

# Hurricane Harvey Relief Funds

## Get Help Here

**Dear Local 65-699 Member,**

Here is an updated list of available resources for members of the AFM who sustained losses due to Hurricane Harvey. You should apply to as many of them as you can; please note, the Texas AFL-CIO and Gulf Coast AFL-CIO will stop accepting applications soon, so please don't delay, get your applications in ASAP.

### **1. AFM Hurricane Relief Fund:**

AFM has established a special fund to assist musicians impacted by the 2017 hurricane season. AFM members in good standing who reside in areas designated by FEMA as Federal Disaster Areas and were impacted by Harvey, Irma and Maria may apply to the AFM Hurricane Relief Fund for assistance. Download the [Hurricane Relief Fund application here](#).

### **2. Union Plus:**

Musicians participating in certain Union Plus programs who have been impacted by Harvey, Maria or Irma may be eligible for financial assistance through the Union Plus Disaster Relief Grant program. Please visit the [Union Plus Disaster Relief Fund here](#) to learn more about the benefits and eligibility requirements.

### **3. Jazz Foundation of America:**

Jazz musicians can google this organization and they will help you with funds and help you find a place to live until you are able to move back into your home. For more information please visit: [www.jazzfoundation.org](http://www.jazzfoundation.org)

### **4. The Actors Fund:**

Musicians affected by Harvey or Irma should contact [The Actors Fund](#) for information on emergency financial assistance and other resources.

- For Harvey assistance, please contact The Actors Fund's Los Angeles office at [intakela@actorsfund.org](mailto:intakela@actorsfund.org) or 323.933.9244, ext. 455.
- For Irma assistance, please contact The Actors Fund's New York office at [intakeny@actorsfund.org](mailto:intakeny@actorsfund.org) or 212.221.7300, ext. 119.

## 5. Texas AFL-CIO

Union musicians affected by Harvey may apply for assistance from the Texas Workers Relief Fund established by the [Texas AFL-CIO here](#).

## 6. MusiCares Announces Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts

As a friend and ally of the music community, MusiCares cares for music people. And now the four-star charity is pledging its support to those who have been affected by [Hurricane Harvey](#), which follows similar efforts to support victims of the Gulf and Nashville floods, as well as Hurricane Sandy and Hurricane Katrina.

Musicians and music professionals can request disaster relief by contacting the South Regional MusiCares office at 615.327.0050 or toll-free at 877.626.2748, or by submitting an [application](#).

**To fill out an application, google MusiCares and then click on the MusiCares|Grammy.com tab and that website will direct you on how to fill out a claim.**

**7. The Gulf Coast AFLCIO.org** is helping those members who were suffered losses from Hurricane Harvey. **Please paste this link into your browser: <https://www.gcaflcio.org/>.** This takes you directly to the **Texas Workers Relief Fund established by the Texas AFL-CIO, it eliminates trying to navigate their website for help.** Once you have filled out this online application, please let me know, Local 65-699 has a few gas and food gift cards that we can give to our members, but you must apply for assistance first.

We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

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Madam Prez