



Bet on the Blues

Musicians Emergency Relief Fund (MERF)

- **Available to LVBS Blues Band Members (BBM) with at least 2 years continuous membership with the LVBS only.**
- **BBMs must be registered with the LVBS.**
- **To be available for services related to funeral expenses, catastrophic illness/long term disability affecting their ability to perform, theft of instruments or lack of housing.**
- **Monetary grants will be awarded on a case by case basis but no more than 20% of the funds within the MERF account up to a \$500 maximum, and/or one benefit jam per BBM in need request.**
- **If MERF funds are depleted, a special benefit jam will be held.**
- **Requests for funds will be evaluated and voted on by the Board of Trustees, and require a majority vote.**
- **Nominations for funds can be requested by the BBM in need or anyone on behalf of that BBM.**
- **The LVBS will have at least one MERF benefit per year.**
- **All Member Musicians (MM) BBM will qualify to have a call for funds from the Membership listed in the newsletter, a Donation jar set up at a jam and/or a special fund raising event (jam, 50/50, raffles, etc).**