



## Disaster Relief and Recovery Program Overview

The ARA Foundation provides several types of assistance to aid in disaster relief and recovery.

**Business Disaster Relief Grants:** Provides assistance to the owner of a rental business in the U.S. and Canada who has suffered a significant loss from a natural disaster that can be verified by police, fire and/or news report. The business must have had fewer than 100 employees on the disaster date and operate 50% or more in rental business. The loss to the business must be a minimum of \$10,000, an insurance claim must be filed, and the grant request must be submitted by the business owner within 90 days following the disaster. Grant awards range between \$500 to \$2,500 based on need, as determined by the committee established by the ARA Foundation Board of Trustees.

**Employee Disaster Relief Grant:** Provides assistance to those employed in the equipment rental industry in the U.S. and Canada who have been significantly affected by a verified natural disaster. Business owners must file the grant application on behalf of their employees and will be responsible for disbursement of the awarded grant funds. Proof of loss is required. The business must have fewer than 100 full-time employees on the disaster date and operate 50% or more in rental business. The grant request must be filed within 90 days of the disaster date. Grant awards will range from \$500 to \$2,000 per employee, based on need, as determined by the committee established by the ARA Foundation Board of Trustees.

**Disaster Recovery Matching Funds Program:** Provides matching funds for donations made by ARA state chapter association, to charitable organizations within established IRS guidelines, when there has been a major natural disaster that affects entire communities with massive devastation. The ARA Foundation may also authorize funds independently, without matching funds.

**Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Guide and Resources:** This guide provides information on how to protect equipment, prepare for the impact of disasters, prevent loss and continue doing business after a disaster occurs. Specific checklists and advice for many types of disasters, as well as information on preparation and recovery are included. The ARA Foundation website contains a listing of resources to assist in preparation and recovery from a disaster.



## Employee Disaster Relief Grant Application

The focus of this grant program is to provide aid to the members of the equipment rental industry who have been significantly affected by a natural disaster. Business owners must file the grant application on behalf of their employees and will be responsible for disbursement of the awarded grant funds. Grant awards range between \$500 to \$2,000 per employee, based on need, as determined by the committee that will review the applications.

The criteria to qualify for a grant is as follows:

- Must be the result of a natural disaster (i.e. fire, tornado, earthquake, flood, hurricane, etc.) that causes catastrophic consequences.
- Employee must live in the US or Canada.
- Employee must have suffered significant loss. Proof of loss will be required.
- Disaster must be able to be verified with a police, fire and/or news report
- Grant request must be filed within 90 days after disaster event date
- Rental business has less than 100 full-time employees on the disaster date
- Business consists of 50% or more equipment rental activity

### How to Apply:

Complete one application per business. (Multiple employee grant requests can be included in one application.) Answer all questions and provide supporting documentation for each grant requested for your employees.

If you have any questions about the application process and requirements, please contact Jill Peterson at 309.277.4254 or [ARAFoundation@ararental.org](mailto:ARAFoundation@ararental.org).

Submit the application to the email listed above or mail to:

ARA Foundation  
Attn: Jill Peterson  
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Moline IL 61265  
[ARAFoundation@ararental.org](mailto:ARAFoundation@ararental.org)



## Employee Disaster Relief Grant Application

Date submitted \_\_\_\_\_

### Business Information

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ARA ID# if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Employees \_\_\_\_\_ Number of employees affected \_\_\_\_\_

Percent of business activity related to rental \_\_\_\_\_%

### Disaster Information

Description and Date of Natural Disaster/Current impact to your local region and employees.

### Attestation

I confirm that all information provided in this request is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and agree to partner with the ARA Foundation to assist rental industry employees with awarded grants.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Individual Employee Request: (Copy this page for additional employee grant requests)**

Employee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is employee displaced from their home? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ Own or rent property: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members living in home: \_\_\_ Anticipated return to home date: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated damage to home/property: \_\_\_\_\_

Any damage to personal automobile? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated amount of loss: \_\_\_\_\_

Does Employee have insurance for damage to property (home or vehicle)? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Is Employee currently working? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

If working, is it at your business or another location \_\_\_\_\_ How many hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a brief description of this employee's situation/outlook/recovery timeline

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Is recovery assistance being provided by other organizations? Which ones and at what amount?

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**Required Documents:**

Provide documentation to substantiate the grant request.  
(May consist of a couple of photos, insurance claim, etc.)

Additional Information you wish to provide:

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