



Grant Guidelines

Introduction

The predawn hours of Sunday, October 21st, 2007, saw the beginning of major Santa Ana winds in Southern California. The day brought sustained winds of up to 50 mph, with gusts of more than 70 mph. During this Santa Ana, 20 major wild fires ignited in southern California. Four of the most difficult, destructive and deadly occurred in San Diego County.

The fires scorched 368,316 acres—more than 575 square miles and 13.5% of the county's total land area. The fires destroyed 1,775 residential and commercial structures and damaged another 109. Of these, nearly all were homes. In the county's unincorporated area, fire also destroyed 1,157 accessory buildings—barns, sheds, etc.—with another 41 damaged. Additional losses include 2,010 vehicles, trailers, boats and tractors.

In response to the 2007 San Diego County wildfires, the Board of Directors of the San Diego Regional Disaster Fund adopted a grantmaking strategy to identify and validate community needs and support them through the issuance of grant funds or partner agency referrals.

To support and carry out this strategy, the Regional Disaster Fund conducted a comprehensive needs-based community assessment. The initial assessment served as a baseline for focusing the Regional Disaster Fund on the most critical areas of need in our community, as we know them today. This report is available through our website at www.sdfoundation.org.

Funding Priorities

As a result of our community needs assessment and research, the most pressing needs experienced across all communities fall into four major focus areas:

1. **Survivor Needs.** The needs of survivors today must constantly be balanced with the recovery and rebuilding needs that we know will arise in the future.
 - Housing
 - Health and Human Services
2. **Civic Engagement.** Based on our expertise and experience from the 2003 wildfires, strong civic engagement (neighbors helping neighbors), is crucial to sustaining the momentum needed to achieve successful recovery and rebuilding.
 - Community Recovery Team support/Local recovery operations
 - Centralized case management infrastructure

3. **Environment.** The recovery and rebuilding of the environment is critical, and will have a long and lasting impact on our region if not appropriately managed.
 - Erosion control
 - Debris and hazardous waste removal
 - Water quality (ground water)
 - Scientific-based habitat monitoring
 - Scientific-based restoration
 - Animal welfare (domestic and wildlife)

4. **Preparedness.** With the most recent wildfires fresh in mind, we cannot forget that we must continually prepare first responders, supporting agencies, individuals, households, families, organizations and communities for the next disaster or emergency.
 - First responder and support agencies equipment and training to respond to disasters, evacuate and shelter the public
 - Strengthen networks of trained volunteers to support emergency response, recovery and rebuilding
 - Training, supplies and emergency response plans for individuals, households, families, work places and communities
 - Support local/regional governments to better prepare for disaster
 - Support community based prevention programs to reduce the impact of future disasters

The four areas listed above are by no means a complete list of all the priorities discovered during the needs assessment. They are however, the most pressing regional priorities at the time of publication.

Based upon the results of the assessment, the San Diego Foundation's Regional Disaster Fund Board will be working proactively with nonprofit partners to fund programs and services that meet identified needs and priorities.

General Application Instructions

Your application consists of two parts. Part A, the online portion, may be accessed at https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_502?SA=SNA&FID=35021. The instructions for completing the last 3 sections (Program Goals, Objectives & Expected Results) are listed below under Part A. Part A of the online application is a short summary of your program; you will expand upon this summary in Part B.

Part B consists of an attachment you will upload into your online application answering specific questions regarding your program and explaining your program in greater detail. The instructions for completing Part B are listed below. The instructions for uploading your attachment are included in the online portion.

Part A: Project Goals, Objectives and Expected Results

The statement of Goals, Objectives and Expected Results should be **no more than one page**.

Organization: (25 words or less)

A brief statement of your organization's mission, history and population served.

Goals (25 words or less)

The goal(s) should be short statements describing how your organization is helping your community's response, recovery, or rebuilding efforts from the 2007 fires or helping to prepare for a future fire-related disaster.

Objectives (50 words or less)

Objectives are the specific, measurable, and time-limited statements of purpose intended to guide your organization's activities toward achieving the goal. Answer the question: "What steps will you take to achieve the goal and in what timeframe?"

Expected Results of Your Organization's Project (100 words or less)

Expected results are the actual changes that you expect to accomplish that relate to your goal. Together, the grant objectives and expected outcomes should describe what is expected to happen as a result of this grant.

Part B: Grant Request Narrative

Here you will describe in more detail various aspects of your program. Please complete this section as a separate Word document (or PDF) which you will upload into your Online Application. Please answer the questions listed below. *This document can be up to four pages long, single spaced, 12 point font with one inch margins.* Note: we may require additional information after initial review of the application

I. Background Information

- Fire-affected area served (community or fire)
- Project Title
- Brief overall description of program

II. Program Information

- Provide an overview of your current programs in relation to your mission. (If your organization is dormant when there is not a disaster, please skip this question).
- How has your organization been affected by the fires and what has it done in response?
- Describe your proposed use of funds from the After-the-Fires 2007 Fund in terms of your Goals, Objectives and Expected Results.
- What are the unique qualifications of your organization to carry out this program?

- What other service providers are you collaborating with to achieve your stated goals?
- Has your organization already begun the project? If so, how much work remains to be completed?
- Is any portion of the project related to property owned by a City or County government entity?

III. Program Budget

Budget Narrative and Forms – please use budget template shown below

- What specifically are you asking the After-the-Fires 2007 Fund to support?
- What are the other sources of funding for the proposed program or project? What is the status of these other sources of funding?

Budget Template Form

Sample Organization Budget

Organization: _____ Program Title: _____

Total Organization Budget: \$1,000,000

Total Amount Requested: \$25,000

<i>Expense Categories</i>	<i>Amount Requested from The After-the-Fires Fund</i>	<i>Total Project Budget</i>	<i>Amount provided by other funders*</i>	<i>Name of other Funders</i>
<i>Salaries/benefits</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>	<i>\$20,000.00</i>		
<i>Project Expenses</i>	<i>\$10,000.00</i>	<i>\$30,000.00</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>Farmer's Insurance</i>
<i>Communications /outreach</i>	<i>\$2,500.00</i>	<i>\$15,000.00</i>		
<i>Office Supplies</i>	<i>\$2,500.00</i>	<i>\$35,000.00</i>		
<i>In Kind Contributions</i>		<i>\$25,000.00</i>		
<i>Capital Expenses</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>		
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$25,000.00</i>	<i>\$130,000.00</i>		

- includes insurance providers