

Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Programs Action Plan
2021 - 2022
Manette Vanwinkle, Chairman

What is this program and why do we have it?

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) is a national grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency assistance to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary up to \$2,400 as the result of an act of nature or another personal crisis.

What can you do to work this program?

- Distribute the “Before you Begin – Frequently Asked Questions” sheet and AEF brochure found at www.ALAforVeterans.org to eligible members. Promote as a benefit to new members.
- Have printed applications and AEF brochures available during unit meetings and at the local post.
- Support fundraisers sponsored by your department and unit.
- Make a personal donation to the AEF. Donations of \$50 or more will receive a pin requested by your department from National Headquarters.
- Put an AEF donation can in your local post (visit www.ALAforVeterans.org for a free, downloadable can label). Solicit local businesses for monetary or in-kind donations to your unit for AEF.

Important due dates:

- Year-end Unit reports are due to the District Chairman by April 15th.
- Year-end District reports are due to the Department Chairman by April 27th.

Awards:

Department Awards:

Ruth Rairdon Award to the Unit which makes the largest monetary contribution per Senior member at close of books to the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund on a percentage basis according to its paid membership. In case of a tie, the contribution reaching Department Headquarters first. This will be a single plaque to be awarded.

Personal Chairman Awards:

- 1) Award to the Unit that raises the most money for AEF from August 2020 to April 2022. It must be reported on the year-end report.
- 2) Award to the District that has the most units participating in raising money for the AEF. This also must be reported on the year-end report.
- 3) Award to the Jr member and the Jr Unit who raises the most money for AEF from August 2020 to April 2022. It must be reported on the year-end report.

A special award will be given to the District with the highest amount of money raised for AEF must be at least \$2,022!

Please include pictures with your reports. You can send pictures directly to me if that is easier. Also, if I am your Facebook friend, tag me so I can find them.

There are National Awards also available. Visit www.legion-aux.org for more details. Or drop me an email, phone call or snail mail and I'll send the information.

I look forward to hearing about all the ways your units have bloomed in helping our Auxiliary members in need.

Remembering
Our
Service to Veterans
Every Day

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