Agenda Point
Kiwanis Online Board Meeting
Saturday, March 6, 2021

DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Background
The Capital District has been impacted by Natural Disaster over the years. Not as severe as the lower states with hurricanes, the Midwest with tornadoes, or the West Coast with forest fires. However, we have had devastating flooding in Ellicott City and Southwest Virginia. Tornadoes in Maryland and Northern Virginia. Hurricanes that have affected our east coast areas. And Ice Storms that have affected our entire District. We never know when areas served by our Capital District clubs will be affected again.

Therefore, I am creating a Task Force as follows:

That a Disaster Assistance Project be established jointly by the Capital District Kiwanis and the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation to assist Kiwanians, their clubs, and their communities in providing immediate disaster relief assistance in the event of a natural disaster. To assist clubs in this endeavor, the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation will make available funds to clubs from donations received dedicated to Disaster Relief.

Impact:
Operating: The initial operating impact will be the creation of a joint Task Force of the Capital District Kiwanis and the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation appointed by the District Governor and Foundation President. Members of the Task Force will be no less than 2 or more than 3 current Board members of the respective organizations. The purpose of the Task Force is to develop a process to implement the Project. They are also charged with determining how CDKF funds will be impacted.

Financial: There will be no financial impact to the Capital District Kiwanis. The intent of the program is to provide a means for individuals, clubs, and others to make tax deductible financial donations to the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation. The CDKF will have the option of providing additional funding for this program as matching to the donations or simply use the donated funds for the Project. As indicated above, this will be a charge to the Task Force.

Board Required Action: NO ACTION REQUIRED
FOR INFORMATION. GOVERNOR HAS AUTHORITY TO APPOINT A TASK FORCE.

NOTE: This is contingent on CDKF approval at their Board meeting on March 5, 2021. The purpose of the Task Force is to develop a process to implement the Project. They are also charged with making a recommendation to both Boards at their respective May Board meetings for adoption at that time.

Additionally, the Bylaws and Policy Committee will development a Policy Statement based on approval at the May Board meeting for presentation at the August Board meeting.