

August 2, 2019

Ohio Disaster Response & Recovery

Situation Update – Memorial Day 2019 Tornadoes

Over 20 not-for-profit and faith-based organizations are collaborating with local, state, and federal government partners to form and coordinate a community-based long-term recovery group in the Miami Valley in response to the Memorial Day tornado outbreak. The Miami Valley Long-Term Recovery Operations Group (MVLTRG) elected leadership on July 30th and will formalize its bylaws next week. The group is working to develop coordination mechanisms to ensure access to and effective delivery of resources to address disaster-caused needs within impacted communities in the Miami Valley. The group recently formalized its structure and also launched a [website](#).

Sequence of Disaster Assistance



The MVLTRG leadership includes representation from St. Vincent de Paul, Miami Valley Community Action Partnership, The Dayton Foundation, and Lutheran Social Services. The leadership group is working provide strategic direction for the group and its committees - Finance, Material Management, Emotional and Spiritual Care, Disaster Case Management, Volunteer Management, Housing/Repair & Rebuild - will develop operational policies and procedures to guide distribution of goods and resources (see organizational chart on page 3). Central to this process is disaster case management, a system by which disaster survivors collaborate with a skilled recovery partner to develop and achieve realistic disaster recovery goals. The disaster case management process follows the sequence of assistance (see graphic a) in order to ensure that survivors are able to access available local, state, and federal assistance. To learn more about the disaster case management process click [HERE](#) for a video developed by our partners at the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

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Mahoning County (Youngstown area) experienced extensive flooding due to the same system that produced the Memorial Day tornadoes and was added to the federal disaster declaration on July 2nd. A long-term recovery group is in the process of forming in the Youngstown area to assist affected residents. On July 17th, the federal disaster declaration was amended to include Public Assistance for Montgomery, Greene, Mercer, and Columbiana Counties.¹

Individuals and businesses that experienced disaster impacts can register for FEMA assistance online at www.disasterassistance.gov, by calling 1-800-621-3362 (TTY 1-800-462-7585), in-person at any of the FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), or with the Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams (DSATs) who are canvassing impacted communities. 3 [FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers](#) (DRCs) are currently open: 2 in Montgomery County (Trotwood and Old North Dayton) and 1 in Mahoning County (Boardman). The deadline for registering for FEMA assistance is Monday, August 19, 2019. If you, your family, or your neighbors were affected by the Memorial Day storms, you should register for FEMA assistance prior to the deadline.

DR-4447 FEMA Individual Assistance Data Report COB 7/30/2019

Registrations Total	5,830
# of Designated Counties	11
Average Household FEMA Assistance	\$2,400
IHP \$ Approved	\$3,807,642
HA \$ Approved	\$2,748,417
ONA \$ Approved	\$1,059,225

IHP=Individuals and Households Program | HA=Housing Assistance | ONA=Other Needs Assistance

Volunteer and Community Engagement Opportunities

LSS assisted in the development of the newly launched Miami Valley Strong website to assist tornado survivors to more easily find assistance and give those who want to help a faster way to identify volunteer opportunities or donate to relief efforts. The website - www.MVStrong.org - will serve as a central point to give and get help. Any group interested in volunteering is encouraged to visit the website as new volunteer opportunities are added on a regular basis.

Any not-for-profit or faith-based organization (including churches) that experienced physical damage from the tornadoes or that has been providing assistance to affected residents is invited to attend a **community workshop on August 6 10am-noon at Sinclair Community College, Building 12, Room 12131, 12 W 4th St, Dayton, OH 45402** with validated parking available in the garage under Building 12.

About LSS Disaster Services

LSS Disaster Services is the statewide coordinating entity for disaster response, recovery, and resilience for the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod, the ELCA Northwestern Ohio Synod, the ELCA Southern Ohio Synod, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Ohio District, the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, and represents over twenty Lutheran social service (LSS) agencies in Ohio.

¹ <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4447>

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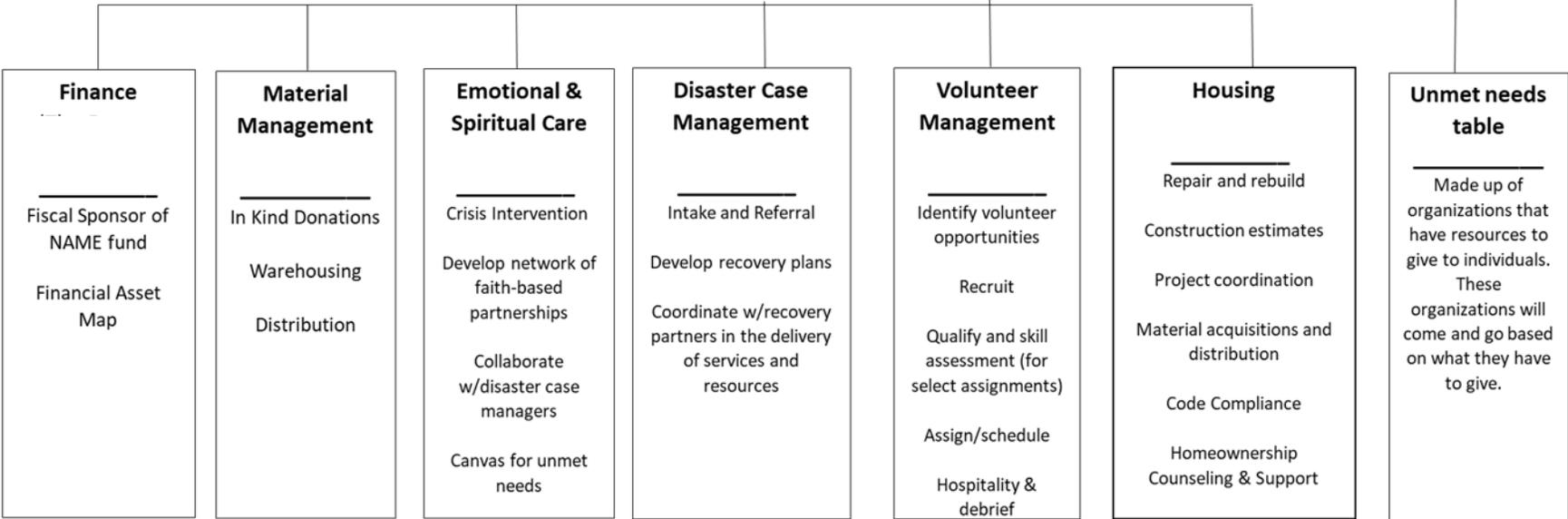
MVLTRG Organizational Structure

**Miami Valley
Long Term
Individual
Recovery
Group**

- Community Advisory Committee**
- Local government
 - Business
 - Education
 - Community organizations

Long Term Recovery Operations Group
(Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Fiscal Sponsor)

Recovery Director, Individual and Household



** Community Advisory Committee is the same for both Individual and Community Recovery Groups
RECOVERY TIMELINE: 1-3 years

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