



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY • DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

1801 23rd Ave N, Rm 113, Fargo, ND 58102 • 701-253-5992

secretary@ndala.org • www.ndala.org

June 1, 2017

Unit Presidents:

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED INFORMATION
AND APPLY FOR A SERVICE PROJECT GRANT

Attached is a communication from Mary 'Dubbie' Buckler, Executive Director/National Secretary. ALA will award 50 grants of \$1,000 but time is SHORT!

Deadline to apply is June 30, 2017.

Start planning an event with members of your unit and local post or other organizations in your community. The event must be held between September 8, 2017 and September 13, 2017.

The grant instructions are enclosed and applications must be completed online. Further information and a link to the application is available at ndala.org. If you wish to learn more, sign up to get in on one of three conference calls to find out more about the grant process.

You must complete the digital application form, save it, and then email the completed form to:
CommunityService@ALAforVeterans.org

Best wishes on applying for the grant and planning and executing your event!

Yours truly,

Diane Kraemer, Department President
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of North Dakota
1801 23rd Ave N, Rm 113
Fargo, ND 58102

The American Legion Auxiliary has just been awarded a CNCS grant to make 50 AWARDS OF \$1,000 EACH for 9/11 NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE PROJECTS.

Grants will be awarded for service projects and 9/11 remembrance activities that must take place between Friday, September 8, 2017 and Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Each grant of \$1,000 requires a \$250 cash or in-kind services match (making the grant total \$1,250 on paper.) Applications are due June 30th !

The application and instructions/guidelines are attached. The application isn't difficult - it's a 3-page fillable form. For the \$250 required match, you can show donated goods or a \$250 additional cash contribution as the match. It's pretty simple. Also, The American Legion, Sons, and other nonprofit organizations or schools can apply for an ALA 9/11 Service project grant, but they must show that they are collaborating with an American Legion Auxiliary unit, district/county, or department.

Funding was awarded to the American Legion Auxiliary by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). The 9/11 National Day of Service honors the sacrifice of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 or who rose in service as a result of that tragedy. The ALA Foundation will be approving the individual grant awards via an expedited process on behalf of the ALA. Both National President Mary Davis and ALA Foundation Board President Linda Boone are excited at this unexpected opportunity. We know the time frame is short - but it's a great opportunity and a very easy way to apply for \$1,000 that can be used to help spruce up a Legion post or Auxiliary facility.

The grant application is pretty self-explanatory. To help raise your comfort level to quickly complete and submit a grant application, the ALA will host 3 conference calls to talk about the process and answer any questions. You must pre-register to be on a call; see details in the attached instructions.

The ALA 9/11 Day of Service grant project began as an initiative of the ALA Centennial Strategic Plan Goal 1 Team, so congrats that another Goal 1 idea is coming to fruition!

This new, very limited grant opportunity follows the recent announcement shared at the ALA Department Leadership National Conference that, after nearly 8 years, the ALA Call to Service VISTA program is coming to an end. The final grant will expire on July 31, 2017. We appreciate those ALA entities that took advantage of this special program. Watch for an upcoming article about the achievements of the ALA Call to Service program in _Auxiliary_ magazine.

Please circulate and share information about this terrific 9/11 Day of Service \$1000 grant opportunity. We're informing Legion NHQ. It doesn't get much easier to ask for \$1,000. Applications MUST be submitted by June 30th ! Happy form filling - thanks!

Mary "Dubbie" Buckler, Executive Director/National Secretary