



## Disaster Relief Fund Criteria

Reed Manor Fire

March 2026

Funds from United Way of South Central Michigan's Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) are available to support rehousing efforts for those affected by the fire at Reed Manor and related basic needs. **Due to the limited funds available and the specific, place-based nature of this response, the application for this funding is a closed process that is by invitation only through local Community Impact staff in Jackson County.** Questions related to submitting a request should be directed to Eboné Young at [e.young@uwscmi.org](mailto:e.young@uwscmi.org). Requests for funding will be reviewed by a committee and funding decisions communicated within 7 business days. Grants awarded will be paid out within 7-10 business days from the date of award notification.

**These funds will be granted to 501c3 nonprofit organizations, individuals or groups with a 501c3 fiscal sponsor and/or public entities who are providing direct services to residents in Jackson, MI that have been impacted by the March 12, 2026 fire at Reed Manor.**

### HOW CAN FUNDS BE USED?

**Priority activities include (but are not limited to):**

- Direct cash assistance to individuals or households who have experienced a loss of income or loss of property (not covered by insurance) directly related to the fire.
- Coordination of peer-to-peer assistance (i.e. transportation to retrieve food, transportation to a medical facility, transportation to government agency for document retrieval, etc.)
- Temporary housing assistance (hotel stays, shelter costs, rental assistance or housing relocation support) not covered by insurance

- Assistance with repairing or replacing critical necessities not covered by insurance (i.e. furniture, clothing, household items)
- Costs associated with disaster response case management or volunteer management.

**PRIORITY POPULATIONS INCLUDE (BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO):**

- Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) community members
- Individuals over 65 years old
- Individuals with disabilities
- LGBTQIA+ Individuals
- Households (including children) who have income below the Asset Limited, Income Constrained and Employed (ALICE) threshold
- Individuals who may experience systemic barriers to accessing available governmental resources (such as individuals who lost or are without identification, individuals for whom English is not their first or preferred language)

**Note:** DRF funds are intended to complement resources available from FEMA, state and local governmental agencies, as well as existing health and human services organizations. Funds are limited and only available to address known needs; anticipated or forecasted need will not be funded at this time. In the event that available funds exceed community need for a given disaster activation, any remaining balance will be kept in the local Disaster Relief Fund to support response efforts in future crises.

**Please direct any questions to [communityimpact@uwscmi.org](mailto:communityimpact@uwscmi.org).**