

## Disaster Relief Volunteer Update

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Message Updated December 20, 2018:

#### [6940 Hurricane Recovery Grants Program](#)

Similar to your heroic efforts during our Hurricane Michael recovery, our District Grant Chair (Christine Isham) has “responded”.

We had anticipated starting our recovery fund distribution process in early January. Due to a “Christmas Miracle”, we have to expedite this process and (thank you, Christine) have decided on a two-part plan in order to maximize a \$25K matching grant. We are starting the process for Phase I (technically today) and have selected our District Grants team. **Please review the [Grants Plan](#) and [Grant Application](#).** We will be focusing on the Volunteer Florida matching grant (total of \$50K). These will tend to be larger grants and must be used for specific purposes. As an example:

Catholic Charities (whom we’ve worked with) has identified/qualified individuals in the impacted area who are elderly, disabled, low-income with no insurance, etc. who need a roof (not tarping). They are initially focusing on the Chipley area due to the poverty and lack of assistance. They have qualified volunteers for the installation and have discounted prices on the materials (approximately \$6-\$8K per roof). They just need to be able to fund the purchase of the materials and would provide us with the invoice and the details on the home being roofed.

We were just notified of the matching grant award this past week and the tight timeline. The good news is that we've adopted a relatively easy and short Grant Application. **The challenge is TIME! We need to have the grant applications submitted to Christine Isham by no later than Sunday, December 23rd, so that we can make decisions on 12/27 and fund the grants by January 6th. We are focusing Phase I grants in Areas 4 and 5.**

Please let me or Christine know if you have any questions and please help us to use these matching funds in your communities.

My best,

John A. Medina  
DG - District 6940

You can volunteer for service by contacting John Medina at 850-694-0040 or [medinaj@ffbf.com](mailto:medinaj@ffbf.com).

Additional Resources may be found at this link (including those for Free Legal Assistance): [Hurricane Michaels Relief Resources](#)