

The Postal Employees' Relief Fund (PERF), created by postal unions, management associations and the U.S. Postal Service in 1990, continues to serve the needs of active and retired postal employees who suffer substantial damage to their homes caused by major natural disasters and fires.

Over the 31 years that the PERF has existed, it has provided grants to 4,600 postal employees, providing \$21,074,200 to individuals—including hundreds of letter carriers—who have requested assistance related to losses

from earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, wildfires, home fires and other natural disasters.

The fund receives most of its money from payroll check-off donations through the annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), although some individual and organizational donations also are received. As of May 13, 2020, the fund has a remaining balance of \$1,369,575.

The PERF grant structure was modified after Hurricane Sandy, effective Oct. 29, 2012, to maintain a stable and

sufficient fund balance that is able to help all postal employees well into the future.

Generous contributions from postal employees and others through the CFC have allowed the fund to maintain a stable base of resources. An inspired effort for CFC donations is needed this fall to continue PERF's work. Donations can be made through CFC #10268. Checks can be mailed to: Postal Employees' Relief Fund, P.O. Box 41220, Fredericksburg, VA 22404-1220. For more information, call 202-408-1869.