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Subject: **South Carolina Flood Relief Fund - Next Steps**

Hello Katherine.

Thank you for considering Central Carolina Community Foundation as the vehicle for South Carolina's fund relief philanthropy. Below is a recommendation on how we can expand the South Carolina Flood Relief Fund statewide. I look forward to discussing it with you and Holly at your convenience.

South Carolina Flood Relief Fund Recommendation

Background

- Central Carolina Community Foundation (CCCF) serves the following eleven counties in the Midlands: Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda and Sumter
- Our Foundation established the **South Carolina Flood Relief Fund** on Monday, October 5, 2015 in response to the massive flooding that occurred in our service area and across the state
- The fund has received approximately \$400,000 in donations to-date
100% of the donations, less the credit card fees, will go to flood relief and recovery (The Foundation also helped to secure two \$125,000 grants from the Knight Foundation that were awarded, per Knight, to Harvest Hope and the Salvation Army)
- Donors will be recognized on the Foundation's website
- An RFP has been structured and will be approved by CCCF's board on October 28, 2015
RFP: Grants will fund relief and recovery assistance programs provided by nonprofit organizations in the Community Foundation's service area
Preference will be given to FEMA declared disaster areas as of October 31, 2015
Organizations may request up to \$25,000
- A grants committee, comprised of CCCF Trustees and community members from the Foundation's eleven county service area, will review the applications and recommend grants

Recommendation

- Expand the existing South Carolina Flood Relief Fund to include all affected (FEMA designated) counties in South Carolina
- Revise the RFP to read:
RFP: Grants will fund relief and recovery assistance programs provided by nonprofit organizations throughout South Carolina
Preference will be given to FEMA declared disaster areas as of October 31, 2015
Organizations may request up to \$25,000 (this amount can be adjusted or multiple grants can be awarded)
- A grants committee, comprised of CCCF Trustees, trustees from other community foundations serving affected areas and community members from the affected counties across our state (faith-based, business and community leaders, elected officials, etc.), will review the applications and recommend grants
- The Governor will make appointments from across the state with the Community Foundation naming the majority of committee members (also chosen from across the state)
This will allow the Foundation to exercise its variance power, as the funds will be owned by the Foundation.
- A screening committee, comprised of members of the grants committee, will vet the applications prior to submitting them to the full committee for their votes

Administration

The Community Foundation's staff will:

- Receive and acknowledge (receipt) all donations
- Manage the grant process
- Process grant checks
- Provide funding updates (website and other vehicles TBD)
- TBD – Publish a list of donors

Marketing and Solicitation

- The Community Foundation will not solicit donations
- TBD – The Community Foundation may collaborate with the Governor's office on marketing and public relations efforts

The Foundation has a staff of eight. Additional staff will be hired to manage this fund (administrative, grant management and public relations). The Foundation will seek \$50,000 in grant funds to cover the incremental costs associated with managing this fund allowing 100% of the donations, less the credit card fees, to go towards flood relief and recovery.

Thank you for allowing our foundation the opportunity to serve our state.

Regards,

JoAnn Turnquist
President & CEO

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