

# NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND (NEF)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Can my spouse apply for a grant through the NEF if I apply for one?

A. No. The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) has a different program called the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF). Only one grant per household from the NEF.

Q. Can I reapply for more NEF funds if I was granted \$3,000 for a single disaster?

A. No. However, members may apply for grants for a separate disaster if they were evacuated or displaced.

Q. Will the NEF cover losses of my vehicles?

A. No. Only out of pocket expenses (shelter, food, clothing, medicine, diapers, etc.) due to displacement.

Q. Will the NEF cover my barn or shed?

A. No, only the primary home of residence where the member resides.

Q. Can I apply if my membership has recently expired, even though I was a current member at the time of the disaster?

A. No, membership must be current at both the time of the disaster and the time of application.

Q. Do I submit my grant application to my department headquarters?

A. Yes, it must go through the department for vetting and approval.

Q. Do I need to provide photos of the damages to my home and receipts for out of pocket expenses?

A. Yes, we must have that documentation in order to process an NEF grant application.

Q. Can my post apply for an NEF grant to help cover the losses from the social quarters?

A. No, the NEF only provides for losses that pertain to the Four Pillars of The American Legion.

Q. For my post grant, do I need to provide a copy of the latest Consolidated Post Report?

A. Yes, as well as any testimony from the community or district/department leadership attesting to what will be missed from your post being a viable part of the community.

Q. Can an NEF application be sent in even if the area hasn't been declared a disaster?

A. No, a disaster declaration must have been generated by local, state or national agencies.