

Onslow County

Onslow Strong Disaster Recovery Alliance

Policy of Assistance

1. Priority of Assistance:
 - a. Elderly or special health/medical concerns
 - b. Low income families or individuals
 - c. Single parent families
 - d. Major devastation
2. All information must be verified before any assistance can be provided:
 - a. Client must be cleared to determine eligibility for government assistance, to prevent any duplication of effort.
 - b. Those clients that have not completed the FEMA/SBA process may be considered on a case by case basis.
3. The Unmet Needs Committee will make decisions on assistance. The **Director and Chairperson of the Unmet Needs Committee** can authorize assistance under \$1000 per family without presenting it to the Unmet Needs Committee.
4. Long Term Disaster Recovery members can present applications for assistance any time after the initial casework is completed.
5. Financial Assistance will be in the form of payment directly to vendors, contractors, and contracted labor upon completion of the work.
6. Assistance for homes participating in the FEMA Buyout program or Repair and Replacement Grant will be decided by the Unmet Needs Committee and interested members of the organization. The maximum amount of assistance for unmet needs involved in the Buyouts or the Repair and Replacement Grant will be \$10,000.
7. All applications for assistance will be reviewed on a case by case basis. The determination process will include assessment of unmet needs, the organization's priorities, resources available, and any special circumstances

Organizational Policies

Limit All Forms of Assistance to:

1. Survivors who cannot provide for themselves
2. Those who provide necessary documentation
3. What cannot be done by others (FEMA, insurance, DSS, etc.)

Limit Material Distribution to: (in natural disaster)

1. Those who have a source of labor to use it
2. Survivors who have had an assessment by construction committee
3. Volunteer work teams that are working on approved projects and homes
4. Those who have a signed voucher or work order by construction committee

Limit Repairs and rebuilding to:

1. Homeowners (No Landlords)
2. The condition prior to disaster for access and functional needs occupancy

Criteria for Assistance by Volunteers

1. Non-insured with building materials, electrical power, and all building permits on site
2. Insured with building materials, electrical power, and all building permits on site as labor is available
3. Volunteer labor can only be utilized with property owner available or accessible while work is being done and all forms have been signed