

Hurricane Irma and Maria Funds Overview

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The Miami Foundation raised **over \$6.4 million** to support relief, recovery, and resilient rebuilding efforts in South Florida, the Florida Keys, and Caribbean islands hit by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in September 2017.

More than 1,100 donors from around the world made donations, including individuals, corporations and foundations. More than \$4.7 million in grants have been awarded to support 76 projects. A full list is on page 3.

As the storms approached and in the immediate aftermath, the Foundation created six charitable funds to support the short and long-term needs of the communities affected. Careful attention has been given to ensuring that custom designations by donors are fulfilled and that all funds over which the Foundation has discretion are used to achieve the greatest impact. The six funds are:

1. **Hurricane Relief Fund** - To support nonprofits addressing food security, vulnerable populations, stable housing and other immediate to long-term needs for residents.
2. **Irma Community Recovery Fund** - To support relief efforts for Florida's marginalized communities to ensure residents in poverty have access to critical services and resources, and build long-term social justice organizing capacity for future disasters. *(In partnership with New Florida Majority Coalition)*
3. **U.S. Caribbean Strong Relief Fund** - To support relief efforts in Caribbean island nations and territories, including Antigua & Barbuda, U.S. Virgin Islands, Cuba and Puerto Rico.
4. **Knight Puerto Rico Fund for Hurricane Relocation** - To assist residents of Puerto Rico who are relocating to South Florida to re-establish and rebuild their lives. *(In partnership with Knight Foundation)*
5. **Walmart Puerto Rico Relief Fund** - To support relief efforts in Puerto Rico, leveraging our country's ability to come together and support residents on the island. Walmart will match every dollar donated with two dollars up to \$1 million. *(In partnership with Walmart Foundation)*
6. **Recovery Resiliency Fund** – To support a leadership effort to engage funders and nonprofits in shaping a plan and network to respond with greater collaboration to community needs before and after a disaster. *(In partnership with Johnson & Johnson)*

Overall Strategy

Since the storms, the Foundation has been consulting with strategic partners on the ground in South Florida, the Florida Keys, and the Caribbean. We have and continue to assess critical needs and identify organizations best positioned to respond effectively. The Foundation is focused on strategic grantmaking to address:

- **Relief Aid** - To provide humanitarian assistance to individuals who still lack access to basic, life-sustaining food, water, shelter, and supplies.
- **Hardship Recovery** – To help residents overcome the enduring hardships from the hurricanes' impact - economic, social, health, physical damage - and move toward regaining stability in their lives.
- **Resilient Recovery** – To restore the capacity of community groups and government entities to help residents through the current recovery and build their resilience to cope with – and help residents and communities cope with – future disasters.

Hardship + Resiliency Recovery Focus

Grants in the initial months after the storms focused on humanitarian relief aid - and this continues to be a critical need in the Florida Keys, Puerto Rico, and islands in the Caribbean. In addition, the Foundation has expanded

grantmaking around **Hardship Recovery** and **Resilient Recovery**. We are seeking out local organizations with on the ground knowledge and relationships and also international NGOs with greater capacity and expertise – working with local partners – to advance all elements of our strategy.

To address **Hardship Recovery**, the Foundation will support organizations that address:

1. **Food security** – ensuring residents who cannot afford food can get access through community providers what they need to sustain their households;
2. **Stable housing** – assisting residents at-risk of being forced out of their home or losing utilities due to inability to pay or physical damage; addressing home-damage repairs for those who can stay in them but cannot pay; and helping displaced residents who have lost homes find stable housing;
3. **Navigating assistance benefits + resources** – conducting grassroots outreach to identify and connect those in need to public benefits and/or nonprofit providers to address immediate and longer-term recovery needs;
4. **Highly vulnerable populations** – focusing on the unique recovery and support needs of the frail and elderly, foster care children + families, communities with high populations of undocumented residents, and farmworker communities; and
5. **Mental health support** – extending hurricane response services to help families cope with the emotional and psychological stressors and disruptions resulting from the storm.

To address **Resilient Recovery**, the Foundation will fund organizations and initiatives that:

1. Focus on **long-term recovery that is equitable, resilient**, and creates improved opportunities for low-income families to thrive and gain protection and resilience to sustain future storms.
2. Support **scalable pilot initiatives** that foster innovative resilient recovery through demonstration projects
3. Help communities build their **network, communications, and capacity** so that they can effectively meet community needs and rebuild with long-term solutions in mind.

Application process

The Foundation is using consultations with key partners to identify potential organizations and initiatives that align with our grantmaking strategy to solicit applications, rather than an open request for proposals process. To share information about organizations that could advance our strategy, please contact Lindsey Linzer, Director of Programs and Grants Administration, at LLinzer@miamifoundation.org.

Planning for future disasters

Hurricanes Irma and Maria exposed the clear need for Greater Miami to develop a coordinated community-based preparation and response strategy, to complement governmental emergency management systems. The Foundation will use lessons learned from Hurricane's Irma and Maria to pursue an effort to engage funders and nonprofits in shaping a collaborative approach to disaster preparation, response and resiliency.

Hurricane Funds Grants

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Hurricane Relief Fund - The Miami Foundation's Fund will support nonprofits addressing food security, vulnerable populations, stable housing and other immediate to long-term needs for residents. **Total Awarded: \$1,205,253.71**

1. **Baton Rouge Area Foundation - \$16,666** | To administer a South Florida Visual Artists Irma Relief Fund on behalf of The Miami Foundation *(Art Basel donation)*
2. **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Keys - \$50,000** | To support recovery from impact in the Florida Keys. *(Miami Marlins donation)*
3. **Bridge to Hope - \$30,000** | To meet on-going demand for food and household replacement items among low-income residents from South Dade and Monroe.
4. **Catalyst Miami - \$50,000** | To do outreach and help residents apply for FEMA, unemployment benefits, D-SNAP pre-registration, direct financial relief, and provide financial coaching and services to build future emergency savings.
5. **Centro Campesino \$25,000** | To provide minor home repairs from hurricane damage to low-income residents in Florida City and South Dade neighborhoods.
6. **Feeding South Florida - \$50,000** | To support hurricane relief distribution of food and supplies. *(Miami Marlins donation)*
7. **International Association of Fire Fighters Foundation - \$8,333.33** | To provide financial assistance to first responders serving during Hurricane Irma who were also personally impacted by the storm. *(Art Basel donation)*
8. **Legal Services of Greater Miami - \$50,000** | To do outreach and help residents in Miami-Dade and Monroe with FEMA denials, access to public benefits, landlord and mobile home park repairs issues and provide legal training to nonprofits.
9. **Miami Beach Grden Conservancy - \$16,667** | To support recovery from damage caused by the hurricane. *(Art Basel donation)*
10. **Monroe County - \$50,000** | To provide matching support to Monroe County for its application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration to fund a Local Disaster Recovery Manager. *(commitment only; funds disbursed only if grant awarded from EDA)*
11. **Police Officer Assistance Trust - \$8,333.33** | To provide financial assistance to first responders serving during Hurricane Irma who were also personally impacted by the storm. *(Art Basel donation)*
12. **Sant La Haitian Neighborhood Center - \$50,000** | To provide Information/referrals and help residents apply for FEMA, unemployment benefits and file weekly claims, mortgage forbearance, citizenship, and offer mental health counseling.
13. **Shake-A-Leg Miami - \$50,000** | To support recovery from hurricane damage to facility and boats. *(Miami Marlins donation)*
14. **Florida Memorial University - \$25,000** | To support assist students arriving from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands with continuing their college education at Florida Memorial University through emergency and need based scholarship dollars. (additional \$25,000 contributed from the Knight Puerto Rico Fund for Hurricane Relocation)
15. **Redlands Christian Migrant Association - \$30,000** | To provide financial and material support for farmworkers and their families.
16. **Florida Keys Outreach Coalition - \$15,000** | To support QuickAssist, a homelessness prevention program that was expanded to address the specific housing and economic challenges created by the storm.
17. **Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys - \$32,000** | To support the purchase of materials for critical home repairs to at least 8 homes in the Middle Florida Keys that were damaged in Hurricane Irma.
18. **Farm Worker Association of Florida - \$30,000** | To provide financial and material support for up to 150 farmworkers and their families.
19. **Branches - \$40,000** | To support the ASSETS Small Business Development Program that assists local micro-businesses in Miami Dade County affected by hurricane Irma dealing with income disruption, inventory loss, equipment and structural repairs, and a need to access to working capital.
20. **Centro Campesino Farmworker Center, Inc. - \$25,000** | To provide minor home repairs at up to 10 homes from hurricane damage to low-income residents in Florida City and South Dade neighborhoods.
21. **Star of the Sea Foundation - \$36,000** | To support a 9-month lease on warehouse space in Key West that will facilitate the immediate distribution of \$1 million worth of furniture, as well as over 100,000 pounds of frozen food to those suffering the effects of Hurricane Irma in Monroe County.
22. **The Foundation for New Education Initiatives - \$10,000** | To support migrant farmworker communities impacted by Hurricane Irma.

23. **Enterprise Community Partners - \$50,000** | To support the Climate Strong Island Initiative (CSII) focused on building capacity of local networks to achieve long-term resiliency in Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands & Florida Keys (*additional \$50,000 contributed from the U.S Caribbean Strong Relief Fund*).
24. **Camillus House - \$50,000** | To strengthen the organization's ability to serve the homeless population in Miami by building operating reserves in advance of the upcoming hurricane season and supporting capital improvements at the St. Rose facility.
25. **Feeding South Florida - \$50,000** | To increase community outreach and ensure underserved populations in Miami Dade County have food access and other critical resources.
26. **Bridge to Hope - \$40,000** | To support rehousing for damaged workforce units in Monroe County and provide wrap around supports for those who have made repairs and need limited assistance for rehousing and recovery.
27. **Catalyst Miami - \$100,000** | To enhance community resiliency and disaster preparedness by supporting resilience hubs in low-wealth neighborhoods.
28. **Center for Social Change / SmartMiami - \$20,000** | To support SmartMiami DisasterCamp, a one day program focused on encouraging citizens to adopt proper preparedness techniques and increase the transparency and trust between residents and the public sector during natural disasters to prevent loss of life and decrease recovery time.
29. **CLEO Institute - \$35,000** | To support the "Empowering Resilient Women, The Power of WE" program in Allapattah and Overtown to educate female residents on the connections between climate change and their daily lives, and empower them to take civic action.
30. **Community Foundation of the Florida Keys / Long Term Recovery Group Monroe County - \$50,000** | To support the Long Term Recovery Group of Monroe County to provide recovery services to individuals and families affected by disasters in the Florida Keys community and facilitate long term planning for future disasters.
31. **Florida Keys Council of the Arts - \$12,254.05** | To support working artists in Monroe County struggling from hurricane Irma.
32. **FRIEND (Miami-Dade Long Term Recovery Group) - \$50,000** | To support FRIEND, the Long Term Recovery Group of Miami-Dade, to provide recovery services to individuals and families affected by disasters in the community and facilitate long term planning for future disasters.
33. **Salvation Army - \$50,000** | To support the launch of the new Miami-Dade County Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) Command and Training Center in Hialeah.

Irma Community Recovery Fund - To support relief efforts for Florida's marginalized communities, ensuring residents in poverty have access to critical services and resources, and build long-term social justice organizing capacity to respond to future disasters. **Total Awarded: \$564,825.40**

1. **Organize Florida Education Fund - \$10,000** | To support post-hurricane assistance activities in Tampa and Orlando that included community cookouts and housing defense for displaced residents.
2. **WeCount! - \$5,000** | To support post-hurricane assistance activities in Miami-Dade that included operating an emergency community center, providing community meals and distributing dry goods and supplies.
3. **Catalyst Miami - \$24,775.40** | To support post-hurricane assistance activities in Miami-Dade that included providing food and water for low-income communities.
4. **Catalyst Miami - \$15,000** | To support community outreach and organizing and help residents navigate recovery assistance.
5. **Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami - \$15,000** | To support community outreach to help residents navigate recovery assistance and engage in long-term advocacy and community organizing.
6. **Florida Rights Restoration Coalition - \$15,000** | To support community outreach to help residents navigate recovery assistance and engage in long-term advocacy and community organizing.
7. **Power U Center for Social Change - \$15,000** | To support community outreach to help residents navigate recovery assistance and engage in long-term advocacy and community organizing.
8. **WeCount! - \$15,000** | To support community outreach to help residents navigate recovery assistance and engage in long-term advocacy and community organizing.
9. **Central Florida Jobs with Justice - \$15,000** | To engage in long-term advocacy and community organizing related to issues in low-income communities revealed by Hurricane Irma.
10. **Community Justice Project - \$15,000** | To provide legal support and representation for residents still coping with the impacts of Hurricane Irma.
11. **Faith in Florida - \$15,000** | To engage in long-term advocacy and community organizing related to issues in low-income communities revealed by Hurricane Irma.
12. **Florida Immigrant Coalition - \$15,000** | To provide relief and recovery supplies and support to victims of Hurricane Irma.
13. **MH Education Fund - \$15,000** | To engage in long-term advocacy and community organizing related to issues in low-income communities revealed by Hurricane Irma.
14. **New Florida Majority Education Fund - \$15,000** | To engage in long-term advocacy and community organizing in South Florida related to issues in low-income communities revealed by Hurricane Irma.

15. **New Florida Majority Education Fund - \$50,000** | To support community outreach to help South Florida residents navigate recovery assistance and play a leadership role in facilitating a coalition of organization to engage in long-term advocacy and community organizing.
16. **Organize Florida Education Fund - \$15,000** | To engage in long-term advocacy and community organizing in Central Florida related to issues in low-income communities revealed by Hurricane Irma.
17. **Organize Florida Education Fund - \$50,000** | To support community outreach to help Central Florida residents navigate recovery assistance and engage in long-term advocacy and community organizing that engages a broad coalition of organizations.
18. **American Friends Immigrant Services - \$10,000** | To support Black and Latinx youth post-storm convening and projects including cleanup, emergency preparedness workshops and creating an educational video.
19. **Health Initiatives Foundation - \$225,050** | To support the Florida Disaster Resilience Initiative in South and Central Florida between February and December 2018. The project includes an extensive planning/analysis process of highly vulnerable communities in South and Central Florida - done through the engagement of and for the strengthening of grassroots, civic and nonprofit groups. The process and results will position groups to define and address resiliency gaps, develop usable tools and strategies, collaborate and prepare for future disasters.
20. **Make the Homeless Smile - \$10,000** | To secure storage space in central location and purchase equipment for the organization's role in emergency feeding operations – such as grills, a generator, ice machine, coolers and tables - to have at the ready to assist communities in need in the wake of a storm disaster.

U.S. Caribbean Strong Relief Fund - To support relief efforts in Caribbean island nations and territories, including Antigua & Barbuda, U.S. Virgin Islands, Cuba and Puerto Rico. **Total Awarded: \$628,290.14.**

1. **Archdiocese of Miami - \$25,000** | To support hurricane relief efforts in Cuba.
2. **Dominica American Relief and Development Association - \$45,000** | Bridge funding to purchase and ship a mobile medical unit and refrigerated unit for storing medical supplies to address the critical need for healthcare across the island.
3. **I Xpress Mentoring - \$2,525.64** | To ship and distribute relief supplies collected in Greater Miami to St. Maarten.
4. **I Xpress Mentoring - \$8,264.50** | To ship and distribute relief supplies collected in Greater Miami to St. Maarten.
5. **Outreach Aid to the Americas - \$25,000** | To ship 18 generators and humanitarian supplies to Antigua and Dominica to restore electricity to schools, sections of hospitals and police stations and provide supplies for refugees from Barbuda.
6. **Outreach Aid to the Americas - \$75,000** | To implement the Community Hurricane Resilience Program (C-PRReP) at three hurricane vulnerable airports/communities in Antigua, Dominica and Barbados. The C-PRReP program will help countries identify and address weaknesses and build on their existing strengths in order to improve their resiliency and disaster response.
7. **Community Foundation for the Virgin Islands / NiteCap Media - \$37,500** | To host a series of performance art forums focused on the theme of recovery and rebuilding at four high schools in the Virgin Islands with the goal of creating an inspirational and educational space for students to discuss their collective feelings post- hurricanes Irma and Maria.
8. **Food for the Poor - \$65,000** | To support phase II recovery in Dominica by addressing the structural damage in affected areas by repairing roofs and providing new furniture for damaged homes, schools, and orphanages.
9. **My Brother's Workshop - \$50,000** | To utilize the workshop's trained, local at-risk and high-risk youth to rebuild homes on the islands in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season.
10. **All Hands and Hearts - Smart Response - \$75,000** | To support the shovel ready Resilient Roof Pilot Project in Barranquitas, Puerto Rico through the purchase and transport of materials for the disaster-resilient repair of at least 20 roofs.
11. **Enterprise Community Partners - \$50,000** | To support the Climate Strong Island Initiative (CSII) focused on building capacity of local networks to achieve long-term resiliency in Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands & Florida Keys. (additional \$50,000 contributed from the Hurricane Relief Fund)
12. **Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands - \$30,000** | To support the St. Thomas Recovery Team with long-term community planning and empowerment goals by leading a collaborative effort to develop and execute a hurricane preparedness educational outreach campaign and support the anti-poverty summit.
13. **St. Croix Foundation for Community Development - \$75,000** | To support a Local Disaster Recovery Manager to organize, coordinate, and advance recovery at the local level.
14. **Do Good International - \$25,000** | To create Crayons Count learning kits for early childhood institutions on the islands affected by the hurricanes.
15. **Puerto Rico Community Foundation - \$40,000** | To support the Gift of Life Campaign that will provide health clinics with solar electric kits across Puerto Rico.

Knight Puerto Rico Fund for Hurricane Relocation – To assist residents of Puerto Rico who are relocating to South Florida to re-establish and rebuild their lives. **Total Awarded: \$485,000.00.**

1. **Communities in Schools of Miami - \$60,000** | To support schools receiving children relocating from Puerto Rico by identifying the needs of students and families and connecting them with community resources.
 2. **Dynamic Community Development Corporation - \$50,000** | To provide a central community hub where individuals and families relocating from Puerto Rico can go to find support and assistance.
 3. **Fondo Adelante Puerto Rico (Forward Puerto Rico Fund) - \$250,000** | To bring together the main foundations of Puerto Rico in a collective effort to address the great crisis facing the country in the wake of Hurricane Maria.
 4. **Florida Memorial University - \$25,000** | To support assist students arriving from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands with continuing their college education at Florida Memorial University through emergency and need based scholarship dollars. *(additional \$25,000 contributed from the Hurricane Irma Relief Fund)*
 5. **Puerto Rican Bar Association of FL Scholarship Foundation - \$50,000** | To provide financial assistance for relocating law students to continue their law studies, licensing assistance for lawyers to find local positions, and free or low-cost legal services for arriving residents who need them.
 6. **Capital Good Fund - \$50,000** | To hire a client services officer that will work with families from the Caribbean displaced by Hurricane Maria to facilitate small dollar personal loans that will help them build credit and allow them to properly settle in Miami Dade County.
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Walmart Puerto Rico Relief Fund – To support relief efforts in Puerto Rico, leveraging our country’s ability to come together and support residents on the island. Walmart will match every dollar donated with two dollars up to \$1 million. **Total Awarded: \$1,900,000.00.**

1. **Mercy Corps - \$1,900,000** | To drive long-term recovery and resilience in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria by creating Resilience Hubs across the island, building out the disaster warning and preparedness infrastructure, and supporting smallholder farmers severely impacted by the storm.
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