

Liquor Board Employees Division of OPSEU Emergency Fund

What is the Emergency fund?

The Divisional Emergency Fund (DEF) provides emergency financial assistance based on need, duration and available funds.

The DEF has been established to provide assistance for LBED members of OPSEU who are experiencing an immediate, severe and temporary situation due to an emergency.

The emergency must be temporary. A member with long standing financial challenges will not meet the requirements. Funds will be awarded, when approved by the DEF committee.

This will be on a first come, first served basis until the fund is exhausted. If the fund is exhausted, further applications cannot be considered until the fund is re-established. The monies available for the fund vary as these funds are as a result of fundraising.

Criteria for the Divisional Emergency Fund.

The DEF is for members in good standing. The DEF committee made up of the Executive Officers will require confirmation that the applicant has explored other avenues of possible support before applying. Examples of other avenues would be your local Executive, and the Regional Hardship Funds. These can be accessed by talking to your Local President or the Elected Board Members of OPSEU.

Request for assistance to the fund must be submitted by the applicant, using the DEF Application form. Under exceptional circumstances the application may be filed by an individual advocating on behalf of the applicant. Application forms can be requested through the Divisional Executive.

Applicants must be willing to repay the award from the DEF should their circumstances allow.

All requests are to be submitted via email to the LBED Divisional Officers and/or via regular mail to the LBED Negotiator and will be processed in a timely manner and with the strictest confidence.

Further assistance can be found by calling the Employee's Assistance Program (EAP) # 1-800-663-1142 or going on their website www.humansolutions.ca, where you can attain information for all kinds of situations. This service is at no cost to the members and their family.

Consider using the EAP when your own efforts to resolve problems are not working, you feel overwhelmed, or you want to prevent problems from becoming larger. The EAP also offers helpful support with information on childcare, elder care, financial, addiction, and legal issues.

LBED Divisional Executive