



# Hurricane Beryl Recovery Fund

Helping our neighbors in times of need.



## How to Help

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All donations are tax-deductible and will be used to support local nonprofit organizations providing emergency financial assistance, home repair, and resource navigation services.

On Monday, July 8, Hurricane Beryl made landfall between Matagorda and Galveston as a Category 1 Hurricane, impacting the City of Houston and Harris, Fort Bend, Montgomery, and Waller counties with damaging, sustained high wind and heavy rainfall. In its wake, Beryl left nearly 2.5 million residents in the Houston region without power.

On Tuesday, July 9, President Joe Biden approved a Major Disaster Declaration which positions FEMA to make funding available to local governments to aid in debris removal and emergency work, including direct federal assistance once authorized.

**The Greater Houston Disaster Alliance (Disaster Alliance), has established the Hurricane Beryl Recovery Fund (Fund).** This Fund will support individuals and families affected by the severe weather, winds, and aftermath of Hurricane Beryl. The Fund will complement regional efforts by providing grants to local nonprofits to provide emergency financial assistance, home repair, and resource navigation services.

## Prioritizing Vulnerable Populations

The Hurricane Beryl Recovery Fund will serve uninsured and underinsured low-to-moderate income families ([ALICE population](#)) affected in the City of Houston and Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery counties, focusing on disproportionately impacted zip codes and vulnerable populations.

Due to extended power outages and consistent interruptions in internet and cell services, local offices of emergency management believe the damage assessments received so far do not yet represent the actual scale of impact. Impact reported as of July 15:

- **Texas Department of Emergency Management's iSTAT Damage Survey** has collected 15,228 surveys with 2,540 homes destroyed or with major damage.
- **Connective** collected 2,536 surveys with 193 homes with major damage or destroyed.
- **211 Helpline** has received 10,856 Beryl-related calls (July 9-14), primarily from Harris County reporting needs such as emergency food/water, mass care shelters, cooling centers, and electric service repair.

As more data becomes available, we will refine our funding strategy.

## Community Support & Call to Action

Those who need assistance are encouraged to call the 211 Texas/United Way HELPLINE, the community's key 24/7 information source during times of disaster. United Way's 211 provides callers with the most updated information on assistance with utilities, housing or rental assistance, crisis counseling, access to senior services, information on food pantries in the community, and more. Assistance through 211 can also be accessed through the following methods in the event of long wait times due to periods of heavy call volume:

- Visit [211texas.org](https://211texas.org) to search resources online or chat online with a specialist.
- Email [help@unitedwayhouston.org](mailto:help@unitedwayhouston.org) for assistance.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who is involved in the Hurricane Beryl Recovery Fund and how was it formed?

In partnership with City and County leaders, and the Disaster Alliance's [Disaster Recovery Council](#), the decision to launch the Fund was based on the significant number of households affected by severe weather in recent weeks and the hardships created by these events on those families who were already struggling before disaster struck.

The Disaster Alliance is appreciative of the support from Houston Mayor John Whitmire and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, our lead sponsors at Enbridge and Phillips 66, and our nonprofit partners providing direct service to those in need. Additionally, we are grateful to **Sarofim Foundation, H-E-B, and CenterPoint Energy Foundation for each generously committing \$1 million to kickstart our recovery efforts.**

### How will money raised by the Fund be used to help those affected by the storms?

The Hurricane Beryl Recovery Fund will serve uninsured and underinsured low-to-moderate income families ([ALICE population](#)) in the affected counties of Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery, focusing on disproportionately impacted zip codes and vulnerable populations. As more data becomes available, we will continue to refine our funding strategy.

### What if I need help right now before funds are available?

We encourage you to call the 211 Texas/United Way HELPLINE to find out about available resources. 211 connects our neighbors with help 24/7/265 and is our community's go-to resource in times of disaster. 211 can connect you with food, childcare, transportation, and other social services, critical information, and community resources.

Please understand that in times of disaster, there can be long wait times due to periods of heavy call volume. Assistance through 211 can also be accessed through the following methods:

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### What if I live in another county that was affected by severe weather, how can I get help?

We encourage you to call the 211 Texas/United Way HELPLINE to be connected to available resources in your community.

### My organization is interested in resources from the Greater Houston Disaster Alliance. Can we be considered?

To inquire about registering in the Disaster Alliance nonprofit network, contact: Sara Martinez, [smartinez@ghcf.org](mailto:smartinez@ghcf.org), or Brooke Campbell, [bcampbell@unitedwayhouston.org](mailto:bcampbell@unitedwayhouston.org).

As with all Disaster Alliance funds, nonprofits who are already registered in the Disaster Alliance nonprofit network must have submitted their annual report before any grant applications are viewable. Nonprofits who indicate in their profile that they provide the disaster services outlined for this fund will be contacted via email when the grant application opens.

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# Accelerating recovery, building **resiliency.**



## What We're Focused On

- Establishing a disaster-ready infrastructure for swift response and disaster fund administration.
- Partnering with nonprofits to accelerate disaster recovery and address gaps.
- Aligning disaster resiliency and recovery strategies through a council of public-private leaders.
- Securing funding for disaster resiliency and innovation.
- Reducing repeated harms on vulnerable populations.
- Fostering continuous learning and preparedness among disaster partners.

## Why the Disaster Alliance

The Greater Houston Disaster Alliance is a powerful partnership between Greater Houston Community Foundation (Foundation) and United Way of Greater Houston (United Way). Our mission is to lead our community's philanthropic disaster response, strengthen year-round disaster preparedness, and ensure that our region has the social services network and systems in place to respond rapidly, equitably, and effectively in times of disaster.

With over 35 years of combined experience in philanthropic disaster response, we have a proven track record of responding to community needs. We have collectively administered 16 disaster funds, raising, and distributing over \$350 million to support the recovery of hundreds of thousands of local families through trusted, local nonprofit partners. Our expertise has earned us recognition as leaders in disaster recovery, establishing a national model for bringing public and private partners together to accelerate disaster recovery and build resilience.

## A Proven Partnership

In response to COVID-19 and the 2021 winter storm, we formed a partnership that leveraged our collective strengths to raise more than \$40 million and work with nearly 150 nonprofit partners to support our community's recovery. This partnership has allowed us to demonstrate our ability to convene stakeholders, engage the community, identify gaps, and swiftly deploy resources where they are needed most.

Our strong relationships with our region's nonprofit, government, philanthropic, and business sectors enable us to quickly convene stakeholders, engage the community, identify gaps, and swiftly deploy resources to where they are needed most. This collaborative approach has allowed us to build trust and credibility with our partners, ensuring that our response is effective and efficient.

## A New Era of Disaster Response

The Greater Houston Disaster Alliance marks a new era in disaster response for our community. We are committed to working together to build a more resilient region, one that is better equipped to respond to disasters and support those affected by them. Join us in this effort by learning more about our philanthropic partnership and how you can get involved in supporting our community's disaster response efforts.

## Thank You, Lead Sponsors

The Greater Houston Disaster Alliance is grateful for the partnership and support of our lead sponsors, Enbridge and Phillips 66, who have long-standing commitments to the safety and well-being of the communities they serve.



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For more information on the Greater Houston Disaster Alliance and supporting or partnering with us, visit [www.disasteralliance.org](http://www.disasteralliance.org).