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Subject: UPDATE: AEF Disaster Grant Deadline Change

Importance: High

Good afternoon,

ALA National Headquarters is implementing a three-month deadline instead of six months for Auxiliary Emergency Fund disaster applications effective **March 1, 2025**. This approach balances the need for urgency with accessibility, ensuring more efficient resource allocation and quicker recovery for ALA members.

Any ALA member who applies for assistance for a disaster that occurs after March 1, 2025, will be subject to this change. If ALA members apply for assistance for a disaster that occurred prior to March 1 (ex. Hurricane Helene, Hurricane Milton, CA wildfires) they will still be granted the existing six-month deadline.

A three-month deadline for disaster applications promotes timely aid distribution and efficient resource management. While shorter deadlines may pose challenges for certain populations, these can be addressed through targeted outreach, flexibility for exceptional cases, and enhanced support systems. By making this change, the ALA can better serve affected communities and expedite the transition from immediate response to long-term recovery.

Please reach out if you have any questions or would like further clarification. Have a wonderful weekend!

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