

# Long-Term Recovery Fund for Larimer County Floods

The floods in Larimer County in September 2013 have destroyed or damaged countless homes and displaced thousands of residents in Estes Park, Loveland and surrounding communities.

Now that we are in the recovery phase of this disaster, many displaced individuals and families have a long road ahead to stability. In response to their ongoing needs, United Way of Larimer County has established the **Long-Term Recovery Fund**. This fund was originally established in July 2012 in response to the High Park and Woodland Heights wildfires. All contributions to the Long-Term Recovery Fund received after September 13, 2013 will be used to support Larimer County residents affected by the September 2013 flooding.

“Many in our communities here in Larimer County have lost so much, and we know they will not be made whole overnight,” said Gordan Thibedeau, President & CEO of United Way of Larimer County. “There will be unmet needs that our community can address over time. The Long-Term Recovery Fund will be used to see that families facing ongoing hardships are not forgotten after this disaster has faded from the headlines.”

The Long-Term Recovery Fund is administered by Long-Term Recovery Group of Northern Colorado (LTRG-NoCo), which is made up of more than 50 nonprofit agencies, government organizations, faith-based groups and concerned citizens. The Fund will be used specifically for long-term recovery needs of Larimer County residents affected by the floods. United Way of Larimer County is serving as the fiscal agent for the Fund.

**\*\*Interested in volunteering to help during the recovery effort?** Call 2-1-1 from a land line (or 970-407-7066) from a cell phone to register to help.

## How to Get Assistance

To be eligible for assistance, residents must have suffered losses in the September 2013 floods in Larimer County. Residents must meet with LTRG-LCF case managers, who will assess situations, identify resources, and refer residents to possible sources of assistance, including funds available from the LTRG-LCF.

Residents can make an appointment with a case manager at the LTRG-LCF Loveland office or the Estes Park location.

- **LTRG-LCF Loveland office:**
  - Call **970-461-2222** to schedule an appointment.
  - Located at House of Neighborly Service’s Community Life Center, **1511 E. 11th Street**.
  - Hours of operation are **Monday through Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm**.
  
- **LTRG-LCF Estes Park office:**
  - Call **970-577-0610** to schedule an appointment.
  - Located at Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park, **851 Dry Gulch Road**.
  - Home interviews are available.

A limited amount of funds have been raised to date for survivors who have not been compensated from insurance or other sources. Eligible uses of the funds include the following:

- Repair or replacement of primary homes
- Repair or replacement of personal property
- Loss of livelihood
- Temporary housing needs
- Health-related issues
- Other compelling needs

To prioritize funding distribution, the LTRG-LCF will consider factors such as financial need, documented disability or health need, single parent, older adult, immediate need for safe housing, and other compelling factors. Documentation, as appropriate and available, may be required by case managers to verify need.

## How to Donate to the Fund

**Your gift to the Long-Term Recovery Fund will be used to support long-term recovery efforts in Larimer County to rebuild lives and provide stability to individuals and families affected by the flooding in Larimer County in September 2013.** Long-term recovery needs addressed by the Fund will include such items as temporary and transitional housing and transportation needs. Additional long-term recovery items will be included, as the eventual scope of the community needs are revealed.

- **Donate By Phone:** Call United Way of Larimer County at 970-407-7000 with a credit card number.
- **Donate By Mail:** Donations via mail may be sent to United Way of Larimer County, 424 Pine Street, Suite 102, Fort Collins, CO, 80524 (be sure to note Long-Term Recovery Fund in the memo line)
- **Donate Online:** Go to: <http://uwaylc.org/long-term-recovery-larimer-county-floods/>. On the donation page, please indicate that you would like your donation to be designated to “Long-Term Recovery Fund (Larimer County Floods)” in the drop-down menu. (Please note: The full amount of your online gift is tax-deductible through our online donation processor, Network for Good, who utilizes 3% of your gift for processing costs.)

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