



Rebuilding Hope, **ONE HOME AT A TIME**

Following the devastation and widespread destruction to communities along the Gulf Coast caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, leaders in the home building industry banded together to create the Home Building Industry Disaster Relief Fund (HBIDRF), a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization.

The HBIDRF is dedicated to helping communities recover and rebuild after natural disasters. Through partnership with local organizations, the Fund focuses on restoring homes, supporting families and strengthening communities. Together, we rebuild hope, one home at a time.

THE HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY LEADING RECOVERY EFFORTS

Powered by the contribution and involvement of partners across the home building industry, the Fund provides comprehensive support and services to assist impacted communities in the aftermath of natural disasters.

Collaborating closely with local home builders associations, corporate supporters, and other charitable organizations, the HBIDRF is the building industry's dedicated and unified response to natural disasters.

Through impactful grantmaking and thoughtful programs, we highlight the resilience and commitment of the residential construction industry in supporting their communities, at time when it is needed most. The Fund relies on the generous contributions of individuals and companies who believe in its mission to help communities rebuild.

GRANTMAKING AND PARTNERSHIP

The HBIDRF contributes directly to recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit charities working to meet the shelter needs of those affected by natural disasters to maximize effective, local impact.

Interested non-profit organizations are able to partner with local home builders associations to apply for grants. This collaboration with the local home building industry is essential to keeping funded projects aligned with the community's post disaster housing priorities and ensuring assistance reaches those who need it most.

Since its inception in 2005, the HBIDRF has disbursed over \$2 million to assist areas across the United States affected by natural disasters, including recovery efforts from hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and wildfires. The HBIDRF Board of Directors reviews all grant applications and determines all funding decisions.



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IMPACT IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Ohio Tornado Outbreak

In March 2024, a significant EF3 tornado struck Indian Lake, Ohio, causing extensive damage to hundreds of homes and structures in the area. Approximately 250 families were displaced as a result of the storm. Unfortunately, many of the affected homes were found to be uninsured or underinsured, significantly hindering the rebuilding efforts in the community.

In response to a funding request by the Western Ohio Home Builders Association, the HBIDRF assisted in providing grant funds to a local non-profit to fully build a new home for two disabled brothers, one of whom is a veteran, whose existing home was damaged beyond repair in the tornado.

Mississippi Tornadoes

Tornadoes in Mississippi destroyed several homes over the course of 2018 and 2019. In 2020, HBIDRF awarded a grant to a local church, to rebuild a home for an at-need family in Meridian, Miss., after their home was destroyed by a tornado with 115-mph winds.

Then again in 2022, local builders partnered with a local non-profit to rebuild a home in Laurel, Miss., after an EF-3 storm tornado destroyed over

100 homes and businesses. With HBIDRF funding, several members of the Southwest Suburban Home Builders Association, and local volunteers built a new home for an elderly couple, whose home was destroyed by the tornado.

Hurricane Sandy

When Hurricane Sandy hit the east coast in 2012, the storm's powerful surge heavily damaged many homes in New York and New Jersey. HBIDRF provided a grant to the New York State Builders Association to support the complete rehabilitation of a flood damaged home owned by a local resident, complete with new appliances, new flooring and new kitchen cabinets.

Hurricane Katrina

The magnitude of Hurricane Katrina left a long-standing impact on many Gulf Coast communities and HBIDRF stepped in to help rebuild homes for years after the storm. The HBIDRF supported the efforts of the Illinois Home Builders Association who partnered with a local church in Mississippi and engaged their members to volunteer their time and construction expertise to help families rebuild their homes in the Gulf Coast region over a period of three years after the hurricane.

Learn More and Get Involved

Visit homebuildersfund.org to learn more about the HBIDRF, the projects it has supported, and how you can support the fund.

You can also direct questions to Jessica Lynch, jlynch@nahb.org or 202-266-8401.

NAHB Matching Campaign

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) launched a matching campaign on Nov. 1, 2024, to support rebuilding efforts in communities impacted by natural disasters. NAHB will match all donations to the HBIDRF through March 1, 2025, up to \$500,000 total.

All funds raised for the HBIDRF through this matching campaign will support the partnership of local charities and state and local home builders' associations to address the rebuilding needs of devastated communities.