

Responding to the Gulf Coast Hurricanes: Resources for Funders

Compiled by the Environmental Grantmakers Association and partners

➤ **Funder Matchmaker Website**

This site was created by the Environmental Grantmakers Association in collaboration with, and in service to, a broad array of funder groups concerned with environmental protection, human health, human rights, environmental justice, smart growth and sustainable communities. It is a work in progress that is intended to expand to serve the needs of many other funder groups, and to encourage collaboration across issues. It is intended to aid in dispersing resources quickly, and to expand the number of progressive organizations with access to available funding.

Link to Grantmaker Site (private site where donors can search proposals):

<http://www.ccp.org/matchmaker/hurricanefundingmatchmaker.html>

(contact aducmanis@ega.org for log-in information)

Link to Grantseeker Site (public site for groups to post information and proposals):

http://www.ccp.org/publicforms/new_hurricane_funding.html

No username or password necessary.

➤ **Pooled Fund: Gulf Coast Ecological Health & Community Renewal Fund**

A collaborative fund to support projects that address environmental issues, engage and empower communities of color, and ensure the sustainable and equitable rebuilding of New Orleans and other communities along the Gulf Coast, with an initial focus on highly credible, independent monitoring of environmental contaminants and possible health conditions in the Gulf Coast. The Fund is a special project of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors and is structured as a donor-advised fund. Contact: Penny Fujiko Willgerodt, pwillgerodt@rockpa.org

➤ **Organizations recommended by National Network of Grantmakers that are located in the region and actively engaged in recovery and leadership-building efforts in disenfranchised communities in the South:**

- _ Fund for Southern Communities, www.fundforsouth.org
- _ Southern Empowerment Project, www.southernempowerment.org
- _ Southern Partners Fund, www.spfund.org
- _ Twenty-First Century Foundation, www.21cf.org

➤ **Other Gulf Coast Emergency Relief Funds:**

Baton Rouge Area Foundation (www.braf.org)

- _ The Hurricane Katrina Displaced Residents Fund: To assist residents of New Orleans that have evacuated to Baton Rouge.
- _ The Hurricane Katrina New Orleans Recovery Fund: Rebuilding the infrastructure of New Orleans and providing basic human services.

Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham (www.foundationbirmingham.org)

- _ The Hurricane Katrina Displaced Residents Fund: To support organizations and programs meeting the needs of people who have evacuated to the greater Birmingham, AL area.
- _ The Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund – Alabama, Louisiana or Mississippi: Directs contributions according to the wishes of the donor and can be specified for recovery efforts in AL, LA, or MS; donations forwarded without administrative fee to local community foundations.

Enterprise Corporation of the Delta/Hope Community Credit Union (www.ecd.org)

- _ The ECD Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund: Initial focus on supporting community groups in LA and MS providing immediate relief needs. As those needs lessen, funds will support payment deferrals, provide down payment assistance, establish loss reserves, and otherwise extend a bridge to those recovering from this tragedy.

The Foundation for the Mid-South (www.fndmidsouth.org)

- _ The Hurricane Katrina Recovery and Restoration Fund: 100% of the contributions made to the Fund will benefit nonprofits in the Mid South, particularly in Southern Louisiana, the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and the Alabama Gulf Coast, working to rebuild the lives and communities of those affected by the disaster.

The Southern Mutual Help Association (www.southernmutualhelp.org)

- _ A rural development organization, SMHA will be working to address the needs of agricultural and pervasively poor communities, both to meet immediate needs of finding housing and shelter, and in the long-term recovery and rebuilding effort, with a special focus on empowerment and just use of funds.

➤ **Other helpful resources for funders:**

- _ Green Relief, a project of the Healthy Building Network and partners encouraging relief efforts that promote environmental restoration, environmental health, and environmental and social justice. Contact: Bill Walsh, bill@healthybuilding.net.
- _ http://www.abfe.org/publish/KatrinaOrganizations_List.htm
Local organizations providing direct relief to Hurricane Katrina victims, compiled by members and partners of ABFE, the Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities.
- _ Special compilation of news coverage and articles about the Gulf Coast hurricanes: <http://www.environmentalhealthnews.org/topic.jsp?term=Topic/katrinaCoverage> (Further searches available at www.environmentalhealthnews.org.)
- _ National Network of Grantmakers Katrina Page: <http://www.nng.org/katrina.html>
- _ “Reflection Memorandum/ Hurricane Katrina: Looking Ahead” Report from the Foundation for the Mid South Hurricane Katrina Meeting, held in Memphis, TN on September 15, 2005. PDF available at: www.fndmidsouth.org.
- _ “An Unnatural Disaster: The Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina” prepared by the Center for Progressive Reform, available: http://www.progressivereform.org/Unnatural_Disaster_512.pdf
- _ Funders for Equitable Gulf Coast Rebuilding (working name): An ongoing discussion among progressive funders and organizations leading recovery efforts in disenfranchised communities. Contact: Janet Perkins, Southern Partners, 501-374-4090

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