Low to moderate income communities are on the front lines of damage from extreme weather events and other emergencies, and they continue to be the most vulnerable. Short-term displacement from a weather event can lead to long-term homelessness, temporary business closures can lead to a community-level economic downturn, and disruption of community services can lead to an extended loss of service continuity.

Enterprise Community Partners’ (Enterprise) mission is to create opportunity for low- and moderate-income people through affordable housing in diverse, thriving communities. Our experience after Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy, 2016 Louisiana floods and several other disasters in between taught us that after the initial emergency response and rescue operations, many displaced residents will be relying on nonprofit organizations for transitional housing, food and supplies, case management and connections to available federal resources, financial assistance and connections to permanent housing. Due to the recent devastating flooding and damage from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, Enterprise has launched the Hurricane Community Recovery Fund to respond to the short-, mid- and long-term needs created by these storms. Enterprise is inviting 501(c)(3) organizations working to provide recovery and relief services to affected homeowners and renters and 501(c)(3) owners/operators of multifamily affordable housing affected in the storm-damaged areas to submit a proposal for grants up to $50,000.

Grant funding is made available through a combination of private and federal resources and may support a variety of short or long-term disaster recovery activities and expenses. Please note that Enterprise reserves the right to determine how grant funds will be disbursed. Based on the stated needs of the applicants, funds may be disbursed following a cost reimbursement schedule or may be advanced at the execution of the award. Cost reimbursement funding may be subject to federal requirements as described in the Federal Grant Award Requirements document.

A portion of the Enterprise Hurricane Community Recovery Fund is reserved for organizations serving rural areas. To determine if the area where grant activities will take place qualifies as rural, enter the zip code or city here to confirm eligibility. Areas shaded pink are not considered rural geographies.

**Period of Performance & Eligible Uses of Funds**
The period of performance for grant awards will be October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Grantees must incur costs and perform activities within this timeframe. Grantees will be required to provide quarterly updates on grant activities.

Permitted uses of funds include, but are not limited to:
- Construction/repair/home-gutting/mold remediation supplies

* Construction expenses supported with federal dollars must comply with applicable environmental regulations as described in the Federal Grant Award Requirements document.
• Capital needs assessments of storm damaged affordable housing properties
• Direct assistance to displaced families for immediate needs
• Household supplies for displaced families in temporary rental housing or returning to permanent housing
• Case management for evacuees in temporary rental housing or returning to permanent housing.
• Financial counseling for homeowners needing home repairs or replacement
• Recruiting, training and coordinating volunteers and in-kind donations
• Long term planning efforts with a focus on incorporating resilient features for affordable housing
• Staff costs for staff directly involved in these activities

Funding Parameters
• Grants of up to $50,000 per organization. Average grant awards will range from $10,000 - $50,000.
• Applicants must be tax-exempt organizations as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
• Organization must be engaged in immediate recovery and relief services to affected homeowners and renters of federally declared disaster areas of Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria.
• Proposed uses and proposed documentation / proof of expenditure to be furnished by applicant organization.

Evaluation Criteria
• Proposals serving areas with a significant number of displaced or affected residents.
• Groups serving vulnerable populations (supportive housing, seniors, etc.) in areas affected by flooding and wind damage.
• Demonstrated organizational capacity and financial responsibility.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all funds are committed. An approval or denial notification will be sent to grant applicant within seven business days of submission.

Proposal Submission
All proposals and supporting documentation must be submitted online electronically via SlideRoom here. Please do not include additional materials. If necessary, Enterprise will contact the organization to request additional information. Hard copies of proposal or application materials will not be accepted.

Submission Requirements
Applicants must address each of the following areas via SlideRoom:

Organization Information
- Organization Information
- Primary Contact Name
- Primary Contact Title
- Mailing Address
- Contact Email
- Contact Phone
- Federal Congressional District and name of Federal Congressional Representative
- Organization Tax ID
• DUNS # (if available)
• If grant activities are in a rural area
• Briefly provide an overview of your organization’s mission and history.

**Project Information**

- Please state the estimated dollar request for funding
- Provide a detailed description of the proposed use of Enterprise funds, location, and anticipated impact on the organization’s capacity/ability to undertake recovery efforts for homeowners and renters impacted by Hurricane Harvey, Irma, or Maria during the period of performance *October 1, 2017 and September, 2018*. Discuss how the grant activities will impact the needs of low to moderate income households.
- What is the impact of the proposed program? Include specific, measurable, time-defined activities and outcomes to be achieved during the period of performance. *Examples include but are not limited to* –
  - *Gut 25 homes for seniors in Beaumont, TX at no charge.*
  - *Mold remediation services for 150 homes*
  - *Hire a part-time volunteer coordinator to manage the repair of 75 homes*
  - *Provide 30 new beds to families*
  - *Purchase new EnergyStar appliances for 20 families.*
- Current Relief Efforts - What recovery/relief activities is the organization currently engaged in?
- Proposal budget

**Attachments**

- 501 (c) 3 Determination Letter
- Current year’s annual organization budget

**Questions**

Any questions on the RFP process, eligible use of grant funds, or selection process can be directed to: [recovery@enterprisecommunity.org](mailto:recovery@enterprisecommunity.org)