## **Auxiliary Emergency Fund**

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## What does AEF stand for? Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

This is a National Assistance program that provides temporary assistance for eligible member of the American Legion Auxiliary who has endured significant financial hard ship, set back as a result of natural or personal crises. (Attached are the requirements)

This program is funded by you, the Units and Districts. Ways to inform members of the program are:

- Make sure your members know about the program and what it does.
- Have the unit AEF chairman explain the program.
- Keep applications (Attached) on hand.
- Keep AEF bulletins handy (available through National Headquarters)
- Hold fund raisers.

## Some fundraiser ideas are:

- Include a line item in your yearly budget,
- Personal and Unit donations.
- Challenge another Unit donations.
- Put a donation Jar out during meetings or other events.
- Of course, hold fundraisers dedicated to AEF.

The department has an award given at convention, Juanetta Gunder AEF Certificate, for the best written narrative report. It isn't that hard to do, follow guidelines listed in the Department handbook.

National also has an award given to one Unit in One department contributing the largest donation (per capita) to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

Unit or personal donation of \$50.00 or more to the National Program will receive an AEF pin.