



NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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Dear Members of the SC National Guard,

When emergencies arise, EANGUS has a Foundation called **We Care for America Foundation**, that exists to meet the immediate needs of National Guard families.

The National Guard Relief Foundation serves current, retired and former National Guard members of all ranks (Enlisted, Officers, Warrant Offices) or surviving un-remarried spouses of National Guard members who died while serving or after achieving retirement age.

This Foundation has 2 ways to help National Guard Members with disaster relief.

The S.A.R.G.E (Soldier and Airman Relief Grants for Emergencies) Program provides a one-time grant of up to \$500.00

-or-

Interest free loan for up to \$2000.00

The funds are distributed to those who apply and have demonstrated and verified hardship, emergency or catastrophic loss.

These funds can help with rent/mortgage, utilities, gas, moving costs, shelter due to loss of residence, and even funeral expenses.

In 2023, this program helped 138 South Carolina Guard members and their families through hardships.

If you or a guard member, retiree or former guard member you know, has suffered an extreme hardship or loss due to Hurricane Helene, please find the application on the EANGUS website at

[www.eangus-wcfa.org](http://www.eangus-wcfa.org)

The application must be filled out and returned directly to them.

Processing time for the SARGE grant is normally 5 days and will be paid by direct deposit to the guard member from the NGRF.

Processing time for the interest free loan is normally 2 weeks and will be paid by direct deposit to the guard member from the NGRF.

Please know that the South Carolina National Guard Association is here to provide information about the benefits that can help you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence W. Crowson".

Lawrence W. Crowson

Executive Director

National Guard Association of South Carolina