

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

2017-2018 Plan of Action

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The Auxiliary Emergency Fund was established in 1969 by a generous donation from Helen Colby Small of Burlington, WI. The continued funding for AEF grants comes from contributions from Units and members. The applying member could receive up to \$2,400.00 on a case by case basis. These grants can be awarded to members who have exhausted all other personal and community resources due to financial hardship, natural disasters or the need for competitive job skill education.

AEF fundraising ideas:

How about placing a collection can at your Post home for donations? Ask businesses in your community for donations to the AEF.

Water Bottle Coin Collection - Bring 20 oz. bottles of water to a meeting or membership drive and pass them around. Let the recipient know that if they were to drop their extra dimes into the empty bottle, by the time it is full there would be approximately \$100.00 in the bottle.

Buy a meal – Volunteers donate homemade meals to sell. This could be in conjunction with a Bake Sale. Or sell food and baked goods at local sports games or dances.

Eat For A Cause – Contact local restaurants and ask them to set aside a night where a percentage of the sales would be donated to AEF.

Otterbox – sign up and request product donations for your raffle and/or silent auction at <http://www.otterbox.com/en-us/product-donations.html>. Requests can take up to 6 weeks to be processed.

You can obtain the current application for an AEF grant at ALAforveterans.org. Before you begin filling out the application (to help ensure a completed application) you need to, as the applicant, check that you have all pertinent documentation. As the officers of the Unit you need to ensure you know your roles and responsibilities in assisting the distressed member. It would be quite helpful if the Unit officers and AEF Chairman know the answers to AEF Frequently Asked Questions. These items are available online at ALAforveterans.org. Better yet come to one of the four Fall Conferences and pick up a copy of these items from this chairman.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund National Award: Unit Contributing the Largest Amount (per capita)

Auxiliary Emergency Fund Department Trophy: Frank Burbee Jr. Trophy – A trophy to the Unit who donates the highest percentage of dollars per person to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

Any member that donates \$50.00 to the AEF will receive a pin from this Chairman. The AEF Unit Chairman that raises \$50.00 will receive a pin from this Chairman.

Please report all you are doing to raise money for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and amounts raised to this chairman by the dates on the Auxiliary Emergency Fund Report form.

How to sheets –

- How to implement a Successful Water Bottle Coin Collection
- Before you Begin Completing the AEF Application
- AEF Frequently Asked Questions
- Auxiliary Emergency Fund Roles and Responsibilities

Additional Resources –

1. www.ALAforVeterans.org (for additional resources and descriptions)
2. www.legion.org
3. www.operationhomefront.net (general financial assistance for military families)
4. www.211.org (referral program for local help with food, housing and employment)
5. www.fema.gov (disaster assistance)
6. www.redcross.org (disaster assistance)
7. www.fns.usda.gov/snap/ (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
8. www.liheap.ncat.org (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)
9. The AEF Committee Facebook group, search “Aux Emergency Fund”