

Hello Super Tiggers

I was asked a lot of questions regarding the California Disaster Fund at the Department Executive Committee meeting in Santa Maria. So, below you will find the Department code regarding the California Disaster Fund. All the forms that are required can be found on the Department website www.calegionaux.org. If you follow the code below your auxiliary member may be entitled to receive some much-needed assistance. I'm still looking into the exact amount that is in the fund and I will get back to you but for now please follow the below

1. In 1989, the Department of California established the California Disaster Fund to assist members who sustain damage to their homes or great personal loss due to earthquakes and other natural disasters or any unfortunate event causing wide-spread damage. (1998)
 - a. The budget for the California Disaster Fund will be dependent upon voluntary contributions and forwarded to the Department Office and administered by the Department Chairman. The Department Chairman shall promote the Fund and encourage Unit, District, and individual contributions to the Fund. Donations shall be made payable to the Department of California, ALA and earmarked for "California Disaster Fund." (2002)
 - b. The Department Office shall maintain the Fund and make distributions of monies to American Legion Auxiliary members when notified by the Department Chairman. The amount of assistance requested on the application form shall be at the discretion of the Department Chairman. All assistance checks shall be made payable to the member. In the event additional assistance is necessary, a letter from the requesting Unit to the Department Chairman must be approved by the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Department President. The Department Chairman and the Department Office shall review the status of the fund on a quarterly basis and notify the Department President. (2001)
 - c. Any member in good standing is eligible for assistance. The amount of assistance granted will depend upon the need. Applications for disaster relief shall be the responsibility of the local Unit with two signatures required: The first by either the member or the Unit Community Service Chairman; and the second by either the Unit President or the Unit Secretary. All applications must be forwarded to the Department Chairman for action. (1998)
 - d. Annually, one copy of the established application form and donation form shall be sent by the Department Office to each Unit, District President and District Community Service Chairman. Additional copies will be provided by the District Community Service Chairman. (1998)

If you have any questions or need more assistance regarding on just how to apply please let know. I'm always here to lend a paw.

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