AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

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The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) is a national grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency help to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have suffered a significant financial set back as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis.

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund was established in 1969 with a bequest from the estate of Auxiliary member Helen Colby Small of Burlington, Wisconsin. It continues today solely through generous donations from Auxiliary members.

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 a financial crisis when no other source of aid is readily available.

Emergency assistance grants may be awarded by the Auxiliary Emergency Fund Grant Committee on a case-by-case basis up to a maximum of $2,400. Grant funds may be used only for shelter, food or utilities. Auxiliary Emergency Funds may not be used for medical expenses or debt such as that on credit cards.

Members may request an application thru their unit or Department and must submit their completed application to a unit officer. The Unit President, Secretary and verifier will complete unit portion and forward application to Department and onto National.

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS – This year I would like each unit to decorate a one pound coffee can. Theme – use your imagination! They will be judged at Mid-Winter Conference and second contest at Department Convention. The winners will receive a personal gift. Please make sure that you put unit name on the bottom of can.

Our goal is to be the Department that collects the most money. Any donation of $50.00 or more will receive an Auxiliary Emergency Fund Donation Pin. So decorate that coffee can and collect at your unit’s meetings.

Would appreciate a Mid-Year Report by December 15, 2020 and your Year-End reports by April, 2021. Let’s be 100%.

National Unit Award – to the Unit contributing the largest amount (per capita) – deadline May 1, 2020.

Department Award – The Frank Burbee, Jr. Trophy – to the Unit in Department who donates the highest percentage of dollars per Unit member to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.