

Lowcountry Strong Foundation

Mission and Assistance Guidelines

Our Mission

The Lowcountry Strong Foundation has been established in partnership with the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Lowcountry Strong Foundation aims to assist and enrich the lives of Beaufort and Jasper County families, and partner with community members, to help serve those less fortunate. The Foundation's initial efforts will focus on providing support for programs and services addressing disaster assistance and/or emergency hardship relief for individuals, families and communities within Beaufort and Jasper Counties of the South Carolina Lowcountry.

Current Focus

Lowcountry Strong Foundation's current focus is to assist families impacted as a result of the Hurricane Matthew disaster with immediate and critical needs. Assistance is intended to help qualified applicants by providing support in one or more of the following areas. Grant support may also be provided to local nonprofit organizations providing services in these program areas:

- Shelter - Housing Repair and Rebuilding
- Food
- Medical

Eligibility for Assistance

Consideration for support is available to qualified applicants who meet all of the following eligibility guidelines:

- Full-time resident living in Beaufort or Jasper Counties in South Carolina.
- Have a critical financial need due to a significant damage to primary residence and/or family resources resulting in the direct impact of their quality of life and/or value of their home.
- Have annual combined income of \$85,000 or less. *Consideration may be given for applications submitted with income above this amount based on dire circumstances.*

Selection Process

Qualified applicants must submit a completed application with required attachments to be considered for assistance. The Lowcountry Strong Foundation Advisory Board will meet on an ad hoc basis to consider applications. In general, support will not exceed \$15,000.00 nor imply continued commitment. In the event that assistance is offered, payment will be made directly to the appropriate vendors and/or nonprofit organizations providing support and assistance.