



American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Department of North Carolina

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Auxiliary Emergency Fund provides temporary financial assistance to eligible **American Legion Auxiliary Member** in good standing membership currently for 3 years. It is a national grant that gives financial assistance up to \$2,400 due to natural disasters, education for needed employment skills, and financial crises for shelter, food or utilities.

Application online site is - <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Expedited-Application-for-Members-Affected-by-Disaster/> (for direct application process).

To encourage members to begin fund raising in a fun way, at Fall Conference, at Mid-Winter Conference and at NC Department Convention, unit/members are asked to **bring a decorated can** (size, shape and choice material) with amount of money collected by members to assist Auxiliary members needing financial help. Considering the effects of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, members from North Carolina will need our assistance. The member/unit presenting the can judged to be the **“Winning Can”** [best decorated and/or with a note of the amount of donation] will receive an AEF pin, certificate and gift at Depart. Convention in June 2019.

National AWARDS Criteria

Member who gives \$50.00 or more gets a Citation and Lapel Pin Recognition.

The **Unit** with the largest contribution (per capita) gets a Citation plaque and special recognition at National Convention.

The **Department** who donates the largest contribution per capita gets a Citation Plaque and special recognition at National Convention.

The following shows how AEF supports the Program Action Plan:

In Goal 1, AEF enhance membership strength in communication between all levels of National, Department, Units and members through the AEF application.

In Goal 2, through the grant, AEF create an Internal Culture of Good will that enables members at all levels to demonstrate goodwill to internal and external audience.

In Goal 3, because of the application process, AEF develop leadership at all levels.



In Goal 4, AEF strengthen Departments and Units by optimize mission delivery.

In Goal 5, since AEF gives the grant to members to help her get back on her feet, AEF recognize brand loyalty and excellence in promoting the ALA brand.

At this Fall Conference, we have received \$5.00 from an anonymous donor, \$25.00 from District 3, \$25.00 from Betsy Lee Hodges, and \$150.00 from Unit 52, including unknown amount from ALAJuniors.

Suggestions to raise funds are:

- *- Water Bottle Coin Collection: 20 oz. water bottle full of dime almost makes \$100.
- *- Gift wrapping Services during Christmas Season.
- *- Buy a Meal: homemade meals for sale or bake sales.
- *- Eat for a Cause: Ask restaurants to set aside a night where a percentage would be donated to AEF.
- *- Talent Show with \$5.00 admission and sell snacks.
- *- Otterbox – Sign up and request product donations for raffles and/or silent auctions at <http://www.otterbox.com/en-us/product-donations.html>. Requests can take up to 6 weeks to be processed.
- *- Adult spelling bee.
- *- Pictures of kids with animals.
- *- Benefit singing.
- *- One night stand.
- *- Flag subscription service.
- *- Miniature golf tournament .
- *- or Your own fund raising idea.