



**The American Legion Tyler Cates Post 281
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Grants Available for Natural Disasters

(The American Legion National Emergency Fund)

The American Legion National Emergency Fund was established to provide immediate financial grants to American Legion Posts, Legionnaires, and Sons of The American Legion members who are recovering from a natural disaster.

The National Emergency Fund has provided millions of dollars in direct financial assistance to Legionnaires, posts and Sons members.

On March 26, 2023, The American Legion's Michele Steinmetz, National Emergency Fund Coordinator, released the following statement:

“To Mississippi leadership:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the citizens of Mississippi in light of the recent tornado activity. Please know we are ready and standing by for your American Legion and SAL members and American Legion posts in the affected areas. We know that there was an emergency declaration issued.

This is the link to send your members to for NEF grant instructions and grant application:

legion.org/emergency

Please call us with questions. Deborah Fielder and I have worked together in the past on previous disasters.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Michele”

Members, when you go to that link, scroll down to “Request Assistance” and review the eligibility requirements and how to apply for assistance.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Eligibility open to Legionnaires and Sons of The American Legion members (up to \$3,000) Legion Posts (up to \$10,000).

2. Applicant must have been displaced from their primary residence due damage sustained during a declared natural disaster. If emergency/disaster shelters are available, and applicant chooses not to stay at shelter, need to know the reason why they did not stay in the shelter.
3. Not meant to replace or repair items, only to meet most immediate needs (i.e., temporary housing, food, water, clothing, diapers, etc.) during the period immediately following the disaster.
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.

Application requirements:

1. Application must be submitted to the Department Headquarters within 90 days of disaster.
2. Disaster must be a "declared" natural disaster for Legion Family members.
3. Supporting data (photos, receipts, repair estimates, etc.) should be included if at all possible or statements (testimony) from post/district/department officers attesting to damages to residence requiring displacement.
4. Only one grant per household per disaster.
5. Post grants must derive from a declared natural disaster and substantiating documentation must provide that The American Legion post will cease to perform the duties and activities in the community due to losses sustained.