



# VFW Auxiliary

## Relief Fund

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Per Auxiliary Bylaw Sec. 904—Relief Fund

A. A Relief Fund *must* be established by each Auxiliary.

1. Receipts and expenditures must be in accordance with the Booklet of Instructions (page 21)



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## What Type of Proceeds

The Relief Fund shall consist of the proceeds from:

1. Net proceeds from Buddy Poppy distributions
2. Any contribution or other funds available

(Example: Life Membership payouts from National Headquarters, Memorial Donation, Awards)



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## What are Relief Funds Used for

Relief Fund money shall be *restricted* and expended solely for these purposes:

1. Aid to Auxiliary members needing financial assistance.
2. To meet all obligations or to send monetary gifts to the VFW National Home.
  - a. VFW National Home Health and Happiness through MALTA or mail to  
406 W. 34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111



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3. Hospital work for all veterans, members of the Armed Forces, Auxiliary Members and their family members.
4. Veterans & Family Support work for all veterans, members of the Armed Forces, Auxiliary members and their families.

*When disbursing Relief Fund money for **Items 3 and 4**, it must have a **direct benefit to veterans and/or their families**. All other expenditures shall come from the General Fund*



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5. National Auxiliary Cancer Aid & Research Fund.
6. Special purposes authorized by National Headquarters.
7. To perpetuate the memory of deceased veterans and members of the Armed Forces and to comfort their survivors.
8. To foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs.



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## Common Questions

**Q1. Does every Auxiliary need to establish a Relief Fund?**

A1. Refer to Bylaws Sec. 904 – Podium Edition of the Bylaws and Ritual – A Relief Fund shall be established **by each** Auxiliary.



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## Common Questions

**Q2. Is the Relief Fund a second checking account or savings account?**

**A2.** A Relief Fund is part of the Auxiliary's ***one checking account***. There should not be a second checking or savings account for the Relief Fund.





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## Common Questions

**Q3. May an Auxiliary take money from the Relief Fund and transfer it into the General Fund to pay an expense?**

**A3. An Auxiliary *may* transfer money from the *General Fund* into the *Relief Fund*; but an Auxiliary **cannot** transfer money from the Relief Fund into the General Fund.**



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## Common Questions

**Q4. Is the Relief Fund a Restricted Fund?**

A4. The Relief Fund is a restricted fund.

**Q5. What monies are placed in the Relief Fund?**

A5. The Relief Fund shall consist of the proceeds from a Buddy Poppy distribution or any contributions and/or donations received.



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## Common Questions

**Q6. Is the Relief Fund part of the quarterly audit?**

**A6. The Relief Fund is part of the quarterly audit.**



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## Thank You

Thank you for attending the session.

Questions ????