



Bridge - The Game That Gives Back

ACBL Charity Foundation Disaster Relief Policy

Mission Alignment

This disaster relief policy supports the ACBL Charity Foundation's core mission to improve the quality of life in communities where we live and "play" by providing responsive assistance during federally recognized disasters.

Scope and Geographic Coverage

- Geographic Limitation: United States only
- Disaster Qualification: Federally recognized disasters that result in significant loss of life and property

Funding Priorities

Primary assistance categories (in order of preference):

1. Local or regional food banks
2. First emergency shelter services
3. Medical equipment and emergency medical services
4. Support for local service providers
5. Targeted assistance to lower-income and median-income communities

Operational Requirements

- Administrative Efficiency: High rating on Charity Navigator, i.e., low administrative expense policy to maximize direct aid impact
- Secular Focus: Non-religious assistance only, maintaining the Foundation's inclusive approach
- Designated Funding: Aggressive disaster response through specifically designated disaster relief funds
- Quick Turnaround: Rapid response capability for emergency situations

Approval Process

1. Initial Assessment: Foundation President serves as primary trustee point of contact, provides research-based recommendations
2. Rapid Authorization: Trustee approval via email vote for immediate response capability
3. Community Integration: Coordination with local providers and existing community resources
4. Stewardship: Consistent with the Foundation's commitment to good stewardship of charity game funds
5. Community Connection
6. This policy extends the Foundation's district-based approach to ensure disaster relief reaches ACBL communities while maintaining the organization's commitment to assessing and responding to emerging needs as defined by membership.

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