



## September Bulletin

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) is known as the Office of Emergency Services (OES) this year. I believe we will be needed more than ever before. Currently Southern California is under a tropical storm warning predicting large amounts of rain in the historically driest month of the year.

Do you have members who need help due to a weather-related emergency or natural disaster? Do you have members who find themselves suddenly, the head of the household (divorce, death of spouse or parent) and in need of funds to update and/or acquire skills in order to enter the work field?

We can help, AEF is our National Grant Assistance program, that provides temporary emergency assistance to eligible members who have suffered a financial setback because of natural disasters or certain personal crisis. It can only be used by members who are current with their dues and maintained membership for three consecutive years.

The AEF Program is about **members helping members**. Let's make sure we are emergency ready. I urge each AEF chairman to help units plan fundraisers so we can help as many members as needed when they apply for AEF Grant Assistance.

The disaster relief available related to weather related emergencies and natural disasters are for shelter, food, and utilities.

How can you help? Help them submit an application on the National Web site or the Department website. The form must be filled out completely and carefully. Only applications that are filled out correctly will be considered. Please let me know if you need help.

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