

## **Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) 2020-2021**

### **OUR VETERANS AND TROOPS ARE SWEET AS CANDY**

#### **What is this program and why do we have it?**

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund provides temporary financial assistance to eligible members during times of financial crisis or weather-related emergencies and natural disasters and promotes awareness and knowledge of the program.

#### **Who is Eligible?**

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary whose dues are current and who have maintained membership for three consecutive years (the current year and immediate past two years) are eligible to apply in the wake of financial crisis. Temporary assistance may be considered when a natural disaster or weather emergency leaves a member without shelter or food. A financial crisis hits leaving a member without resources for shelter, food or utilities and no other source of aid is readily available. In extreme circumstances, educational training is needed by a member lacking the necessary skills for employment. Eligible members seeking emergency assistance apply via a process involving their unit, department, and ALA National Headquarters.

#### **Application Process:**

Members may request an application by contacting their unit or department headquarters and must submit their completed applications to an officer of the ALA unit to which the member belongs. The unit president and secretary will complete the unit portion and forward the application to the department secretary. After verifying the member's eligibility, the department secretary will submit application to National Headquarters for consideration by the AEF Grant Committee. Applications are reviewed by the national AEF case manager.

#### **How TO Help**

Help support the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (**AEF**) by donating and contributions of \$50 or greater will receive a pin. The AEF is a national grant assistance program that provided temporary emergency help to the eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have suffered a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or another personal crisis.

**Auxiliary Emergency Fund Reporting:** Mid-Year Reporting is required a narrative report due by December 15,2020 and End of the Year Report with a narrative is due by April 15,2021. Annual reports reflect the program work of the units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met.

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