



## HOW TO HELP

The American Legion's National Emergency Fund is set up to quickly and efficiently provide financial grants to members of The American Legion and American Legion Posts, that have been affected by natural disasters. A full 100 percent of donations to NEF are turned into grants. Donations are not used to cover administrative and promotional costs.

### To donate:

Visit [www.legion.org/emergency](http://www.legion.org/emergency) to make a tax-deductible contribution electronically, using your credit card. Checks may be mailed to The American Legion, Donation Processing, P.O. Box 361626, Indianapolis, IN 46236-1626

### To raise money:

NEF relies on donations to help Legionnaires and American Legion Posts recover from disaster. Fundraisers such as motorcycle runs, fish fries or raffles are great ways to gather donations. Proceeds from fundraisers may be donated to NEF by the website or mailing address listed above.

### For more information:

News and additional information about the program is available at [www.legion.org/emergency](http://www.legion.org/emergency).



## HISTORY OF NEF

The program began in 1969 as a one-time effort in the wake of Hurricane Camille, which devastated the Gulf Coast – primarily Mississippi, and parts of Louisiana and Alabama. The American Legion's National Executive Committee (NEC) approved a resolution in August that year establishing the fund to “meet the most urgent needs through American Legion channels.”

NEF was resurrected in 1989 when Hurricane Hugo pummeled the Carolinas and Puerto Rico. The NEC again pledged \$25,000, called for a fundraising drive and approved a resolution stating that any leftover funds would be saved for future natural disasters. Since then, NEF has provided millions of dollars in direct financial assistance to Legionnaires, and American Legion Posts. By providing this emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and supported members and their families as they recovered from tragedy.

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## ABOUT THE NEF

Natural disasters can strike anywhere at any time, often without any warning. When lives are turned upside down, The American Legion National Emergency Fund (NEF) is there to provide immediate financial grants to Legionnaires and American Legion posts.

While large-scale disasters such as Hurricanes Milton, Helene, Idalia and Ian and the Palisades Fire grab headlines, NEF has also covered those who are affected by lesser-known emergencies. These have included flooding and tornadoes in Oklahoma and Indiana, flooding in Iowa, Vermont and New York, and devastating storms in Texas.

## HOW NEF HELPS

In the aftermath of tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding, wildfires, earthquakes and other natural disasters, eligible American Legion members can fill out a brief form to apply for immediate aid. Applicants must have been displaced from their primary residence due to damage sustained during a natural disaster.

Legionnaires can receive up to \$3,000 in NEF grants, while American Legion posts may receive up to \$10,000. The grants are intended to help individuals cover the cost of immediate needs such as food, lodging, clothes and other necessities wiped out by disaster.

To request a grant, download the form at [www.legion.org/emergency](http://www.legion.org/emergency).

***“Irma came through with some pretty strong winds. It didn’t take our roof but caused us multiple leaks and damage so we had to fix the entire roof to repair the damage. The National Emergency Fund granted us \$8,000, which really helped because it saved us money that we’re able to roll back into programs now.”***

– Tracy “Stretch” Spence,  
Commander of Post 81, Melbourne, Fla.