

REBUILD OCEAN SPRINGS FUND GRANT GUIDELINES

To provide grants to nonprofit organizations in Ocean Springs and the unincorporated areas in the 39564 zip code in two categories: (1) **humanitarian aid**, and (2) **public infrastructure**.

Humanitarian grants are available to organizations helping individuals get the materials and services they need to rebuild their lives and homes. *Public infrastructure* grants are available to organizations working to enhance the quality of life for local residents, such as restoring damaged parks and recreational facilities.

Grant Awards will typically range from \$1,000 - \$25,000.

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Requests for funds should clearly demonstrate how the organization will use the funds to help the Ocean Springs community recover from Hurricane Katrina.

Funding will be provided to nonprofit and government organizations that assist residents with the following:

Counseling and casework, housing assistance, home reconstruction and repair, mental health and physical health services, education, recreation, emergency preparedness, safety and security.

Grants may not be given for:

For profit organizations, conference registrations, direct religious activities, political organizing, courtesy advertising.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE REBUILD OCEAN SPRINGS FUND

Each applicant must complete a Grant Cover Sheet, which can be found at http://www.fndmidsouth.org/Documents/FMS_GrantCoverSheet.pdf. In addition, please complete a one to two page application answering the following questions. Please do not submit any materials not requested in either of these documents. The Grant Cover Sheet contains a checklist of the required materials and can either be completed electronically or by hand, but must be submitted along with the narrative and the other requisite materials.

Short Application Narrative (*1-2 pages only, please*)

- 1) Describe your community and the constituency you serve
- 2) How did Hurricane Katrina affect your community?
- 3) How did the hurricane affect your organization? What was lost? What extra duties are required to serve your constituents?
- 4) What does your organization do?
- 5) How will your requested grant be spent, and how many people will your program reach?

Deadlines

There are no deadlines for submission. The Grants Committee will respond to your request within 30 days. Mail the application with copies of all the requisite materials to:

Rebuild Ocean Springs Fund
PO Box 1800
Ocean Springs, MS 39566-1800