



Request for Proposals (RFP) Hurricane Irma – Long Term Recovery Committee Position

Proposals Due 12:00 PM EDT, November 5, 2018

Please submit the application as an email attachment to:

https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_2153?SA=SNA&FID=35436

For questions please contact

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Volunteer Florida Foundation

Florida Disaster Fund Request for Proposal (RFP)

The Volunteer Florida Foundation is pleased to issue this Request for Proposals (RFP) to meet unmet disaster recovery related needs resulting from Hurricane Irma in 2017. The total funding available for this RFP is \$950,000. Grants will range up to \$50,000 with 100% match in cash, in-kind donations, and/or volunteer hours.

I. MISSION

Administered through the Volunteer Florida Foundation, the mission of the Florida Disaster Fund (FDF) is to provide financial assistance to organizations supporting needs within a community impacted by disaster.

II. BACKGROUND

The FDF was established in 2004 to assist other disaster relief organizations with unmet needs following a disaster. The FDF is administered by the Volunteer Florida Foundation for the State of Florida. Since its inception, the FDF has distributed almost \$40 million in private contributions allocated to more than 350 nonprofit organizations working on long-term recovery across Florida's disaster-impacted communities.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this RFP is to make financial resources available to long-term recovery committees (LTRC) to support survivor recovery in communities that were impacted by Hurricane Irma and that received a federal declaration for Individual Assistance. The funds are designed to assist long-term recovery committees by supporting a staff position and related expenses (Salary, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, and Other Operating Costs) for up to 18 months. The position should strengthen the community long-term recovery operation.

IV. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants must be:

- A. A LTRC that maintains a 501(c)(3) nonprofit status (or operates under a fiscal agent with 501(c)(3) nonprofit status) and is existing or developing as the long-term recovery committee or organization.
- B. Providing disaster recovery assistance and services in counties identified in the LTRC by-laws in response to Hurricane Irma.
- C. Participating with the Hurricane Irma disaster case management provider in the assigned region to avoid duplication of benefits and for tracking and reporting purposes.
- D. Serving clients that meet eligibility criteria for proof of disaster related needs caused by Hurricane Irma, including proof of residency and ownership of any disaster

damaged dwelling, income, insurance payment statements, documentation through a local information sharing system of all resources provided for disaster assistance, and willingness to sign all required agreements for release of information and data sharing.

- E. Have a system in place for utilizing and supporting volunteers.
- F. Not a previous Long-Term Recovery Grant recipient.

V. PROPOSAL SCORING CRITERIA

Proposals will be scored on a 150 point scale based on the components outlined in the Proposal Requirements section below. The Volunteer Florida Foundation may conduct clarifying interviews in person or through conference calls prior to final approval. A copy of the Proposal Review Form and scoring elements is included as Attachment A.

VI. ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES

This targeted solicitation from the Florida Disaster Fund may be used to support staff and related benefits (Salary, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, and Other Operating Costs) for up to 18 months. Funds may not be used for case management positions and/or repairs or enhancements to applicant facilities resulting from Hurricane Irma.

VII. FUNDING PERIOD

Upon proposal approval, the term of the award shall commence with receipt of a signed original contract by the Volunteer Florida Foundation and shall expire 18 months from that date. Requests for no-cost extensions may be submitted for consideration and if approved, an amendment to extend the term of the contract will be required.

VIII. GRANT DISTRIBUTION

Fifty percent of the funding award will be made available upon execution of contract. Remaining payment thereafter will be made as a second 50% distribution.

IX. REPORTING PROCESS

Successful awardee will be required to submit proof of payment of the initial draw before requesting the second draw.

Proof of payment will include completion of Attachment B as well as proper supporting documentation for appropriateness of expense, compliance with approved budget, and proof of payment.

Quarterly service reports with accompanying documentation, will be submitted to the Volunteer Florida by the 15th of the month following the end of a contract quarter. A copy of the reporting format has been included as Attachment C.

X. PROPOSAL DEADLINE

Applicant must sign, scan, and upload to MicroEdge by 12:00 PM EDT, November 5, 2018
https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_2153?SA=SNA&FID=35436

Utilize the Proposal Checklist (Attachment D) to ensure all items are included in the proposal at the time of submission.

XI. FLORIDA DISASTER FUND RFP TIMELINE

Advertise and Release RFP	October 5, 2018	
Deadline to Submit Technical Questions FDfIrma@volunteerflorida.org	October 15, 2018	12:00 PM EDT
Applicant Technical Assistance Call 1-888-670-3525 Passcode 366 140 7113#	October 15, 2018	2:00 PM EDT
Proposal Due Date via MicroEdge https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_2153?SA=SNA&FID=35436	November 5, 2018	12:00 PM EDT
Award Notifications via email to Applicant ED/CEO and results posted to Volunteer Florida website www.volunteerflorida.org	November 19, 2018	5:00 PM EDT

XII. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals conforming to the project requirements must be uploaded into MicroEdge/Blackbaud. Proposals must include all items listed below. Incomplete proposals may not be considered.

A. Cover Page (Attachment E)

Complete all fields on the Cover Page and include the signature of the authorized representative of your organization.

B. Narrative (Attachment F)

1. **Executive Summary** (500 word maximum) – The Executive Summary should provide a brief overview of the applicant's project and how the applicant plans to utilize this position and its related expenses.
2. **Project Description** (500 words maximum per item) – Explain:
 - a. The impact of the disaster on the community
 - b. LTRC service area, service delivery plan, by-laws, mission statement, sub-committee structure, case triage plan, and case presentation procedures
 - c. LTRC agencies and the diversity of organizations represented
 - d. Activities of the LTRC post Hurricane Irma
 - e. Planned LTRC Operations Budget
 - f. Planned LTRC Training Plan
 - g. The intended responsibilities of the position
 - h. LTRC plan for disaster case management
 - i. Description of a system to utilize, support, and track volunteer assistance
 - j. Description of the job responsibilities and the projected outcomes
 - k. Description of pursuit of additional funding support
3. **Organizational Capacity and Community Collaboration** (500 words maximum per item) – Explain:
 - a. Pursuit of additional funding to secure services/resources
 - b. The coordination with community stakeholders and long-term recovery organizations for service and resource support
 - c. The plan for cash and/or in-kind match

C. Budget (Attachment G)

Proposed budgets must be completed using the Florida Disaster Fund Proposed Budget Form (Attachment G). Budgets should include only those costs associated with allowable activities under the RFP. Each budget line item should be itemized

and clearly defined. All amounts should be rounded to the nearest whole dollar (do not include cents).

1. Allowable Budget Cost Centers

- a. **Salary** – Include salary costs for the employee being charged to the grant. Include cost only for employee whose activities directly relate to the LTRC activities. Provide the position description, salary charged to the grant, and FTE and percent of time being charged to the grant. Case manager positions are ineligible from this grant.
- b. **Fringe Benefits** – The total cost of fringe benefits being charged to the grant and the calculation and associated amount for each benefit type. Fringe benefits may not exceed 35% of the salary cost. Fringe benefits typically include FICA, Worker’s Compensation, Retirement, State Unemployment Tax, and Health and Life Insurance. Paid vacation, holiday, or sick leave are not considered Fringe Benefits as they are assumed in the organization’s personnel expenses. Not (unless exempt by the IRS), all organizations are required to pay FICA for employees.
- c. **Travel** – Describe the purpose for which the staff member will travel. Provide a calculation to include itemized costs for transportation, lodging, per diem, and other travel-related expenses multiplied by the number of trips/staff. Applicants must adhere to the State of Florida mileage per diem and meal rates (Florida Statute 112.061). The State mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.445 per mile.
- d. **Equipment** (list all items over \$250) – Please be very detailed in this section and describe the equipment being purchased and the intended use.
- e. **Supplies** (include supplies and equipment less than \$250) – list all supplies and materials needed to operate the project. Single items over \$100 should be listed individually and detailed in this section.
- f. **Other Operating Costs** – Allowable costs in this budget category include, but are not limited to: staff background checks, and office space. (If space is budgeted and it is shared with other projects or activities, the costs must be equitably pro-rated and allocated between the activities or projects.)

2. **Budget Narrative** (Attachment G, page 2) – Use this section to describe the adequacy of your budget to support your project design and activities. After each item description, present the basis for each calculation in the form of an equation. Describe how you will match 100% of the grant award through cash, in-kind donations, volunteer hours, and/or other means.

- D. **List of the LTRC Member Organization** and the point of contact for each organization
- E. **A copy of the Applicant's 501(c)(3) determination letter** or that of the applicant's fiscal agent, if applicable
- F. **Two Letters of Support** printed and signed on letterhead

XIII. CONTACT

For additional information about this Request for Proposal, please email:

FDFlrma@volunteerflorida.org

Attachment A

Proposal Components	SCORE	Comments
REQUIREMENTS: ALL necessary documentation must be submitted with proposal AND proposals meet ALL requirements listed in order to be reviewed		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal was complete and included cover page with all required documents listed in the RFP 	Yes No	
<u>AGENCY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent to which applicant's Executive Summary provided an overview of applicant's project and plan for utilizing the position. 	0 1 2 3 4 5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent to which applicant described the LTRC service area(s), service delivery plan, by-laws, mission statement, sub-committee structure, case triage plan, and case presentation procedures. 	0 1 2 3 4 5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent to which applicant described <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LTRC membership o LTRC activities post Hurricane Irma o LTRC diversity of member organizations o LTRC Operations Budget o LTRC Training (delivered or planned) o Tax-exempt Status 	0 1 2 3 4 5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent to which applicant described the intended responsibilities of the position. 	0 1 2 3 4 5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent to which applicant described the LTRC plan for disaster case management. 	0 1 2 3 4 5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent to which applicant described the LTRC system for tracking volunteer hours. 	0 1 2 3 4 5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent to which applicant described the intended outcomes of having the position 	0 5 10 15 20 25	
<u>ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATION</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent to which applicant described pursuit of additional funding to secure services/resources. 	0 1 2 3 4 5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent to which applicant described coordination with community stakeholders and long-term recovery organizations for service and resource support. 	0 1 2 3 4 5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent to which applicant described plan for cash and/or in-kind match. 	0 1 2 3 4 5	
<u>BUDGET AND BUDGET NARRATIVE</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent to which each budget item is an allowable expense and is well defined for a specific purpose. 	0 5 10 15 20 25	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent to which each budget item is reasonable and appropriate to the plan, appears to be sufficient to meet program needs, and includes the calculation in the narrative. 	0 5 10 15 20 25	

Attachment B
Florida Disaster Fund –Invoice

Grantee or Fiscal Agent Name:		
Disaster Name	Hurricane Irma	
Invoice Date:		
Item (Add extra or delete unused rows, as needed)	Cost	Subtotals / Total
Personnel		
Subtotal		
Fringe Benefits		
Subtotal		
Travel		
Subtotal		
Equipment (list all items over \$250)		
Subtotal		
Supplies		
Subtotal		
Other Operating Costs		
Subtotal		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTED		
MATCH		
TOTAL MATCH		

Authorized Reporting Agent (Type or Print):

Typed/printed Name

Signature

Date

Attachment D
Florida Disaster Fund Proposal Checklist

- Cover Page (Attachment E)
- Narrative (Executive Summary, Project Description, and Organizational Capacity and Community Collaboration) (Attachment F)
- Budget (Attachment G)
- List of Applicant's Board of Directors and the name of the organization each director represents
- Applicant's Organizational Chart
- A copy of your 501(c)(3) certification or that of your fiscal agent.
- A copy of your most recent independent audit or Board approved financial statement*.
- Two Letters of Support printed and signed on letterhead

* Audited financial statements must be for the local organization applying for funds or its fiscal agent. The statement provided must be from the most recent fiscal year.

Attachment E

Florida Disaster Fund Proposal – Cover Page

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(Note: Incomplete proposals or proposals submitted after the deadline may NOT be accepted or reviewed.)

Name of Organization:			
Program Address:			
Mailing Address:			
Executive Director / Chair Name:			
ED / Chair Phone #:			
Contact Name:			
Contact Title:			
Phone #:		Fax #:	
Email Address:			
Website Address:			

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)		Tax Exempt Status: 501(c)3 Fiscal Agent	Yes No, then: _____
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED:	\$		

To the best of my knowledge, the data in this proposal is true and correct and the governing body of the applicant has duly authorized the enclosed documents. I understand that incomplete proposals or proposals submitted after the deadline may not be accepted or reviewed.

By signing below, the undersigned acknowledges having read and understood the disaster program guidelines and will be able to fully comply with the provisions of these guidelines as well as any and all additional applicable federal, state and local requirements, including procurement and financial management. Applicant also acknowledges that if a funding recommendation is made for less than the full amount applied for, additional documentation to include but not limited to a revised budget, scope of work and proposed accomplishments may be requested prior to final funding determinations.

Authorized Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____ **Title:** _____

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Attachment F
Florida Disaster Fund Proposal – Narrative

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Attachment G
Florida Disaster Fund Proposal – Budget

Item (Add extra or delete unused rows, as needed)	Cost	Subtotals / Total
Personnel <i>(if applicable)</i>		
Subtotal		
Fringe Benefits <i>(if applicable, not to exceed 35%)</i>		
Subtotal		
Travel <i>(in compliance with F.S. 112.061)</i>		
Subtotal		
Equipment <i>(list all items over \$250)</i>		
Subtotal		
Supplies <i>(office & project supplies, & equipment costing less than \$250)</i>		
Subtotal		
Other Operating Costs		
Subtotal		
TOTAL REQUESTED		
MATCH		
TOTAL MATCH		

Attachment G

Florida Disaster Fund Proposal – Budget Narrative (page 2)

Budget Narrative – Expand the space below to maximum of 1,500 words. Use this section to describe the adequacy of your budget to support your project design and activities. After each item description, present the basis for each calculation in the form of an equation. Explain how match will be obtained and calculated.