



Auxiliary

AEF Newsletter

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Fundraising Ideas

This month we had our quarterly zoom call and talked about fund raising ideas. One of our members talked about filling water bottles with dimes. She has challenged her members to have these water bottles at unit meetings, district meetings and at department meetings. To put a spin on this I would have different rules for each month at your unit meeting. Like every child/grandchild you have put a dime in. A dime for every pair of sandals you have or how many pairs of tennis shoes. Think about it this would add quickly for some of us. Make it fun. If you have a fish fry or some other event at your hall you could even put out information on the AEF and put collection containers out. You could use pringles cans and decorate them. A good poster board goes a long way. Thank you to that member for her idea!

AEF Pin

The new pin is for individuals that donate \$100.00 or more to the AEF fund. All donations must be sent directly to the National Headquarters to be eligible for the pin and will be mailed directly to you from our National office quarterly. You can also log onto the National website and to make a donation. Just make sure to choose AEF as the recipient of the donation. If you have questions about the pin or if you have not received your pin please contact Anne Hardwick at our National Headquarters. She will research it and get back to you.

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Facts and Figures

Total AEF Donations Fiscal 2023 10/1/23 thru 12/31/23 \$54,212.42

AEF Grant Awards - 1st Quarter, Fiscal 2022-2023

AEF Dollars Awarded: \$137,610.35

Total Members Awarded: 103

Breakdown of dollars Awarded:

Total Awarded Disaster Applications: 82 – Amount: \$110,460.74

Total Awarded Temporary Assistance Applications: 21 – Amount: \$27,149.61

In Fiscal 2022 there were a total of 89 Grants and \$119,439.05 dollars awarded. We have already surpassed that in the first quarter of this fiscal year.

AEF Temporary Assistance Grant for ALA Members

Life can sometimes throw us a curve we weren't expecting. An Auxiliary Emergency Fund Temporary Assistance Grant may provide temporary assistance to eligible members during a time of financial crisis when no other source of aid is readily available to pay for shelter, food, and utilities. Grants may be awarded up to \$2,400 with the intent is to help members who have suffered a financial setback and offer a helping hand until financial stability is reestablished. Assistance will not be granted to pay medical expenses or credit card debt.

Application forms can be found on the ALA National website or you can ask your Department AEF Chairman for assistance. You can also contact your division chairman at the emails above or me at kellyelli26@gmail.com.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to all that have dealt with loss and destruction. Whether it is a loss of life or a loss of property, they are both devastating. God Bless you and may God give you strength in your time of need.

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