

New Jersey National Guard State Family Readiness Council

FAMILY GRANTS PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The State Family Readiness Council Family Grants Program was created to provide financial assistance to members of the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard whose immediate families experience financial hardships during the service member's period of mobilization and up to eighteen months following the service member's demobilization.

Applications, which are available through Family Assistance Center Coordinators must be completed in their entirety by the service member or an immediate family member and include copies of all available supporting documentation, for example a proof of need statement and copies of current billing statements to which the grant, if awarded, would be applied.

Completed applications must be submitted to the nearest Family Assistance Center for preliminary review and forwarding to the State Family Readiness Council Finance Committee. Applicants desiring assistance in preparation of their application are encouraged to contact the Coordinator at their local Family Assistance Center.

All grant applications will be reviewed and grants awarded based on need as determined by the State Family Readiness Council Finance Committee using the Family Grants Criteria below.

Applicants ordinarily will be notified of the Finance Committee's decision by the Coordinator at their local Family Assistance Center within ten working days of the Finance Committee's receipt of the applicant's properly prepared application including supporting documentation.

Upon awarding grants, the Finance Committee reserves the right to make payments directly to creditors on behalf of the family. To facilitate prompt payment, names/addresses and account numbers should be included with the application.

FAMILY GRANT CRITERIA

To be eligible New Jersey Army or Air National Guard service members must have been mobilized longer than 90 days within a period of one year and their immediate family must be experiencing financial hardship. Proof of such hardship must be provided in writing by the applicant.

Qualifying needs might include, but not be limited to, catastrophic emergencies of a personal or household nature, and other events resulting in significant unanticipated losses of family income or increases in family expenses. It is not intended that grants be awarded to offset reduced family income as a result of the service members mobilization in the absence of other compelling circumstances. It is not the intent of the program that grants will awarded due to pre-existing mismanagement of personal household income.

Eligibility extends up to eighteen months following the service member's demobilization. The total amount of any grants awarded to qualifying applicants may not exceed \$2500 per family for 24 months from the date of the of the first grant award, except for those families affected by the Presidential Order of January 2007 increasing the US Military presence overseas. The total amount of

any grants for families affected by that Order may not exceed \$5000 per family for 24 months from the date of the first grant award. When in its judgment extenuating circumstances merit such action, the Executive Committee may by majority vote approve the waiver of specific grant criteria on a case by case basis.

STARTING THE APPLICATION PROCESS

To start applying for a Family Grant contact the Family Assistance Center Coordinator at the location nearest you for an Application and A Guide For Completing The Application.

Teaneck Armory (201-833-8356/0632)
1799 Teaneck Rd
Teaneck NJ 07666-0687

Lawrenceville Armory (609-671-6681)
151 Eggerts Crossing Rd
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-2897

Jersey City Armory (201-915-3589/3591)
678 Montgomery St
Jersey City, NJ 07306-2208

Toms River Armory (732-341-9102 ext 13)
1200 Whitesville Rd
Toms River, NJ 08753

Morristown Armory (973-656-3592)
430 Jockey Hollow Rd
Morristown, NJ 07960-0499

Woodbury Armory (856-252-6893)
658 N Evergreen Ave
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Somerset Armory (732-937-6290)
1060 Hamilton St
Somerset, NJ 08873

Pomona AFB (Air & Army 609-272-6546)
400 Langley Rd
Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234

Mc Guire AFB (609-754-4479)
3327 Charles Blvd
McGuire AFB, NJ 08641