



The Black Belt Community Foundation

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Crews work to cleanup storm debris from January 12th tornado in Selma. Source: selmasun.com/news (5/2/2023)

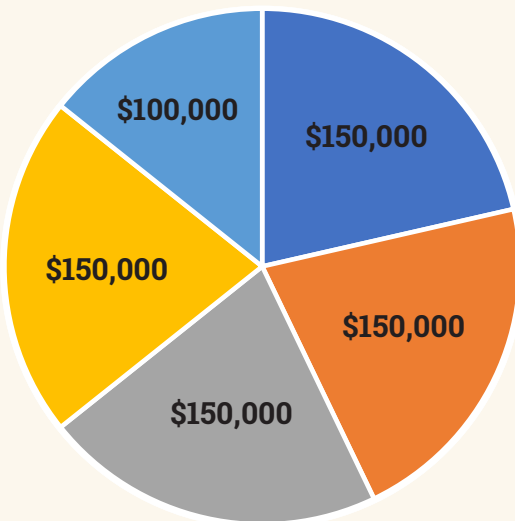
## Storm Recovery in Dallas County

BBCF's ongoing tornado disaster relief fundraising efforts have resulted in nearly \$700,000 being disbursed to date in systematic grant awards, currently in collaboration with five (5) community partner organizations in Dallas County. BBCF disbursed \$150,000 to Dallas County Family Resource Center, which has helped nearly 70 families to date with recovery efforts ranging from housing repair or replacement to food and support towards financial stability; more importantly, the Dallas County Family Resource Center's disbursement allowed them to apply for and secure matching Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) allocations.

The Gospel Tabernacle Church received a \$150,000 allocation to help their community clean up debris, replace furniture and clothing, and supplement other material costs not covered by FEMA such as, temporary housing, utility deposits, replacement of small appliances, mental health services, and transportation. Black Belt and Central Alabama Housing received a \$150,000 disbursement to help affected community members replace furniture and household items, assist with housing issues such as debris removal and general repairs, paying construction workers, food replacement, deposit assistance for apartment rental, and to provide financial assistance for utility reconnection, as well as offsetting administrative costs related to disaster relief assistance. The Coalition for Concerned Families received a \$100,000 allocation to provide financial assistance to community members for uninsured/underinsured repairs to owners or renters, provide hot meals, replace furniture, and to provide other various storm-related needs for affected members in an overall effort to preserve and maintain their dignity. Finally, the Fathers of St. Edmund, Southern Missions, Inc. received a \$150,000 allocation to use in conjunction with their Emergency Solutions Grant program that focuses on finding permanent housing for homeless individuals. Their funds will also be used along with TANF matching funds they secured to support individuals with utilities, employment, food, clothing, shelter, and other emergency needs related to disaster relief.

These examples, along with additional disbursements to be made in the wake of natural calamity, highlight the Black Belt Community Foundation's integral role in raising funds critical to the recovery effort and collaborating with our community partners to allocate and disburse those funds; and help people in the affected communities rebuild their lives.

**To date, BBCF's ongoing tornado disaster relief fundraising efforts have resulted in \$700,000 being disbursed via grant awards to five community partner organizations in Dallas County.**



- Fathers of St. Edmund, Southern Missions, Inc.
- Dallas County Family Resource Center
- Gospel Tabernacle Church
- Blackbelt & Central Alabama Housing
- Coalition of Concerned Families



Selma tornado recovery cleanup efforts. Source: wsfa.com (5/2/2023)