

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
Auxiliary Emergency Fund
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Happy November ladies. November is a time of change – literally! Seasons change, time changes, weather changes. For us in California we can now usually breathe easier as the wild fire season is over with the welcome rains. However there are other disasters that can affect your primary residence aside from wild fires, including flood, earthquake, structure fire, or from other severe weather.

According to the electrical safety foundation, from November through February, approximately three in ten fires involve electrical malfunctions or failures and nearly three of five home fires involve an electrical malfunction or failure, arcing from the heat source. Homes with Christmas trees are susceptible to fire from the tree lights. So make sure you are not overloading electrical plugs. Please make sure all your Unit members are aware of these risks.

If this tragedy does strike your primary residence, eligible Auxiliary members can apply for AEF disaster assistance. These funds may be awarded for interior/exterior structure damage to the vital livable portions of the primary structure, personal items, household contents, major appliances, furniture, and HVAC units. With the appropriate documentation/receipts, examples of what types of funding maybe available are: expenses for temporary shelter, temporary structure repairs, and purchase of alternative power sources and/or purchase/replacement of groceries incurred due to or being displaced after the disaster.

The application process and application form are on the National Auxiliary website (<https://alaforveterans.org>).

A “gentle reminder” - the Mid-Year Reports are due to your District AEF Chairman no later than December 1 – only a few weeks away! The AEF Mid-Year report is on the Department website if you do not have a copy that was mailed to all units.

Stay safe Ladies
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