



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY *F*OUNDATION

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FOUNDATION *GRANTS-AT-A-GLANCE* FOR UNITS, DISTRICTS/COUNTIES, AND DEPARTMENTS

The purpose of the ALA Foundation is to assist in carrying out the educational, charitable, and other exempt purposes of the American Legion Auxiliary by raising funds for, assisting in conduct of, and providing support to the Auxiliary programs. As a 501(c)3 public benefit corporation, the ALA Foundation provides a resource to engage additional investors interested in supporting our mission.

As part of its mission fulfillment, the ALAF awards grants by two methods:

1. Granting directly from its Veteran Projects Fund or Veterans Creative Arts Festival fund to ALA units, districts/counties, and departments.
2. Serving as a conduit to 3rd party grants which are awarded to the ALAF and sub-granted to an ALA unit, district/county, or department that is the intended recipient of the grantor.

The criteria and application process for the Veteran Projects Fund Grant, Veterans Creative Arts Festival Grant, and Sub Grant follow:

VETERAN PROJECTS FUND GRANT

If your unit, district/county, or department identifies a specific, emergent need for your local veterans or active military, the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation Veteran Projects Fund may be able to lend a hand.

Grant Criteria:

- The applicant must be an ALA entity – unit, district/county, or department, tax exempt, and in good standing with both the IRS and the American Legion Auxiliary.
- The proposal must address a specific, emergent need by an ALA entity that supports the ALA mission or an ALA program identified in the national Programs Action Plan. An emergent need is a new need appearing, arising, occurring, or developing for the first time.
- The ALA Foundation will fund small emergent need projects in the amount of \$2,000-\$5,000, and in unusual circumstances an amount no greater than \$10,000.
- The ALA Foundation will fund Mission in Action projects that help our members be recognizable in the community by providing ALA branded means to transport all of the goods and materials to service projects.
- One grant per grantee in a 12 month period will be awarded.



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Grant may not be awarded for:

- Day-to-day operating expenses of the grantee or anticipated special operating expenses related to the grant
- Construction costs of any type for a building owned by The Legion or Auxiliary
- Maintenance or construction costs for government owned facilities
- Funding matches for government grants
- Payment of consultant fees, administrative costs or staff compensation, including but not limited to personnel expenses such as salary/wages, insurance, or other fringe benefits
- Expenses related to seminars and training programs including, but not limited to, lodging, travel, food, or materials
- Expenses for Auxiliary or Legion office/social club/bar operations, including, but not limited, to storage; rental of office space; furniture/furnishings; office/social supplies; and office equipment such as computers, copiers, telephones, equipment leases, etc.
- Personal consumer goods or consumables including, but not limited to food, clothing, and personal use supplies
- Scholarships
- Department or unit training

VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL (VCAF) MINI GRANT

The purpose of a Veterans Creative Arts Festival mini grant is to aid in the well-being of veterans by introducing them to art therapy.

Mini Grant Criteria:

- The applicant must be an American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) entity – unit, district/county, or department, tax exempt, and in good standing with both the IRS and the American Legion Auxiliary.
- The ALA Foundation will fund projects up to \$2,500.

Grant may not be awarded for:

- Refreshments
- Any National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF) expenses
- Maintenance or construction costs to festival venue



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SUB GRANT

American Legion Auxiliary entities that have identified a source for grant funding from a foundation or corporation that requires the recipient to be a 501(c)(3) can have the ALA Foundation serve as the recipient. The ALA Foundation will then, in turn, sub grant to the ALA entity according to the terms and conditions of the grantor.

Grant Criteria:

- The applicant must be an ALA entity – unit, district/county, or department, tax exempt, and in good standing with both the IRS and the American Legion Auxiliary.
- Grants must support the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be completed online and submitted electronically, or printed and faxed, or be typewritten and mailed to the ALA National Headquarters, Attn: ALA Foundation, 8945 N. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46260. The electronic application is a fillable form that can be completed online and submitted to NHQ from the ALA or ALAF websites. Applicants will receive an electronic acknowledgement that their grant application has been received and it will be reviewed by the ALAF Board of Directors at the next quarterly board meeting.