

National Emergency Fund

Since the early 1920's, The American Legion has been actively involved in meeting the needs of both the community and individual Legion family members in the wake of disaster. The American Legion National Emergency Fund was born out of natural disasters to compassionately heal the wounds of catastrophe and help save their homes. A major disaster could happen to any Legionnaire in any town at anytime and make them homeless. The National Emergency Fund has kept posts from closing and enabled Legion family members to begin to rebuild their homes and their lives.



Eligibility criteria:

1. Eligibility open to Legionnaires and Sons of The American Legion members (up to \$1,500) Legion Posts (up to \$5,000).
2. Applicant must have been displaced from their primary residence due to a declared natural disaster and provide proof of out-of-pocket expenses.
3. Not meant to replace or repair items, only to meet most immediate needs (i.e., temporary housing, food, water, clothing, diapers, etc.)
4. Does not cover insurance compensation or monetary losses from a business, structures on your property (barns, tool sheds, etc.,) equipment or vehicles.
5. Membership must be active at time of disaster and the time of application.

The storms that passed through North Carolina the weekend of April 16, 2011 have left many people homeless and in need of assistance. The American Legion NC Department is actively involved with meeting the needs of both the community and individual Legion family members in the wake of this storm.

[Download a National Emergency Fund Grant Application here.](#)

Members must complete a National Emergency Fund Grant Application. Applications may also be obtained by contacting the NC Department Headquarters at **(919) 832-7506** or by calling The American Legion National Headquarters at **(317) 630-1321**. Members may also get information and forms by going to: <http://www.legion.org/emergency>