



North Carolina Lions – District 31-I
Emergency Called Cabinet Meeting
Sunday, November 22, 2020 7:30pm
Zoom Conference Call



District Governor Donald Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

DG Donald Cobb recognized Zone Chair Andrew Ferguson to discuss the needs of the families involved in the Alexander County flooding. Lion Andrew shared with us that the area fairgrounds were owned by the Taylorsville Lions Club. Samaritans Purse is providing RVs to place on the pad sites within the fairgrounds property. The pad sites, electrical and road leading into the area were in need of upgrades and improvements prior to the arrival of the families. Local businesses were already providing supplies and labor to begin these improvements and didn't want reimbursement.

The Taylorsville Lions Club is hosting the displaced families on these pad sites for 3 to 6 months. There are probably 15 families displaced by the flooding. Lion Andrew expects 12 to 13 families to show up for housing.

About a week ago, Lion Andrew knew there would be a need for shoes and coats for the displaced families. At the time of this meeting, that need has been met by local industries of Alexander County.

The short term initial expenses seem to be met. Lion Andrew is more concerned with the long term expenses.

Another Long Term project Lion Andrew is requesting for our District Lions is a disaster Preparedness Program

It was stated that PCC George Suggs is our Lions Alert State Chair. PDG Carolyn Sprinkle is our District Chair.

It was mentioned that we might contact 2nd VDG Bill Mathers about emergency relief from the Mint Hill Club. Do they have equipment available for use?

At the time of this meeting Taylorsville Club expenses will be: setting up the pad sites, updating electric, use of the Hall, and repaving the road leading to the pad sites.

A discussion was held concerning LCI emergency funding and grants.

PDG Theresa Matthews (second by PDG Butch Conrad) made a motion to assist the Taylorsville Lions Club with applying for a 20K Community Rebuilding Grant through LCI. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

DG Donald will work with Lion Andrew to apply for the 20K grant through LCI. (See attached grant application that was submitted).

Meeting Adjourned at 8:27pm

Attendance: Donald Cobb, Gayle Cobb, Butch Conrad, Elizabeth Conrad, George Culp, Charles Everhart, Glenda Everhart, Andrew Ferguson, Michelle Gregory, Kirby Matthews, Theresa Matthews, Jimmy Myers, Joe Poirier, Kathy Poirier

Grant Criteria:

1. Districts may apply for a grant once within a 6 month period. Individual clubs may not apply.
2. Grants are available in amounts up to US\$20,000.
3. The number of Community Recovery grants awarded annually is limited by the US\$250,000 cap for the program.
4. Grants may be requested within 60 days of a disaster's occurrence, following a full assessment of the needs.
5. Grants may be requested for current disasters only, where at least 100 people are affected or displaced by the disaster.
6. Districts have 60 days to use the funds. Grants are not intended to establish reserve funds and any unused funds after this 60-day period must be returned to LCIF.
7. Community Recovery grant recipients may not request an Emergency grant for the same event. Districts must choose one or the other.
8. Priority will be given to applicant districts with ALERT leadership or the equivalent.
9. Construction projects are not eligible.
10. Grants are not intended to support ongoing operational expenses.
11. Grants shall not be given or used to provide direct cash assistance to disaster victims. Numerous other agencies exist principally for this purpose.
12. Lions must actively deliver and participate in the relief project; grant funds may not be handed over to another organization for their relief work.
13. Applications submitted by the district should: a) detail the disaster damages and needs within the district; b) provide a detailed plan of action that includes a timeline, an itemized budget (with cost estimates for all goods and services to be purchased with grant funds), and information on the Lions' active involvement; c) indicate how many people/families will be served by the project; and d) give details on local publicity for the project and plans for documenting the activities.
14. Grant requests should include the endorsement of the District Governor and ALERT Chairperson (or equivalent position).
15. The LCIF Chairperson is the approval authority for this grant.

Certification by District Governor and Alert Chairperson (or equivalent position)

This is to certify that I have reviewed and understand the Community Recovery Grant criteria and I endorse this request for a grant. As District Governor, I agree to serve as Grant Administrator and to ensure proper and efficient administration of this grant for the purposes approved by LCIF. As the ALERT Chairperson (or equivalent position), I agree to support the execution of this relief project within the District. We further agree to compile and submit a final report on the utilization of this grant to LCIF as required.

Date 12/17/20
District 31-I
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ALERT CHAIRPERSON (Print Name) ANDREW FERGUSON
Signature [Signature]
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Application Submission

Send the completed application and direct any questions on the grant criteria and project eligibility to the LCIF Humanitarian Programs Department at LCIFHumanitarianPrograms@lionsclubs.org or call our office at (630) 203-3819.



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Proposal
Community Recovery Grant Application
Lions District 31-I
December 14, 2020

A. Detail the extent of damages, number of people impacted and the needs within the district.

On November 12, 2020, Alexander County, North Carolina, suffered a flood as a result of rainfall from Tropical Storm Eta and another weather front that resulted in almost 10 inches of rainfall within a few hours. Attached is a notarized letter from Garrett Huffman, Emergency Management Coordinator from Alexander County, N.C., that describes the event as well as outlines the damages that several hundred residents of the county received.

While immediate needs have been provided as explained in item B below, The Taylorsville Lions Club (11389) is providing space on property they own to park twelve Recreational Vehicles (RVs) to house individuals displaced from the Hiddenite Family Campground where they permanently resided in RVs prior to the flood. The grant request is seeking funding to assist the Taylorsville Lions Club in upgrading plumbing and electrical hookups for the RVs in order to house displaced families. While there had been plumbing and electrical hookups present on the property, they had not been used in some time and the RVs which were brought in to house the displaced families required upgraded electrical and plumbing hookups.

B. Explain what relief services have been provided in the community by Lions and non-Lions.

The Taylorsville Lions Club has provided building space to house household donations collected by area churches for individuals affected by the flood and assisted East Taylorsville Baptist Church members coordinating the collection. The local Lions have also provided land upon which RVs have been located to house displaced families and have overseen the upgrades to the RV hookups. Lions were also involved in the distribution of water and other essentials provided to displaced individuals by other organizations.

Samaritan's Purse provided 12 RVs in which to house twelve displaced families who were not able to find alternative housing while ten families have alternative housing. The American Red Cross provided initial shelter at motels for those displaced and basic items such as food and water were supplied by the Salvation Army. East Taylorsville Baptist Church coordinated efforts by local churches to collect donated household items. Local businesses and individuals contributed money to support relief efforts.

C. Describe the unmet needs the Lions plan to address within the community.

The Taylorsville Lions Club will allow 12 RVs to be located on their property to house families displaced by flooding who have not found alternative housing. Improvements to a road into the property along with upgraded electrical and plumbing hookups for the RVs were needed.

- D. Outline the Lions' plan of action including a full project description, details on the project area, the number of people who will benefit from the project, a timeline, a budget (with cost estimates for all goods and services to be purchased with grant funds), and details on the active involvement of Lions and any partners.

The Taylorsville Lions Club owns several acres of property that was once used as a fairground. A portion of this property will be used to house 12 recreational vehicles provided by Samaritan's Purse to house 12 families displaced by the flood. While the property had RV hookups that had been used many years ago, these hookups as well as the plumbing hookups were not adequate for the newer RVs provided for the displaced families and safety lighting around the area needed to be upgraded. The road into the property had to have gravel to make it passable for vehicles to enter and there was a need to upgrade the security system. Because of the immediate need to have the RVs in place and house the families, much of this work has already been done by local contractors working with the Lions Club; however, the Taylorsville Lions Club does not have the funds to cover this work. The Lions Club is operating on faith that funds will be provided to support their work in providing the property for temporary housing. Each family housed in a RV will sign a three-month lease that is renewable if needed. Once this emergency housing is no longer needed, the Taylorsville Lions Club will allow this property to be used in the future for displaced emergency housing with RVs if the need arises in the district.

The budget for this project is as follows:

Upgrade electrical service, security lights, and plumbing hookups	\$10,973.90
Gravel to road into RV area	\$2,200.00
Security camera	\$320.99
Total Requested	\$13,494.89

- E. Explain what type of publicity is planned for this project and how the Lions plan to record these activities.

Information regarding the project will be shared with Lions across the district and state by including an article in the district newsletter. It will also be used as an example as to why Lions should financially support LCIF through giving. Locally the project will be shared with the community through news outlets. Photos will be taken to highlight efforts.



**ALEXANDER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF DISASTER

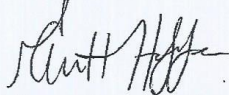
RE: NCEM 20201112 Severe Weather Event 12-15 November 2020

On Thursday, November 12th 2020, Alexander County North Carolina experienced a widespread flooding event due to the effects of Tropical Storm Eta, combined with another weather front that collided and created nearly 10 inches of rainfall within a few hours in parts of the county. This collective rainfall, coupled with the mountainous terrain and small tributaries that cross our county, created a cascading collapse of roadway infrastructure. As a county, there were 18 roads and bridges completely washed away or degraded so severely that they were impassable. The relatively small size of our county's population was then unable to access roads for food, water, shelter, heating fuel and other comforts to keep themselves safe from the elements. Thousands of residents have now had to find new semi-permanent routes out of their homes and are having to travel farther for groceries and household items.

At the Hiddenite Family Campground alone, which resides on the Lower Yadkin River near the point of inundation where a majority of the streams and tributaries collect into the river, 37 persons permanently lost their homes in waters as deep as 17 feet, and 7 more who experienced partial loss at the campground. A total of five fatalities occurred at this location. This office, in coordination with local NGOs, including the Samaritain's Purse, Taylorsville Lions Club, The American Red Cross, and East Taylorsville Baptist Church, was able to help secure a Displaced Persons Encampment and donations management center at the Lions Club in Taylorsville.

A preliminary damage assessment on the day following tallied an additional 47 homes that were also severely damaged by flood waters. In the weeks following, we have amassed an additional reporting of 51 more residences affected by the flooding event. While the actual number of occupants per residence was not captured, for many of these had an ability to self-sustain and repair damages well enough that they did not require Emergency Management intervention, it is estimated several hundred residents were, and continue to be, personally affected by this single disaster.

Alexander County Department of Public Services
Emergency Management Division

Signed  Date 12/9/2020
Garrett Huffman, Emergency Management Coordinator/Deputy Fire Marshal

G.S. § 10B-41 NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE FOR
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Alexander County, North Carolina

I certify that the following person(s) personally appeared before me this day, each
acknowledging to me that he or she signed the foregoing document:

Garrett Huffman
Name(s) of principal(s)

Date: 9 Dec. 2020



[Signature]
Official Signature of Notary
Melanie F. Millsaps, Notary Public
Notary's printed or typed name

My commission expires: 5-10-2022

OPTIONAL

This certificate is attached to a Incident Statement, signed by Garrett Huffman
Title/Type of Document Name of Principal Signer(s)
on 9 Dec. 2020, and includes 1 pages.
Date # of pages

