



The American Legion Auxiliary is extending its administrative year through our 2021 National Convention due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please save your 2019-2020 reports and add the great work you will continue to do throughout the 2020-2021 year.

## 2019 – 2021 Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)

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## 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.

### Auxiliary Emergency Fund Awards Deadlines:

- A. **Department Award:** Largest Contribution
  - Deadline: June 1, 2021
  
- C. **Unit Award:** Unit Contributing the Largest Amount (per capita)
  - Deadline: June 1, 2021
  
- D. **Department Award:** Department Contributing the Largest Amount (per capita)
  - Deadline: June 1, 2021

### Auxiliary Emergency Fund Reporting:

#### Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year correction. Each department AEF chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **January 5, 2021** to the division AEF chairman, plus copy the national AEF chairman.

#### Year-End Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. Each department AEF chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **May 15, 2021** to the division AEF chairman, plus copy the national AEF chairman. Members and units should follow their department's protocol and deadlines for report submissions at the department level.

### ***Special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program Facts:***

The Auxiliary Emergency fund was established in 1969 by the National Executive Committee, as National President Marcella Davidson, Department of New Mexico, started this as her special project. It was funded initially through a generous legacy gift from Auxiliary member Helen Colby Small of Burlington, Wisconsin. The AEF is now able to continue to grant assistance through voluntary contributions. The Auxiliary promotes awareness of the fund, disseminates information about the application process, and solicits donations from units, departments, and individual members in order to continue its availability as a resource to help members in certain dire states. A national AEF grant review committee awards AEF grants to applicants based on criteria, membership, and fund availability.



In 1981, the AEF program was expanded to include a fund to help members who needed to support themselves due to unexpected life-changing circumstances such as death or illness of a spouse, divorce, or desertion. Those women found it difficult to obtain employment, and who are without the job skills necessary to obtain adequate employment. Because of this, short-term assistance can now be provided to help our members acquire marketable job skills through schooling or job training when all other sources of financial aid have been exhausted. This was called the Displaced Homemakers Fund. With the continuous generosity of our unit members, the funds allowed a wider use of the benefits to our members and it continues today. The first AEF grant amount was \$150 and today the grant amount is for \$2,400 that our members may be eligible to receive. Since the AEF Program's existence, our members have received an estimated \$5.8 million, with over \$6 million in donations from our generous members.