Available Resources in Disaster Response and Recovery (Domestic)

✓ Solidarity Grants for early response efforts within the impacted community
  o **Amount:** $3,000 Max per response/community.
  o **Eligibility:** UCC Congregations and UCC Conferences.
  o **Availability:** Available in most disasters.
  o **Process:** E-mail completed Solidarity Grant Application to UCC Disaster Ministries ensuring compliance with the grant guidelines.

✓ Church World Service Kits (CWS) [Clean up Buckets, School Kits, Hygiene Kits]
  o **Amount:** Dependent upon need, availability and requested number of kits.
  o **Eligibility:** UCC Congregations and UCC Conferences.
  o **Process:** Fill out the blanket/kit request form and email completed form to Digna Bautista dbautista@cwsglobal.org

✓ Disaster Recovery Support Team Deployment and Support
  o **Eligibility:** Any community recently impacted by a disaster that anticipates unmet needs and is interested in support to develop a local Long-Term Recovery Group.
  o **Availability:** Limited basis.
  o **Process:** E-mail request to UCC Disaster Ministries.

✓ Long-Term Recovery Seed Grants to support early development of Long-Term Recovery Groups (LTRG)
  o **Amount:** $5,000 Max per LTRG.
  o **Eligibility:** Any LTRG with limited resources and the need to fill gaps with unrestricted funds.
  o **Availability:** Available in most instances but dependent upon donations.
  o **Process:** E-mail completed LTRG Grant Application to UCC Disaster Ministries ensuring compliance with grant guidelines and reporting requirements.

✓ Recovery Grants to support UCC Conference lead recovery efforts
  o **Amount:** Up to $7,000 Initial Grant. Max Grant amount dependent upon need and level of UCC Conference engagement and successfully meeting implementation and reporting requirements.
  o **Availability:** Available in most instances but dependent upon donations.
  o **Eligibility:** Any UCC Conference engaged in long-term recovery.
  o **Process:** Schedule a time to discuss the recovery efforts with UCC Disaster Ministries and e-mail completed Recovery Grant Application to UCC Disaster Ministries ensuring compliance with grant guidelines and reporting requirements.

✓ Tools and Tool trailers
  o **Eligibility:** UCC Conferences responding to disaster.
  o **Availability:** Limited: Several UCC Conferences have tool trailers of various types, reconstruction work and/or clean-up/muck out work.
  o **Process:** Send an e-mail request through the CDC network requesting use of tools.
✓ **Long Term Volunteers supporting Long-Term Recovery efforts**
  - **Eligibility:** UCC Conferences working with LTRGs to support local recovery.
  - **Availability:** Limited, on a case by case basis, to volunteers that received training through UCC Disaster Ministries in basic disaster recovery, volunteer management and construction management.
  - **Length of Service:** typically 1-3 months per volunteer (longer in some instances)
  - **Requirements:**
    - Housing: An independent room with a bed and access to a kitchen, bathroom and shower.
    - Stipend: For food and personal expenses (can typically be covered by UCC Disaster Ministries).
    - Transportation: Use of a conference’s or congregation’s vehicle for disaster related work OR mileage reimbursement for use of a personal vehicle (can typically be covered by UCC Disaster Ministries).
  - **Process:** Contact UCC Disaster Ministries with request and discuss need.

✓ **Volunteer Work Teams from outside the conference to support long-term recovery**
  - **Eligibility:** UCC Conference working with LTRGs to support local recovery.
  - **Availability:** Limited to work teams that have responded to the request for teams from UCC Disaster Ministries.
  - **Requirements:**
    - A functional LTRG with vetted clients and cases of unmet need, identified, funded (materials) and ready for volunteer support.
    - Information and pictures about the need for work teams, type of work, age limits, cost, etc.
    - Housing for work teams including beds (cots, etc.), access to a kitchen, bathrooms and shower.
    - Active local construction management to assist teams with scope of work, material acquisition and site supervision.
    - Tools for the type of work being done.
  - **Process:** Contact UCC Disaster Ministries with request and discuss need.

✓ **Trauma Retreats for Pastors and Conf. Staff (Emotional and Spiritual Care after Disaster)**
  - **Eligibility:** UCC Conferences.
  - **Availability:** Limited based on resources and scheduling of workshop/retreat leadership.
  - **Requirements:**
    - Cost share with the conference (negotiable) e.g. UCC Disaster Ministries pays for workshop leaders and venue costs, Conference supports travel for pastors.
    - Conference identifies location of event/ appropriate venue.
    - Conference advertises event.
    - Conference coordinates registrations and all logistics of event planning.
  - **Process:** Contact UCC Disaster Ministries with request.