



Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding Fund Grant Guidelines

The **Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding Fund** was established to collect monetary contributions to support disaster response, recovery, and rebuilding grantmaking to eligible regional, community-based 501(c)3 nonprofit, faith-based organization or governmental units [those having an appropriate Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place with the Community Foundation] responding to community needs in the aftermath of an officially-declared disaster.

Guidelines: At the declaration of a disaster by appropriate government officials, a community-based advisory committee will be authorized to recommend grants for eligible nonprofit organizations that are providing services to people during the recovery and rebuilding phases of disaster relief. Recommended grants will be approved by the Community Foundation President/CEO, Executive Committee or Board of Directors. Maximum amount per grant is \$20,000 unless otherwise provided by MOU.

Eligibility: An organization applying for a Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding Grant must be:

- A regional, community-based 501(c)3 nonprofit, faith-based organization or governmental unit (if an appropriate MOU is in place with the Community Foundation) and serves within the four-county area covered by Community Foundation of the Lowcountry (Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton and/or Colleton Counties in South Carolina).
- Proposing a project that will meet needs not filled by state, federal or other nonprofit agencies.
- A willingness to complete a profile on The Giving Marketplace (along with a board-approved Diversity Policy) on the Community Foundation's website by the time the grant term concludes, or agree to reimburse the Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding Fund for the total amount of the grant.

Application Process: Required are 1) a completed application, including the project budget form; 2) the organization's annual budget; 3) current financial statements*; 4) most recent audit or attestation statement*; 5) most recent IRS Form 990*; 6) board list*; and 7) position description if the request is for a position.

*If the organization has a complete and up-to-date profile on Community Foundation's "The Giving Marketplace," these items need not be included with the application.

The grant term is six months unless otherwise specified. Organizations may be eligible for multiple grants from the Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding Fund, but not concurrently.

Questions about the grant program should be directed to Mr. Kevin S. Smith, VP for Grantmaking and Community Leadership at 843-681-9100 or ksmith@cf-lowcountry.org. He can provide up-to-date information about the timeline and approval process.