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### American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross works with each of the military aid societies (below) in order to provide 24/7 access to emergency financial assistance for eligible applicants.

### Military Branch of Service Organizations

Air Force: <http://www.afas.org>

Army: <https://www.aerhq.org>

Coast Guard: <http://cgmahq.org>

Navy/Marine Corps: <http://www.nmcrs.org>

Each Branch of Service may offer financial assistance on a case-by-case basis for:

- Emergency living expenses
- Emergency travel
- Child care
- Respite
- Necessary medical and dental costs and supplies

### Operation Homefront

### USA Cares:

- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Housing Assistance (includes budget training)
- Financial support for combat-wounded veterans post 9/11
- Financial support during transition to civilian employment

## Resource Finders

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Call 2-1-1, or if that call does not go through, get an alternate phone number at <http://www.211.org/>. 2-1-1 is a national information and referral service that is free, confidential, and can put you in touch with resources in your community. They are a great place to begin any search for programs, services, supports, and financial assistance. They are available 24 hours, seven days a week, and can communicate with you in any language.

[ARCH National Respite and Resource Center](#), includes: the [National Respite Locator](#), a service that helps caregivers and professionals locate respite (short break) services in their community

[Child Care Aware of America](#) links to Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agencies across the United States).

[United Way](#) links to community programs for family needs.

### [Easterseals](#)

Services may include:

- [Accessibility Resources](#)
- [Autism Services](#)
- [Camping & Recreation](#)
- [Day Care](#)
- [Employment & Training](#)
- [In-Home Care](#)
- [Mental Health Services](#)
- [Therapy](#)
- [Veteran Reintegration](#)
- [Senior Career Employment](#)
- [Respite Services](#)

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