



CWA Robert Lilja Members' Relief Fund Information

The CWA Robert Lilja Members' Relief Fund (RLMRF) provides direct assistance to members of collective bargaining strategies during sanctioned strikes.

Effective April 2013, the weekly benefit to strikers and victims is:

\$200.00 beginning with the 15th day of the strike.

\$300.00 per week beginning with the 29th day of the strike.

\$400.00 per week beginning with the 57th day of the strike.

MRF payments end on the seventh day following the conclusion of the strike.

MRF benefits are subject to availability of funds.

If a strike ends mid-week, RLMRF payments shall be one-fifth of the weekly payout. RLMRF payments cannot be made for Saturday and/or Sunday unless these days were part of the normal five-day workweek.

Strikers are required to perform strike duty. Strike duty is required in order to receive RLMRF benefits. The Local determines the amount of strike duty. As a result, a striker's obligation may vary from Local to Local. Keep in mind that the rules require some level of involvement by each and every striker who applies for RLMRF benefits.

In strike situations where an employer cuts off health care benefits, CWA may authorize payment for necessary medical/hospital expenses. In some extreme cases the Fund Director may authorize payment of health care premiums (COBRA) on behalf of strikers and their dependents.