

Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Donor Advised Fund

The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Donor Advised Fund (number 608) was established to assist the individuals and communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

The Fund is a restricted 501 (c) 3 fund that is maintained and invested by The Rotary Foundation. The funds in this account can only be released by agreement of the four Account Holders: Past Rotary International Vice President Jennifer Jones, Past Rotary International Director Robert Hall, and Past Rotary International Director Robert Stuart, and Past Rotary International Vice President Greg Podd who serves as the “point person”. The funds will only be spent on projects that are aimed at relief to individuals and communities that were impacted by Hurricane Harvey during the months of August and September 2017. **The priorities for the funds will be children & families, senior citizens, economic development for small enterprises, schools, community centers or programs, and sustainable housing.**

Criteria for the Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Donor Advised Fund:

1. Local clubs in Rotary International Districts 5840, 5890, 5910, 5930 and 6200 need/must be involved wherever possible. The Gulf Coast Task Force may assign a local club if necessary.
2. A request should be for a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$100,000
3. Matching requests would be favorable wherever possible. (They have the first \$5,000 and the DAF will match it.) Not necessarily one for one.
4. The DAF may start a project but will search for other partners to finish it.
5. The DAF recommends local and international clubs to partner on the projects so it becomes more than just a dollar donation but a development of relationships wherever possible.
6. The DAF will include the Gulf Coast Task Force in all requests. They may not always agree but at least they are always involved in the process so they are aware of all projects.
7. The DAF approval process needs three out of four Account Holders to agree on each project.
8. Agreement can be reached by email.
9. Any questions must be answered prior to approval but an approval in principle may be provided pending certain additional information.
10. E-mail signatures may be accepted.
11. The DAF will work projects by phase and distribute dollars as needed during the phase.
12. The next phase only gets disbursement once a report of the first phase is submitted and acceptable.
13. Projects can originate locally or internationally.
14. The DAF want to know of any prior involvement between the clubs and between the clubs and the project.

15. We will encourage projects that also enhance the economy in the Gulf Coast Districts.
16. All applications with supporting data will be submitted to PRIVP Greg Podd who will do the due diligence with the Gulf Coast Task Force and then submit to the DAF Account Holders for consideration.
17. Records will be kept on all submissions whether approved or not approved.

The Gulf Coast Task Force:

The Gulf Coast Task Force consists of one individual from each of Districts 5840, 5890, 5910, 5930 and 6200. The members of the Task Force will review and approve all The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Donor Advised Fund Project Request prior to being submitted to the four account holders of the Donor Advised Fund.

The Gulf Coast Task Force consists of the following individuals:

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