

Disaster Assistance

The following information is a list of resources to check that may help address issues that you may have. If these resources are available in your area, we cannot guarantee how long the organizations will provide assistance:

1. Federal ongoing general support and financial aid available.

- U.S. Government Disaster Assistance – Complete an anonymous questionnaire to obtain and apply for eligible disaster assistance at www.disasterassistance.gov/daip_en.portal

2. Charitable Organizations may have designated resources.

- Catholic Charities nationwide help disaster victims. The following link provides contact info to several agencies in the impacted areas: <https://catholiccharities.org/our-services/strengthening-families/disaster-relief/>
- The American Red Cross is one of many partner community organizations that gather resources to help individuals and families with their disaster recovery. Call (800) HELP-NOW, or check the following website for resources: <http://www.redcross.org/get-help>
- Episcopal Relief & Development - The Response Center offers long-term support particularly in the areas of psychosocial care, livelihood, health and housing recovery, case management services and other unmet needs. Check the following website: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/us-disaster-program/disasterhelp>
- Operation USA: Operation USA helps communities alleviate the effects of disasters, disease and endemic poverty throughout the world by providing privately funded relief, reconstruction and development aid. Call 1-800-678-7255 or check the following website, www.opusa.org.
- Islamic Relief - Check the following website, <http://irusa.org/united-states/>
- Modest Needs® is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit corporation that exists to prevent otherwise financially self-sufficient individuals and families from entering the cycle of poverty, when this might be avoided with a small amount of well-timed financial assistance. Check their website, <http://www.modestneeds.org/explore/mission/>, to complete and submit an application for assistance.

4. Credit Cards - Personal Loans/Car loans/Leases/Student Loans

Most will have programs in place for either a delay or hardship, but you must contact the program to find out what is available.

5. IRS concessions

The Internal Revenue Service has a toll-free number and special relief for taxpayers affected by declared disasters. Taxpayers can call a special toll-free number, 1-866-562-5227 to request information on available tax relief. Check out this website for related news releases: <https://www.irs.gov/uac/tax-relief-in-disaster-situations>