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Disaster Recovery and Resilience Projects Nationwide Boosted with New Grant Funding

Funds were provided by a grant from Verizon to National VOAD

Alexandria, VA - National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (National VOAD) has been awarded funding from Verizon which has been granted to thirteen disaster recovery organizations across the United States to strengthen long-term recovery and community resilience efforts.

The funding supports recovery projects led by National VOAD members responding to disasters that have occurred within the past ten years. Individual grants range from $75,000 to $185,000 and will fund projects focused on resilient rebuilding, sustainable home repairs, and stronger disaster preparedness in communities still recovering from major events.

“The VOAD movement is built on collaboration and service, and this grant program reflects that spirit,” said Rev. Dr. David Guadalupe, Interim President and CEO of National VOAD. “With this funding, the VOAD Movement will help communities not only recover from disasters but rebuild in ways that make them safer and more resilient for the future.”

The organizations receiving grants are Brethren Disaster Ministries, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Catholic Charities USA, Episcopal Relief & Development, Hawaii VOAD, ICNA Relief USA, Iowa VOAD, Maryland VOAD, Mennonite Disaster Service, Michigan VOAD, Oklahoma VOAD, Send Relief, and Week of Compassion (Disciples of Christ).

The funded projects reflect the wide range of hazards communities face across the country. Several initiatives will support long-term home repair and rebuilding efforts following the 2025 Los Angeles wildfires and the 2025 flooding in Western Maryland. Other projects focus on strengthening resilient housing initiatives in Hawaii, providing essential equipment for Typhoon response in Alaska, and large-scale rebuilding work in North Carolina.

Additional grants will support sustainable housing efforts in Michigan, and targeted flood recovery projects in states including Iowa and Texas. Together, the initiatives emphasize locally driven recovery solutions designed to help survivors rebuild safely and sustainably.

“Recovery does not end when the headlines fade,” Guadalupe said. “These grants empower our members to walk alongside survivors for the long term, helping families rebuild their homes, restore their communities, and strengthen their ability to withstand future disasters.”

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About National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)

National VOAD, an association of organizations that mitigate and alleviate the impact of disasters, provides a forum to promote cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration; and to foster effective delivery of services to communities affected by disaster. The National VOAD coalition includes 76 of the country's most reputable national organizations (faith-based, community-based, and other non-governmental organizations) and 56 State/Territory VOADs, which represent 10M volunteers across the nation and thousands of other local/regional VOAD member organizations throughout the country. For more information, visit www.nvoad.org or follow www.facebook.com/NVOAD, www.Twitter.com/NationalVOAD, and www.linkedin.com/in/nationalvoad.

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