



**Florida Credit Union League**  
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**FCUL CALLS FOR MORE DONATIONS TO HURRICANE RELIEF FUND**

Tallahassee—Florida, reeling from the impact of four major hurricanes in a six-week period, needs help. FCUL's President/CEO Guy Hood is asking all credit unions and leagues throughout the United States to dig a little deeper to help credit union employees and volunteers impacted by the storms to recover.

"We are extremely grateful for all the help that has already been sent our way," said Hood, "but the cruel reality is that we have some areas of our state that have been slammed at least three times by hurricanes. Repairs and clean-ups for one storm have been undone by subsequent blows."

As of September 28, the FCUL Hurricane Relief Fund had taken in \$215,432 since the fund was created following Hurricane Charley. Also, as of this same date, the League has handed out \$116,500, mostly in the form of \$500 cash grants meant to assist in day-to-day expenses. A few grants have been extended to assist in rebuilding, but very few have been acted on as of yet.

"The sheer volume of requests for help," said Hood, "tells us that we need more money."

Requests for help are coming daily via the League's fax machine. Requests for help from victims of Hurricane Ivan, which struck the Escambia County area on September 16 are just now being received. Hood said that requests from victims of Hurricane Jeanne are probably on the way.

"It is very apparent that unless we start to see increased levels of funding," said Hood, "that we may soon be reaching the bottom of the well. Our credit union family has taken an unprecedented hit in the past six weeks and many are at their wits' end. We need help now."

For those who wish to assist credit union employees and volunteers impacted by the hurricanes of 2004, FCUL requests that checks should be written to the Florida CU Foundation and specified for the CU Hurricane Relief Fund. They should be mailed to:

Florida CU Foundation  
P.O. Box 3108  
Tallahassee, Fla. 32315-3108

Wire transfers also are available by calling Brandi McGahee at 800-342-1266, ext. 1114.

"It is difficult to continuously keep asking for help," said Hood, "but the level of assistance we need is unprecedented."