









LIVINGSTON RISES FUND P.O. Box 1515 Livingston, LA 70754

Disaster Relief Fund Guidelines and Application

When was the fund created?

The Livingston Rises Fund was formed by the community leaders of Livingston Parish and Waste Management, LLC in response to the devastating flooding that occurred in Livingston Parish in August 2016. The fund was established to assist flood victims with support and recovery. Excess funds and continued donations will be available to provide Livingston Parish residents aid in times of future need.

What is the purpose of the fund? How does it help victims of disaster/flooding?

The assistance provided by Livingston Rises seeks to relieve or cushion the financial hardships caused by the disaster. It is important to note that the finding of financial distress does not require the individual(s) to be in a state of poverty or destitution. However, the intent of the relief program is to assist those facing severe financial hardship. Therefore, those determined to have the greatest need will be given a higher priority in the process.

What type of assistance will be given?

Relief funds shall be disbursed in the form of cash grants, with a maximum grant of \$2,000, to eligible beneficiaries.

Funds are intended to meet immediate needs for clothing, shelter, transportation, home cleanup, repair, or remediation.

Assistance will be granted in cases where the beneficiary has exhausted all of their monetary assets to pay for the above listed items (home repair, shelter, or transportation) that would result in loss of essential shelter or transportation.

The Fund's ability to provide grants may be limited by a lack of available funds.

Only one application per household is permitted.

What criteria must be met in order to apply for a grant?

Grants may be awarded for the purpose of providing cash for temporary emergency expenses for Livingston Parish residents who suffer financial hardship in cases of natural or man-made disasters including floods and hurricanes, as determined by the Livingston Rises Advisory Board.

What are the eligibility requirements?

The applicant must have been a resident of Livingston Parish at the time the disaster occurred.

Eligibility criteria will provide a fair and equitable distribution of funds to victims of disasters. Priority will go to those who need help most.

Applications for assistance from people who are the victims of disasters will be assessed in a fair, equitable, and timely manner and each case will be assessed on its merits so any special needs can be considered.

The recipient's eligibility is based solely on need as determined by the Livingston Rises Advisory Board.

A recipient is only eligible for assistance if he or she meets one or more of the following conditions:

- is displaced from his/her home
- has suffered a loss to his/her home
- has suffered a financial hardship because of the disaster.

What is the application process for a grant?

A Livingston Rises Grant application form is available on Livingston Parish websites including:

- Livingston Parish Government www.livingstonparishla.gov
- Livingston Parish School Board www.lpsb.org
- Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office www.lpso.org

All applications for relief must be submitted in writing using the Livingston Rises Grant Application Form.

All applications for disaster relief grants should be sent to:

Livingston Rises PO Box 1515 Livingston, LA 70754

Applications may also be emailed to livingstonrises@hotmail.com.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

You may email *livingstonrises@hotmail.com* for questions regarding the Livingston Rises Disaster Relief Fund or the application process.



2017 LIVINGSTON RISES GRANT APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Applications are to remain anonymous. Any personal identifiable information such as name, school, employer, business etc. in any section other than on the Cover Sheet will be disqualified.

To qualify, you must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Show proof that you are a resident of Livingston Parish
- 2. Sustained flood damage in August 2016
- 3. Submit a completed application
- 4. Do NOT disclose any personal identifiable information such as name, school, employer, business etc. in any section of the application other than the Cover Sheet
- 5. Show proof of income for <u>*ALL*</u> persons living in the household or proof that you receive food stamps (Food Stamp card is not acceptable proof)

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Email:				
Mail completed applications to: Livingston Rises P.O. Box 1515 Livingston, LA 70754				
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2017 LIVINGSTON RISES GRANT APPLICATION

I. Household Information			
Number of People Living in Household (including yourself):			
Number of Senior Citizens Living in Household (age 55 or older):			
Number of Children Living in Household (under age 18):			
Are any of your children enrolled in Livingston Public Schools?			
Are any of your children enrolled college?			
Current Living Situation:			
Is this your <i>primary</i> residence? Yes No			
Do you own or rent your home? Own Rent			
II. Financial Information			
Employment Status: Employed Disabled			
Estimated Monthly Income (Include income from all members in household): \$			
Please list any financial assistance you have received from other sources including dollar amount received. (FEMA, other grants, Church donations etc.)			
III. Flood Information			
Please provide a brief description of your flood related damages.			
Estimated Dollar Value of Flood Related Losses: \$			
Estimated Dollar Value of Losses Covered by Insurance: \$			
How do you intend to spend the grant funds if awarded?			

APPLICATION NO.

Please provide a description of your flood related damages and the impact on you and your family.

IV. Applicant Assurance

By signing below, I certify that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal or civil penalties.

Signature of Applicant

Date