

JESUSITA LONG TERM RECOVERY FUND

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the Jesusita Long Term Recovery Fund (JFLTRF)?

JFLTRF is a collaborative community response to assist people who have been negatively impacted by the devastating Jesusita Fire.

Response Fund Partners will assist in fund raising efforts as well as making grants and providing benefits to the individuals and families affected. Additionally, JFLTRF works with most public and private agencies involved in providing direct services to fire victims.

2. Who is currently involved?

The Jesusita Fire Long Term Recovery Fund will again bring together the volunteer community partnership that is playing a pivotal role in raising and distributing over \$430,000 for the survivors of the Tea Fire.

3. How much of my donation will be used to help fire survivors?

100% of your donation will be used to benefit survivors of the Jesusita Fire. All costs of the Fund will be paid from other sources.

4. What kind of donations will be accepted by JFLTRF?

Cash, check, debit card, credit card.

Until we are best able to determine the exact need of those affected, we **will not** be accepting material goods.

5. How will my donation be used?

Donations will be used for categories of assistance such as: school supplies, home business, transportation, furniture, clothing, medical,

counseling, living expenses, and housing. People affected by the Jesusita Fire include students, renters, seniors, uninsured, significantly under-insured, young children, families, and others.

6. How Do I Apply for Assistance?

Individuals and families affected by the fire who desire assistance must apply at the American Red Cross at 2707 State St. Santa Barbara, California from 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday. Applicants should bring proof that their house was burned down, damaged, or that they have been adversely affected by the fire. Examples include a driver's license with the destroyed home's address or utility correspondence sent to them at the address in question. All applications are confidential.

Red Cross has offered to provide the case management service. If you have already applied to Red Cross you do not need to apply again. An American Red Cross Case Manager will meet with you to discuss your unmet needs. To set an appointment with a Case Manager contact the American Red Cross at (805) 687-1331.

7. Is there a screening process for determining eligibility?

Yes. A two-tiered, public-private partnership will provide screening at the social worker/case manager level and an oversight committee of local leaders will provide direction and assurance that all monies are used appropriately.

8. What is the difference between JFLTRF and Red Cross?

Every disaster and the people affected have short and long-term needs. The Red Cross is the first line of disaster response and relief. JFLTRF is concerned with the long-term community recovery and people rebuilding their lives. JFLTRF supports Red Cross efforts and Red Cross supports the longer term efforts of JFLTRF.

9. How do I get more information?

Call United Way of Santa Barbara County at 805-965-8591
Visit www.unitedwaysb.org