

SIouxLAND RECOVERY FUND

Grant Guidelines

The purpose of the Siouxland Recovery Fund (SRF) is to provide financial resources to help meet short, intermediate and long-term needs for recovery in the Siouxland area.

The SRF does not grant directly to individuals or families, but to the non-profit organizations that serve individuals and families in the Siouxland tri-state area. Residents should contact local agencies for immediate help. A list of agencies receiving SRF grants will be available at www.sioxlandrecoveryfund.com

Eligibility: Organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code), or to organizations defined as charitable under Section 170(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and its Regulations as presently existing or as hereafter amended. (e.g. units of local city or county government, community action groups, relief agencies, churches and faith-based organizations, clinics, schools, food banks, clothes closets, etc.) that fit the criteria described below are eligible to apply.

Proposals must be implemented without discrimination or religious content.

Criteria: Funding is available to address unmet needs that have developed as a result of a disaster. Grants will be made to address short, intermediate, and long-term solutions. Eligible organizations may apply for funding to address one or more Siouxland Recovery Fund priorities:

1. Assisting individuals and families with direct assistance through non-profit organizations (vouchers, in-kind contributions, cash assistance, etc.)
2. Addressing systemic issues (e.g. mental health needs, housing needs, increased need for substance abuse counselors, etc.)
3. Rebuilding non-profit stability (This keenly competitive priority is intended for substantially devastated, highly effective organizations that provide: a) vital human services impacting community recovery efforts or, b) key cultural offerings that impact community economic recovery. Requests in this category should target a specific achievable need and be clearly focused as to how this request helps organization carry out organizational mission.)

Grant requests should target activities that will not be reimbursed by public agencies or insurance.

Grant Size: Individual organizations may request funding from \$500 to \$25,000 per proposal. Applicants will be allowed to request proposal renewal for priority 1 & 2 proposals during the duration of the SRF grant program. A request for replenishment can be made when 75% of the initial grant funding has been expended, and a grant report (available on the website) has been submitted to the SRF Review Board.

Application Process: Applications will be received and processed on a rolling basis until further notice. Grants will be awarded based on available resources. The grant application is available on the SRF website.

Applications will be reviewed weekly at the onset of the disaster and as frequently as necessary thereafter. Some decisions may be postponed depending on funding availability and prioritization of need; staff will keep applicants apprised of the review process. Award/decline letters will be sent following each meeting; grants will generally be paid within a week of receiving the signed grant agreement.

Applications will be reviewed by the SRF Review Board composed of members that are broadly representative of the effected geographic area. Members may represent the United Way, Siouxland Community Foundation, city and county emergency management, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) and community leaders with geographic representation from the tri-state area.

Grant Report: All grantees will be required to submit a Grant Report documenting use of the Siouxland Recovery Fund grant. Reports must contain financial accounting and documentation as well as impact statements. Documentation must include, but is not limited to, receipts, invoices, timesheets, etc.

Questions may be submitted at www.sioxlandrecoveryfund.com