Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Plan of Action for 2014-2015

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The Auxiliary Emergency Fund is a National grant assistance program. This program provides temporary emergency financial assistance to eligible members of the Auxiliary.

What can you do?

1. Familiarize yourself and your unit about the program.

   The following core rules apply to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund:

   a. Temporary assistance to eligible members during:
      A time of financial crisis when no other source of aid is readily available to pay for shelter, food and utilities.
      Weather-related emergencies and natural disasters, for food and shelter.
      Educational training for eligible members who lack the necessary skills for employment or to upgrade competitive workforce skills
   b. Assistance will not be granted to pay accumulated debts or medical expenses.
      The intent is to help members who have suffered a financial setback and is meant to be a bridge offering a helping hand until financial stability is reestablished.
      Incomplete applications and missing documentation will significantly slow processing the case file.
   c. Eligibility: Persons who have been members of the American Legion Auxiliary for at least the immediate past two consecutive years and whose current membership dues are paid at the time the emergency occurs (three consecutive years' dues) may apply for assistance.
   d. Assistance provided: The maximum grant amount is $2,400, disbursed as the Auxiliary Emergency Fund Grant Committee determines.

2. Keep a file folder accessible and ready with all the above information in it, along with a current application and the AEF brochure.

3. Help to increase the department's donations to the National AEF.
   Idea: Have fundraisers designated for this project, i.e., raffles, and no bake sales, collect change at meetings and place in a piggy bank. Make a personal donation. National will give a citation and lapel pin to any individual contributor donation $50 or more.

Report Deadlines: Mid-year December 10, 2014
End of year May 1 2015

Rewards:

Units: A certificate for a donation and something special for the unit that makes donation and completes both mid-year and end of year reports

District Presidents: A certificate and $25 donation in your name to Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

Division President: A $50 Donation in your name to Auxiliary Emergency Fund (to get citation and pin from National) for the most units in your division making a donation to AEF.