Adventist Community Services

Mobile Disaster Response Unit Grant

**Description:** Adventist Community Services (ACS) is a well-respected disaster response organization in the United States with an expertise in donations management and the distribution of emergency supplies. This grant is to support and expand operations to serve people experiencing crisis events. Grant funds are for the purchase of mobile disaster response units.

**Details:**
- Mobile Disaster Response Units may include a trailer or vehicle used for disaster response.
- Requests can be made for 50% of the purchased price up to $30,000.
- Proposals must be submitted by a Conference or Union Conference.
- Ownership of the unit remains with the Conference/Union.
- Title, registration, insurance, and driver’s licensing are the responsibility of the Conference/Union.
- The ACS logo will be prominently displayed on the outside of the unit.
- Any delivery costs of the unit are the responsibility of the Conference/Union.

**Application Process:**
1. Conference/Union completes the attached Mobile Disaster Response Unit Grant Proposal.
2. **Email proposal along with a visual representation of the desired unit to ACS@nadadventist.org**
3. The Mobile Unit Proposal will be vetted by Grant Committee and NAD ACS Board.
4. NAD ACS will notify the Conference/Union of decision.
5. Grant Agreement Form will be signed by the Conference/Union and returned to NAD ACS.
6. Conference/Union will make arrangements for purchase, decaling and furnishing of the unit and submit the quote to NAD ACS and evidence of their downpayment to the seller.
7. NAD ACS will send the grant amount funds to the requesting Conference/Union.
8. Conference/Union will send a report with photos of the unit when received *and* at first use.

**Maximized use:**
Conferences/Unions are encouraged to maximize the investment in mobile disaster response units by making them available for use in additional ACS ministries (e.g. distribution of goods or services to the unhoused) or lending them for use in other Conferences/Union territories for disaster response.

When units are shared, it is recommended that a written agreement be used which may include items such as:
- What activities may the unit be used for?
- How will use be prioritized in the event of conflicting interests?
- Who will cover costs of its use including responsibility for any damage to the unit?
- How will requests for use be made and who will approve them?
- How will the unit be transported out of the territory it is owned by?
- Transportation expenses will be the responsibility of the receiving Conference/Union?
- If goods are used that come with the trailer, who is responsible to pay or restock the goods?