



# Coast Guard Mutual Assistance

## How can I help CGMA's efforts?

*Contributions are always welcome...your generous support is greatly appreciated.*

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance accepts donations from individuals and organizations. Active Duty, Retired Military Members and Civilian Employees can conveniently spread contributions over time through an allotment or payroll deduction.

Contributions are tax deductible. Donation forms are available online.

*Send financial support to:*

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance  
US Coast Guard Mailstop 7180  
4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 610  
Arlington, VA 20598-7180



Contact your CGMA Representative for assistance or more information

www.CGMAHQ.org  
1.800.881.2462

*Looking After Our Own...  
Since 1924*



## Coast Guard Mutual Assistance

provides essential financial aid to the entire Coast Guard family, chiefly through interest-free loans, grants, and financial counseling. As an independent non-profit organization, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) depends on the generosity of individual supporters to sustain its vital services to the men and women of the Coast Guard.

### Then & Now

## A Quick Sketch of CGMA History

1924

*The League of Coast Guard Women is founded with a mission to "minister to the general welfare of the commissioned officers, warrant officers, enlisted men and civilian employees of the Coast Guard and their immediate families"*

*Admiral F. C. Billard is Commandant; Mrs. Billard becomes the first "Honorary President"*

1941

*As the U.S. enters World War II, Coast Guard Welfare is formally established and assumes the League's mission*

1979

*The organization's name changes to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance*

1998

*CGMA centralizes operations and is incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia*

2005

*CGMA distributes 3 million dollars in direct aid to families affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma*

2009

*CGMA celebrates 85 years of service to the men and women of the Coast Guard*

Today

*CGMA delivers 5 million in direct financial assistance through loans and grants each year. In the spirit of promoting financial stability, CGMA also offers a variety of education and family support programs that boost morale and enhance Coast Guard readiness*

*With over 135 locations throughout the Coast Guard, CGMA ensures emergency assistance is readily available whenever needed*



## Who does CGMA help?

Dedicated to making assistance available to the entire Coast Guard family, CGMA is Coast Guard people helping Coast Guard people. Anyone associated with the U.S. Coast Guard is eligible to receive some form of help either for themselves or on behalf of their immediate family members.

*Active Duty*

*Retired Military*

*Coast Guard Civilian Employees*

*Coast Guard Reserve (Selected Reserve)*

*Coast Guard Auxiliary*

*Public Health Service Officers  
serving with the Coast Guard*

*Surviving Family Members*

## How does CGMA help?

Most assistance is provided through interest-free loans and personal grants. Education assistance supports members and dependents with the cost of books and loan origination fees as they pursue their academic goals. Additionally, by sponsoring confidential financial counseling and referral services, CGMA champions the financial health of its clients.



## What assistance is available to me?

CGMA can help with such needs as:

*Emergency travel*

*Temporary living expenses*

*Funeral expenses*

*Emergency home repair*

*Loss of funds or property*

*Disaster relief*

*Vehicle repair*

*Moving expenses*

*Housing rental/closing costs*

*Medical and dental expenses*

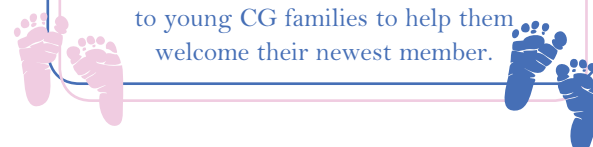
*Past due bills and expenses*

*Debt management*

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#### A Welcome Gift for Babies

CGMA sends a package of baby supplies to young CG families to help them welcome their newest member.



CGMA may not be used for:

Long-term or frequent assistance

Standard of living beyond one's means

Elective medical procedures

Gambling debts

Legal expenses

Paying personal income or property tax

Costs resulting from disciplinary or court action

## How do I get help?

Contact a CGMA Representative. To find your local representative:

Ask your Coast Guard supervisor

Visit [www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org)

Call 800.881.2462

**Mythbuster: You don't have to contribute to receive assistance.**

Time critical emergency assistance is also available through the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Air Force Aid Society, Army Emergency Relief or the American Red Cross.



## What if my spouse needs emergency assistance while I'm deployed or underway?

When a spouse applies for assistance while you are away, the CGMA Representative will attempt to contact you for approval of the amount requested for assistance.

If your spouse has a power of attorney or a CGMA Pre-authorization Form (Form 16), assistance may be provided up to the limits specified in the power of attorney or pre-authorization. The form is available online.

If there is no power of attorney and you cannot be contacted, CGMA can provide a one-time emergency loan of up to \$200 to your spouse.

## Where do CGMA funds come from?

You, your shipmates and co-workers. As a tax-exempt organization, CGMA is financed through the generosity of individual contributions and by the return on investments. This means that available assistance and programs are donor-sustained. CGMA does not receive any federal funds.



## Coast Guard People Helping Coast Guard People

*Since its inception in 1924, CGMA has provided over \$150 million in assistance.*