



**Florida Credit Union League**  
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**FCUL HURRICANE RELIEF FUND NOW TOTALS \$144,967**

Tallahassee—The Florida Credit Union League’s Hurricane Relief Fund, established shortly after Hurricane Charley struck the state, now totals \$144,967. The fund was established to assist credit union employees and volunteer members of credit union boards of directors.

The League asked credit unions to identify those employees and volunteers that suffered at the hands of Hurricane Charley to contact the League. An immediate cash grant of \$500 would then be sent to the applicant to assist in the numerous out-of-pocket expenses that the hurricane had caused. Provision were also made to allow affected credit union employees and volunteers to seek additional funding as well. But, the League felt that the instant cash grant would be of immediate need. FCUL’s President/CEO Guy M. Hood said that such a quick turnaround got help to those who needed it now.

“We have one credit union employee who told us that she was single mother of four who was having difficulty paying for things her children and her needed,” said Hood. “Another employee told us that his house was uninhabitable and the money helped his wife, his two children and himself handle some of the expenses that had arisen. We are pleased we could help in even this small manner.”

Funds for the FCUL Hurricane Relief Fund have poured in from all around the country. Credit unions and credit union leagues as far away as Washington state have contributed. In addition, corporate credit unions, one credit union ATM network and individual credit union employees have contributed to the fund.

A total of 83 grants, totaling \$41,500 has already been distributed. Now, the League is beginning to receive applications for those affected by Hurricane Frances. In addition, applications for additional funds for those already given \$500 are also being reviewed. Hood said that as long as there was a need to assist credit union employees and volunteers, the fund would stay in place and continue to seek donations.

“Having been hit by two hurricanes, and possibly a third,” said Hood, “the need to assist those in our credit union family may be necessary for some time. Whatever we need to do to help, we will.”