



Auxiliary Emergency Fund  
Plan of Action  
2018-2019  
Jo Ann Maitland, Chairman

**What is this Program?**

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund

**Why do we have it?**

The AEF provides temporary financial assistance to eligible members during times of financial crises or weather-related emergencies and natural disasters. The intent is to help members who have suffered a financial setback and to be a “helping hand” until financial stability is re-established.

**Types of assistance available:**

Temporary assistance during a time of financial crisis, when no other source of aid is readily available to pay for shelter, food, and utilities.

Temporary assistance for food and shelter due to weather-related emergencies and natural disasters.

Temporary assistance for educational training who lack of skills necessary for employment or to upgrade competitive workforce skills.

**Assistance will not be granted to pay for accumulated debts or medical expenses.**

**Eligibility:**

Department – Members in good standing with a minimum of (3) consecutive years dues and must be current at the time of the emergency.

National - Member whose dues have been paid for (2) two consecutive years as well as the current year = three years total, may apply.

**Assistance provided:**

The Department of Florida AEF maximum grant amount is \$1,200.00

The ALA National maximum grant amount is \$2,400.00

## **ALA Department of FL AEF application:**

<https://alafli.org/programs/emergency-fund>

Member completes pages applicable for individual grant needed:

- Financial
- Disaster relief for food and shelter
- Educational training

Unit Investigator, appointed by Unit President completes page 6 with a narrative report. Signatures from the Unit President, Unit Secretary and Unit Investigator are necessary for submission.

## **ALA National AEF Applications:**

[www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)

Same as Unit – Unit submits to Department Secretary.

## **Disaster application only:**

Expedited Application for Members Affected by **Disaster** - apply on line:

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Expedited-Application-for-Members-Affected-by-Disaster/>

**Application must be received at National Headquarters within 3 months from disaster date**

**Eligibility:** Persons who have been members of the American Legion Auxiliary for at least the immediate past two consecutive years, AND whose current membership dues are paid at the time the emergency occurs (three consecutive years' dues) may apply for assistance

You may submit the application in one of four ways:

1. Download paper copy of application and fax completed application to National Headquarters at 317-569-4502,
2. Mail to American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters, Attn: AEF, 8945 N. Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46260,
3. Submit via the national website (click on the submit button after completing form)
4. E-mail directly to [AEF@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:AEF@ALAforVeterans.org). Questions may be directed to AEF Grant Coordinator at (317) 569-4500.

Note: Applications lacking required information will be returned

## **Fundraising;**

- All in Vegas Style Casino night!
- Pass the hat at Bingo, Queen of Spades or other gaming events for AEF
- Wrap a 20oz. water bottle with “Lend a Hand” logo. When full of dimes = \$100.00
- Raffle off a gambling cruise

## **REPORT.... IT’S REALLY EASY!**

Send me a story about how your Unit or District supported the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and how it was used to lend a helping hand to an Auxiliary Sister.

### **Mid- year narrative due:**

Units to District Chairman - **December 1<sup>st</sup>**, District to Department, (ME) **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Year end narrative due:**

Units to District Chairman – **April 1<sup>st</sup>**, District to Department, (ME) **April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Awards for selflessly helping a sister in need:**

#### **Department:**

Award for Best Unit Narrative - “Lending a Sister a Helping Hand”

Certificates awarded to Units with largest donations (per capita), to AE Fund.

#### **National:**

Department award for the largest contribution to AE Fund

Unit award for the largest amount contributed (per capita) to AE Fund

Department award for the largest contribution (per capita) to AE Fund.

\$50.00 donation you will receive a women helping women pin.

“The Auxiliary Emergency Fund Program supports the ALA Centennial Strategic Plan by providing temporary financial assistance to members in need, the AEF increases brand loyalty (Goal 5) and helps us retain members. (Goal 1)”



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