

Rotary D-5580 Disaster Relief/Recovery Policy

This Policy is intended as a guide to Disaster Response within the boundaries of Rotary International District 5580 and in no way governs our clubs' response to other National or International Disaster Recovery/Relief initiatives.

Rotary, in general, is not well equipped for immediate response to such disasters, and district and/or other grant funds are not applicable to disaster relief but may be to longer term recovery projects. Therefore, in consideration of unexpected Disasters in communities within our boundaries, natural or otherwise, Rotary District 5580 may support financial and/or volunteer efforts in two ways, as follows:

- **Immediate Emergency Response:** If a club or clubs in or near the community(ies) affected “Officially Endorse” one or more charities/agencies providing immediate emergency relief, then that club or clubs can request the District, through the Executive and Finance Committee and Administrative Secretary to contact each district club for the purpose of seeking financial and other contributions to the “Endorsed” charity/agency(ies).
- **Long Term Recovery:** If a District 5580 Club or Clubs adopts a project in the form of recovery for the affected community(ies), and that project meets the guidelines of a District or TRF matching grant, then the club or clubs are encouraged to follow the application process for such grant.