September 2, 2020

All U.S. Affiliates:

Due to the recent disasters from Hurricane Laura, fires in California and Derecho’s we wanted to remind all affiliates of the process for obtaining help from the Disaster Relief Fund. As you will recall, in 2018 we announced that the Teamsters Disaster Relief Fund (Fund) was restructured to better serve our members. A program was developed in order to get funds to your members in a more efficient manner. The International Union no longer processes individual requests for assistance. Instead, affiliates that have members affected by a disaster can request funds to be used in the manner that best serves the members.

If a disaster has occurred in your area, the Local may apply for assistance by filling out the “Affiliate Request for Assistance Form” (which is enclosed). In the case of a major disaster affecting several affiliates the request for assistance should be processed by the Joint Council. Once the form is received it will be reviewed by the Trustees of the Fund, and, if approved, a check will be processed to the Affiliate in a timely manner. The Affiliate will then disburse the funds to its members.

Once the funds have been disbursed, the affiliate must prepare the “Affiliate Accounting Report” (which is also enclosed) and return it to the Disaster Relief Fund within 30 days after the distribution of funds has ended. If all funds have not been disbursed, the remaining funds must be returned to the Fund within 30 days after the distribution of funds ended. Failure to submit the “Affiliate Accounting Report” will hinder any future requests for assistance.

Should you have any questions on the Teamsters Disaster Relief Fund please contact my office.

Fraternally yours,

Ken Hall, Treasurer
Teamsters Disaster Relief Fund

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TEAMSTERS DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Affiliate Request for Assistance Form

Please fill out the following form to request assistance from the Fund:

Name of affiliate requesting funds: _________________________________________________

Address of affiliate:______________________________________________________________

Name and title of contact person: __________________________________________________

Phone Number: __________________________  Email Address__________________________

Type of Disaster: __________________________ Date of Disaster:__________________

Name of places affected (city, county, etc.):__________________________________________

Estimated number of members affected: ____________________________________________

Dollar amount requested:________________________________________________________

Description of how funds will be spent:_____________________________________________

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Is affiliate also spending funds to help affected members?  _______Yes     _______No

If so, how much does affiliate estimate to spend: $_________________________________

Does affiliate have a 501(c)3 fund _____Yes    ____NO  or dedicated fund _____Yes    ______No

If answer is No to above, will funds be going into the affiliate’s General Fund: _____Yes  _____No

Examples of appropriate uses of funds include:
Direct grants to members
Distribution of gift cards to members
Purchasing and distributing food, water, diapers, hygiene kits, etc. to members
Assist with clearing debris
Providing transportation

If the request for funds is granted, you will be sent an Accounting Report form in order to report back how the funds are spent. Therefore, it is important that the Affiliate keep all receipts for goods and services. If gift cards and/or funds are distributed directly to individuals, it is necessary to keep detailed records on who received funds or gift cards (name, whether they are a member, if so Affiliate No., date, amount received). Signature attesting to receipt of funds/gift cards must be obtained.

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Please fill out the following:

Affiliate Name:______________________________________________________________

Amount of donation received from the TDRF: _________________________________

Date donation received: _____________________________________________________

Donation amount spent on goods: _____________________________________________

Donation amount spent on services: ____________________________________________

Donation amount distributed directly to members (gift cards, cash, checks): ____________

Please attach receipts for goods purchased and services.

For direct distribution of funds to members (gift cards, cash, checks) please attach documentation supporting the distribution. Such documentation should include the person’s name, Local Union membership if applicable, amount given, date given, signature of individual who received the donation.

For any funds spent without a receipt available, please describe how it was spent and provide an explanation as to why a receipt could not be obtained.

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Any funds that have not been spent on disaster relief must be returned to the Disaster Relief Fund within 30 days after the distribution process has ended. Do you have any remaining unspent funds? If so, indicate amount: ____________________________

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Date:________________________    ______________________________

Signature