

Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Texas Program Engagement Plan
2025-2026



The Purpose of the AEF:

The purpose of the AEF Committee is to raise funds for and promote knowledge about the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

Key Program Statements:

- The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) is a national grant assistance program that provides hardship and disaster emergency assistance to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary up to \$3,000 as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis.
- Disaster funds may be awarded for damage to the interior/exterior of the vital livable portion of the member's primary structure, contents and/or for essential emergency expenses after the disaster based on proper documentation provided.
- Hardship funds may only be awarded for over/past due primary shelter expenses, basic household utilities and/or loss of income based on proper documentation provided.
- Members of the American Legion Auxiliary **whose dues are current** and who have maintained annual membership for **three consecutive years** (the current year in which the application is submitted and immediate past two years) and have not been awarded an AEF grant (disaster or hardship) in the previous twelve months are eligible to apply for a grant.
- The forms for both the AEF Hardship Application and Disaster Grant Application can be found on both the alatexas.org page or the legion-aux.org page under the AEF Committee tab.

Department Awards:

- All Texas AEF awards will be determined by reports generated by Headquarters on donations received from Units and Individuals by May 31.
- Largest Unit Donation (per capita)
- Largest District Donation (per capita)
- Largest Division Donation (per capita)
- Largest Donation by an Individual member

- All Units submitting an AEF Narrative sharing their work in support of this program, your Unit's events, fundraising, and educating ALA members of this worthwhile and often needed program will receive a Certificate of Appreciation.
- ALL narratives are due to the Texas AEF Chairman May 1, 2026. Please remember to copy your Division's AEF Chairman as well. They would love to share your works when they visit other Districts.

Department Incentives:

- **“Texas’ 100 for \$100”**
A “Collector” Vintage AEF pin will be **awarded to the first one hundred Units OR Individuals** to contribute \$100 or more. The donating Unit will receive (1) vintage pin to be presented to the Unit AEF Chairman; or, if the Unit does not have an AEF Chairman, the pin will be presented to the Unit President. An Individual donating \$100 or more will receive a pin.
- **ALL** Units and Individuals donating \$100 or more will be placed into a drawing for a \$100 prize. The drawing will take place at the Texas Department Convention in July 2026.
- When submitting your donation to the Department of Texas, please attach or scan the form at the back of the Texas AEF PEP.

***** Stay tuned for other fun incentives and fundraising efforts throughout the year. *****

National Awards:

- All National AEF awards are determined by reports generated by the National Headquarters on donations received from Departments **and Units** from June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026.
- **Unit Contributing the largest amount (per capita)**
- Largest Department Contribution Award based on donation received.
- Department Contributing the Largest Amount (per capita)
- ALL AEF donations must be received by May 31, 2026.

Units can now submit their Unit Award submission directly to National by going to the National Awards Form Link: www.legion-aux.org/National-Awards-Form

The Texas Auxiliary Emergency Fund Committee will be happy to assist and answer questions. Your AEF Committee for 2025-2026 consists of:

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Texas' 100 for \$100 Incentive

2025-2026

Donor Information



DATE: _____

UNIT OR INDIVIDUAL'S DONATION AMOUNT: _____

UNIT NAME AND NUMBER: _____,

DISTRICT: _____ DIVISION: _____

AEF CHAIRMAN: _____,

OR

UNIT PRESIDENT: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

IF AN INDIVIDUAL,

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____