



What is this program, and why do we have it?

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund provides temporary financial assistance to eligible members during times of financial crisis or weather-related emergencies and natural disasters and promotes awareness and knowledge of the program.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund Awards Deadlines:

- A. **Department Award:** Largest Contribution
 - Deadline: May 15, 2021..... to Department AEF Chairman
- B. **Unit Award:** Unit Contributing the Largest Amount (per capita)
 - Deadline: May 15, 2021..... to Department AEF Chairman
- C. **Department Award:** Department Contributing the Largest Amount (per capita)
 - Deadline: May 15, 2021..... to Department AEF Chairman

Auxiliary Emergency Fund Reporting:

Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of the units in the department and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year correction. Each unit is required to submit a narrative report by **December 15, 2020** to the Department AEF Chairman in turn she will forward to the division AEF chairman, plus copy the national AEF chairman.

Year-End Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. Each unit is required to submit a narrative report by **April 15, 2021** to the Department AEF Chairman in turn she will forward to the division AEF chairman, plus copy the national AEF chairman.



Special 100th Anniversary Program Facts:

The Auxiliary Emergency fund was established in 1969 by the National Executive Committee, as National President Marcella Davidson, Department of New Mexico, started this as her special project. It was funded initially through a generous legacy gift from Auxiliary member Helen Colby Small of Burlington, Wisconsin. The AEF is now able to continue to grant assistance through voluntary contributions. The Auxiliary promotes awareness of the fund, disseminates information about the application process, and solicits donations from units, departments, and individual members in order to continue its availability as a resource to help members in certain dire states. A national AEF grant review committee awards AEF grants to applicants based on criteria, membership, and fund availability.

In 1981, the AEF program was expanded to include a fund to help members who needed to support themselves due to unexpected life-changing circumstances such as death or illness of a spouse, divorce, or desertion. Those women found it difficult to obtain employment, and who are without the job skills necessary to obtain adequate employment. Because of this, short-term assistance can now be provided to help our members acquire marketable job skills through schooling or job training when all other sources of financial aid have been exhausted. This was called the Displaced Homemakers Fund. With the continuous generosity of our unit members, the funds allowed a wider use of the benefits to our members and it continues today. The first AEF grant amount was \$150 and today the grant amount is for \$2,400 that our members may be eligible to receive. Since the AEF Program's existence, our members have received an estimated \$5.8 million, with over \$6 million in donations from our generous members.