

# SIouxLAND RECOVERY FUND

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (FAQ)

### **Background**

The Siouxland Recovery Fund was first activated to respond to the 2011 historic flood. The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial resources to help meet short, intermediate, and long-term needs for recovery in the Siouxland area.

When the fund is activated in response to a major local disaster, donors may contribute to the Siouxland Recovery Fund at any Security National Bank location. Donations may also be made online at: [www.sioxlandrecoveryfund.com](http://www.sioxlandrecoveryfund.com). Checks can also be mailed during a disaster or at any time for use in a future disaster to the Siouxland Recovery Fund, c/o United Way of Siouxland 701 Steuben Street, Sioux City, IA 51101

### **FAQ**

#### **Q. How will the Siouxland Recovery Fund (SRF) be used to help people?**

**A.** The fund will be used to support organizations and non-profit agencies that are providing direct assistance or aid to people impacted by disaster. It is also recognized that community needs may present themselves long after a disaster has passed, and the Siouxland Recovery Fund will take steps to assure long-term financial assistance is available.

#### **Q. Who is eligible to receive a grant?**

**A.** Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations and public agencies (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 grant criteria described are eligible to apply.

#### **Q. Why doesn't the SRF make grants to individuals and families?**

**A.** The SRF does not provide grants to individuals and families, only to the non-profit organizations and units of local government that serve individuals and families impacted by the disaster. Area non-profits are better equipped to assess individual and family needs on a case-by-basis and administer funding effectively.

#### **Q. What are the granting criteria?**

Funding is available to address unmet needs that have developed as a result of the 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:

Assisting individuals and families with direct assistance through non-profit organizations (vouchers, in-kind contributions, cash assistance, etc.)

Addressing systemic issues (e.g. mental health needs, housing needs, increased need for substance abuse counselors, etc.)

Rebuilding non-profit stability (This 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.)

**Q. What is the grant making process for the Siouxland Recovery Fund?**

**A.** 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 at [www.sioxlandrecoveryfund.com](http://www.sioxlandrecoveryfund.com)

**Q. Who will be making the funding decisions?**

**A.** The SRF Review Board composed of approximately 10 professionals that are broadly representative of the effected geographic area will review applications and make funding decisions. Committee includes representation from 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. Any organization serving on the Review Board that applies for SRF support will recuse themselves from the discussion and decision-making process in regards to their organization's application. They will have the same privileges and requirements as any organization eligible for funding from the SRF.

**Q. What is the United Way of Siouxland's role with the Recovery Fund?**

**A.** The United Way of Siouxland is the fiscal agent for the fund. The United Way President serves as one member on the SRF Review Board that makes the funding decisions.

**Q. How will funding decisions be communicated and accounted for?**

**A.** Award / decline letters will be sent following each meeting of the SRF Review Board. In addition, a list of agencies receiving SRF grants will be available at [www.sioxlandrecoveryfund.com](http://www.sioxlandrecoveryfund.com). All organizations that receive funding will be required to provide an accounting of how the funds were spent and how services were provided.

**Q. Can organizations apply for more than one grant?**

**A.** Yes. Organizations 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 only 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.

**Q: How does this fund differ from support I may give to Red Cross or Salvation Army?**

**A:** The Red Cross and Salvation Army provide immediate aid to victims as well as specific types of services during a disaster. Accordingly, both organizations would be eligible for support from this fund. Donations given to the Siouxland Recovery Fund will be awarded to various organizations aiding in short, intermediate, and long-term recovery efforts.