

## **Disaster Relief Initiative - Guidelines**

The CAHEC Foundation recognizes how quickly our partners must react during an unexpected disaster, especially when the aftermath results in property damage, loss of basic needs, and/or the displacement of residents. To help alleviate some of the strain associated with catastrophic events, the CAHEC Foundation offers a Disaster Relief Initiative to provide support to residents in a time of crisis.

A CAHEC-sponsored LIHTC property that has experienced an unexpected disaster which resulted in residents losing access to their basic needs and/or being displaced are eligible to apply. An unexpected disaster can be weather or non-weather-related (e.g. hurricane, tornado, fire, or flood). Funding for unexpected disasters will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the CAHEC Foundation.

Properties that incur a disaster are eligible to request up to \$10,000 in assistance to provide resources that have an immediate impact on the lives of residents, including:

- Temporary Shelter
- Emergency Supplies
- Food & Water Donations
- Medical Supplies

- Clothing
- Toiletries
- Furniture Replacement
- Other (to be considered)

Partners must request assistance from the CAHEC Foundation within 30 business days of the disaster to be considered for financial support. The CAHEC Foundation will work closely with each partner to discuss property damage and determine which resources would help residents the most.

The CAHEC Foundation will distribute funding based on the severity of the disaster. Partners of the effected property will be responsible for distributing resources amongst impacted residents.

Each disaster will be counted as a single event. Partners are eligible to apply for assistance <u>once</u> during each event. If a property incurs multiple disasters, a partner is eligible to reapply for each event.

To apply for assistance through the CAHEC Foundation's Disaster Relief Initiative, contact Stefanie Lee at (919) 645-9825 or <u>slee@cahec.com</u>.