

Summary notes for Community Recovery Session#2 Feb10 2021

Funding Considerations for Community Recovery: sources resources and accessibility

- Know your donors and understand needs of community to make the best matching of funding.
- Recovery funding needs to be considered in terms of:
 - *timing* (when do you need it in the timeline- immediately? medium term? or longer term?);
 - *capacity* to apply for and follow through with short-medium-long term projects;
 - recognize there will be *funding available most likely that wouldn't normally be there*. It may include a very short time in which to apply.
- Fully understanding how government processes work, in order to save time and resources. (Example: Disaster Financial Assistance, Local Government Act, Emergency Program Act, etc.)
- As much as possible have staff ready to respond who have grant writing experience, and can get funding for recovery projects identified and applied for in a timely way.
- There are numerous ways that people and communities can be left out of the loop of equitable funding processes. Consider demographics: age, physical impairments language barriers, etc.
- Consider the entire community when planning for recovery projects and programs and how to include the whole of community in the process of identifying funding needs.
- Lack of Wi-Fi and/or Internet puts some at a disadvantage when applying for funding.
- Speak to funders about how they create their program parameters and if there is opportunity, work with them so funding best reflects needs in the community.
- Consider timing in terms of cultural ceremonies and events during the year that may make it difficult to meet funding deadlines.
- Collection of data regarding funding for recovery will only help in future best practices and improvements.
- If possible have a specific recovery presence in an Emergency Operations Centre either right away, or soon after an EOC stands up. It can help make it easier, shorter, and more appropriate to the community being served if "recovery" is part of the process from the start to best understand the event.
- Unmet Needs Committees can be a temporary or permanent resource to have to address gaps and needs not filled by other sources.

Links:

Links mentioned in Session 2 are all found within the pages of the

<http://www.secondresponders.org>

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