



FAQ Regarding the 2023 UWSC Disaster Fund

Where is the money going that is donated to the 2023 UWSC Disaster Fund?

Funding received from the United Way of Sumner County (UWSC) Disaster Relief Fund will be distributed to eligible 501(c)3 non-profits and faith-based organizations providing local direct service to Sumner County victims for relief and recovery efforts due to the December 9, 2023 tornados.

What victims will benefit from money raised through the 2023 UWSC Disaster Fund?

Victims who have experienced household or personal storm-related damage and expenses, victims who have experienced business storm-related damage and expenses, and victims who have lost income due to storm-related damage.

What kind of assistance can victims receive with money raised through the 2023 UWSC Disaster Fund?

Victims may receive assistance with storm damage which may include help with insurance deductibles, emergency repair expenses, amounts not covered by insurance, temporary shelter costs, costs associated with loss of transportation, etc. Victims may also receive assistance for wage loss due to storm related damage which may include help with rent/mortgage, utilities, food, Christmas gifts, or other direct financial assistance.

How quickly will funds be released to agencies whose application has been approved to receive Disaster Relief Funding?

Our UWSC Disaster Relief Agency Application for Funding was opened on December 16. Applications will be reviewed by the UWSC Executive Committee on an on-going basis until funds are depleted. We will release funds to the approved organizations as soon as they are approved. Agencies will be required to submit a report of how funds were used. Any money not disbursed within a reasonable timeframe will be returned to UWSC to go back into the fund.

How quickly will victims receive support from agencies providing direct service from the 2023 UWSC Disaster Relief Fund?

In most cases, agencies will disburse support to eligible disaster victims within seven days. There may be some exceptions depending on the type of service requested and/or being provided.

If you have additional questions, please contact Erin Birch at erin@unitedwaysumner.org.