



FEEA Reopens Its Natural Disaster Donation Fund to Aid Feds

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The Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund (FEEA) is re-opening its Natural Disaster Fund for charitable giving by credit card or check. Donations to the fund can be made at: www.feea.org/givedisaster or via check mailed to the FEEA Disaster Fund, 1641 Prince St., Alexandria, VA 22307. FEEA has served over 9,000 federal employees and their families in major disasters in the past, including after Hurricanes Andrew, Katrina, and Sandy, and numerous tornadoes, earthquakes, and wildfires. FEEA is a 501c3 nonprofit organization, with a four-star Charity Navigator rating, and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

The Natural Disaster Fund is being reopened in response to Acting OPM Director Kathleen M. McGettigan's [memo](#) to federal agencies interested in conducting a special solicitation to federal employees in response to this disaster. As reported in Government Executive, "The Office of Personnel Management said Monday that 59,600 federal employees from 45 agencies work in the region impacted by Hurricane Harvey."

"We know the need for aid to feds will be great. And so many of them are coping with the disaster personally, while serving their fellow citizens in their capacity as public servants at the same time. We also know there are many feds across the country who want to help their colleagues get back into their homes. FEEA has been there for feds for 31 years and will be there again in the wake of Harvey." said FEEA Executive Director, Joyce Warner.

FEEA's response will be in the form of disaster grants and emergency loans. FEEA's grants, of up to \$500, contribute to the cost of major home repairs not covered by insurance, temporary lodging costs, and for those who sustained major losses of personal property, FEEA will provide reimbursement grants for new beds to replace those destroyed in the Harvey flooding. Beds are often a major expense destroyed during extreme flooding and need to be replaced for health reasons. FEEA's ability to support feds is tied to available funding and donations received.

For more information on FEEA's disaster and loan programs please visit: www.feea.org/disaster and www.feea.org/emergency. Corporations who would like to donate can contact FEEA at 202-554-0007.