



Southern California Wildfire and Mudslide Relief Fund Request for Applications (RFA) – Phase II

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In December 2017, United Way of Greater Los Angeles established the Southern California Wildfire and Flood Fund in partnership with the United Ways of Santa Barbara, San Diego and Ventura Counties to support low-income residents and communities affected by the devastating impact of wildfires and mudslides that recently devastated regions throughout Southern California.

The Fund is administered by United Way of Greater Los Angeles and distributed in partnership with the United Ways of Santa Barbara, San Diego and Ventura Counties. To address the evolving challenges faced by communities after large-scale disasters, funds will be awarded in two phases.

Awards for [Phase I](#), which focused on the stabilization of the economic and housing situation of impacted low-income families, were granted in early March 2018.

For Phase II, United Way is seeking grant applications from qualified nonprofit organizations that have the capacity and experience to help improve the homes and community spaces directly impacted by one or more of the referenced incidents^a. Organizations awarded funds in Phase I may apply for funds in Phase II.^b

Please review the enclosed guidelines carefully. The online application can be accessed and submitted electronically on United Way of Greater Los Angeles' [website](#). Incomplete, late, emailed, or hard copy applications will not be considered. Please direct questions and comments to relieffund@unitedwayla.org.

I. Use of Funds

Grants made for Phase II are intended to primarily support improvements to the homes and small businesses of low-income residents^a as well as community spaces in low-income neighborhoods impacted by the referenced incidents^a. Organizations may use funds to a) cover the costs of improvements done by in-house staff b) make payments to a 3rd party providing services and c) make direct payments to a resident to cover the costs of materials used for self-made improvements to their home or small business. Eligible costs must fall into one of the following categories:

- Home or small business improvement not covered by insurance or public funds (e.g. repairs related to structural damage, water damage)
- Clean-up costs (e.g. removal of debris, mold)
- Neighborhood revitalization (e.g. landscaping, painting)
- Continued support for Phase I^b (with approval from United Way, allowable only for organizations awarded funds in Phase I)

Organizations can use up to 10% of their grant to cover staff and overhead costs. Funds granted for Phase II must be expended by November 17, 2018. Extensions may be granted at United Way's discretion.

II. Organizational Eligibility

To be eligible for a grant, at minimum, an organization must be a 501(c)(3), demonstrate a history of working with low-income families^a in the community they are proposing to support, and be in good financial standing. The following items must be included with your application:

- IRS determination letter of 501(c)(3) status
- Most recent audited financial statements
- Most recent IRS Form 990
- Proposed budget
- Copy of non-discrimination policy
- List of other grants received for this recovery effort, including funder name and amount granted

III. Awards

A review panel made up of United Way staff in each affected county will make award and funding decisions. Determinations will be based on:

- Amount of funds available
- Need of community proposed to be served
- Ability of applicant to identify and serve low-income^a families and individuals
- Alignment of proposed support with funding categories
- Applicant's previous success delivering proposed services
- Financial health of applicant organization

The amount of funds available for each county will be determined based on its share of impacted households. The maximum amount organizations can apply for varies by county^c.

IV. Reporting

On a monthly basis, funded organizations will provide United Way of Greater Los Angeles with a report that includes the following data and information:

- Number of low-income^a families assisted
- Type of assistance provided
- Description of how economic status is determined for families and individuals assisted
- At least one success story, including a photo

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Incident	County
Thomas Fire	Ventura, Santa Barbara
Rye Fire	Los Angeles
Creek Fire	Los Angeles
Skirball Fire	Los Angeles
Lilac Fire	San Diego
Mudslides	Ventura, Santa Barbara

^b Organizations awarded funds in Phase I may apply for funds in Phase II for:

- Improvements to homes and community spaces as specified in section I of this document OR
- Continued support to provide assistance to low-income families experiencing economic and/or housing hardship (requires approval from United Way)

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County	Maximum Grant Request
Los Angeles	\$10,000
San Diego	\$15,000
Santa Barbara	\$20,000
Ventura	\$35,000