

Hurricane Beryl Recovery Fund



Midterm Impact Report

January 2025

On July 8, 2024, Hurricane Beryl (“the disaster”) made landfall south of Houston, bringing significant winds and leaving 2.6 million people without power, hundreds of thousands of them for more than a week. On July 12, 2024, President Joseph R. Biden approved a Major Disaster Declaration for Fort Bend, Harris, Montgomery, and Waller counties, making federal assistance available to support local recovery efforts.

Recognizing the hardships created by the disaster, Greater Houston Community Foundation (“Foundation”) and United Way of Greater Houston (“United Way”) established the Hurricane Beryl Recovery Fund (“the Fund”) through a standing philanthropic partnership called the [Greater Houston Disaster Alliance](#) (“Disaster Alliance”). The Fund was also supported by City of Houston Mayor John Whitmire and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo. The work of the Disaster Alliance would not be possible without the support of its lead sponsors: Enbridge and Phillips 66. **In total, the Fund raised \$6.1 million, thanks to the generosity of so many individuals, corporations, and foundations.**

As of November 22, the [Disaster Recovery Council](#) had approved five rounds of funding to 31 unique nonprofit organizations providing critical financial assistance, resource navigation, and home repair services to vulnerable households impacted by the disaster throughout the City of Houston and Fort Bend, Harris, Montgomery, and Waller counties. Round 1 funds were quickly announced within 23 days of Hurricane Beryl and 16 days of the Fund’s launch. The table summarizes grants made by round and program; a detailed list of grantees can be found on the Disaster Alliance’s website, www.disasteralliance.org/beryl.

GRANT AMOUNTS DISBURSED BY SERVICE AND ROUND						
Service Area	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Total
Emergency Financial Assistance	\$1,100,000	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,700,000
Home Repair	\$1,900,000	\$900,000	\$170,000	\$850,000	\$122,000	\$3,942,000
System Coordination	\$114,387	\$0	\$7,800	\$21,000	\$0	\$143,187
Total	\$3,114,387	\$1,500,000	\$177,800	\$871,000	\$122,000 *	\$5,785,187

Impact to Date

The following information includes data on the number of individuals and households served by the Beryl Recovery Fund by type of service and demographic characteristics. Data were provided by grantee organizations that collected information from clients to the best of their ability. A final fund report will be released in 2025 when all programs are concluded.

TOTAL SERVED

Through nonprofit grantees and as of December 2, 2024, the Beryl Recovery Fund served 5,824 * individuals living in 1,916 households through emergency financial assistance, resource navigation, and home repair. Flexible Emergency Financial Assistance and Resource Navigation provided \$500 - \$1,500 in direct assistance to help with recovery costs from basic needs to temporary housing, and light-touch case management to connect households with additional disaster and non-disaster resources. Home repair services provided included debris removal, sealing the envelope of the home, and repairing mechanical systems to restore habitability.

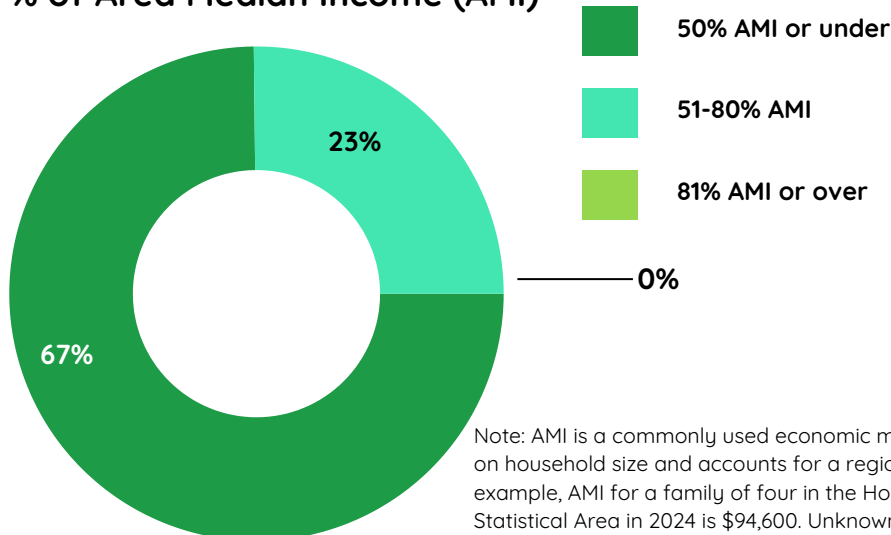
	INDIVIDUALS	HOUSEHOLDS
Flexible Emergency Financial Assistance	5,378	1,774
Resource Navigation	4,702	1,552
Home Repair	446	142
Total Unduplicated Served	5,824	1,916

* Home repair programs are still in progress; individuals served data for home repair will be available in final reporting.

Emergency Financial Assistance

INCOME LEVEL

% of Area Median Income (AMI)



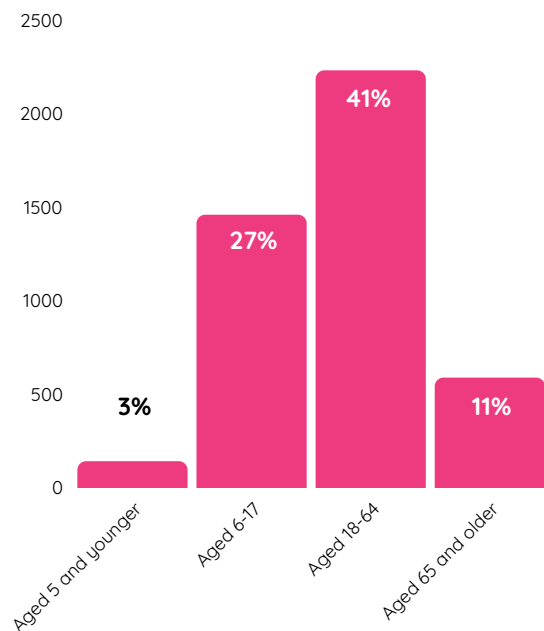
Average Assistance Provided per household

\$891.49

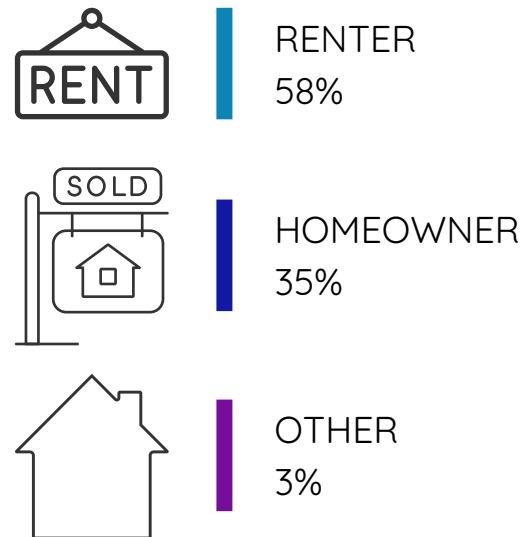


Note: AMI is a commonly used economic measure that depends on household size and accounts for a region's cost of living. For example, AMI for a family of four in the Houston Metropolitan Statistical Area in 2024 is \$94,600. Unknown data is excluded from this and following analyses.

AGE



LIVING SITUATION



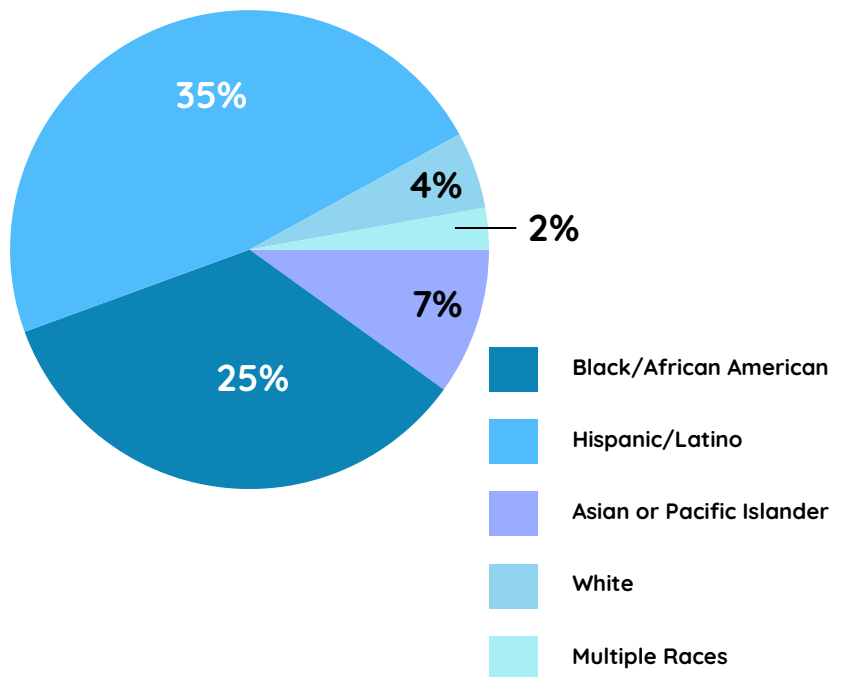
Client Story

Jocelyn faced a perfect storm of challenges when Hurricane Beryl hit: she lost power for a week, all of her food, and income due to her place of work being closed. In addition, Jocelyn also deals with ongoing medical issues, making the situation even more difficult. Struggling to make ends meet, she reached out to West Houston Assistance Ministries for help. In addition to the emergency financial assistance through the Beryl Recovery Fund, our resource navigator connected her with additional services like food pantry, job readiness and additional rental assistance. She continues to receive support from our financial stability program, which is helping her to create a long-term plan for financial wellness. Her story is one of perseverance and hope. Through community support and the resources available to her, she has been able to overcome the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl and is now focused on her future.

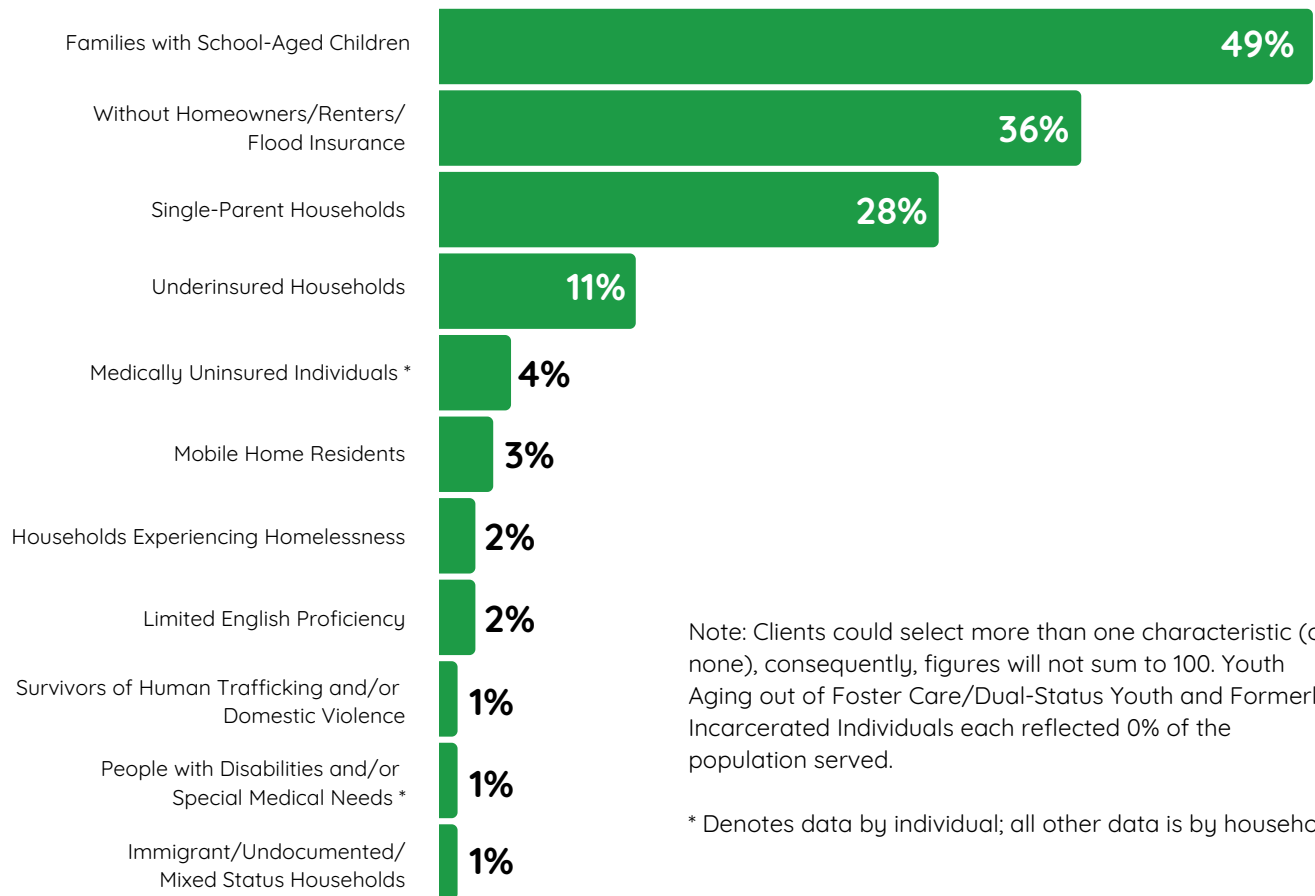
POPULATIONS SERVED

Research has shown that some groups are disproportionately impacted by disasters. At the same time, these groups are the least likely to have access to or receive assistance to recover following disasters. That is why, in addition to total need, relative need, and home-damaged data, Greater Houston Disaster Alliance prioritizes vulnerable populations when setting its fund strategy, establishing program guidelines, and making grant recommendations to the Disaster Recovery Council.

RACE/ETHNICITY



VULNERABLE POPULATIONS



Note: Clients could select more than one characteristic (or none), consequently, figures will not sum to 100. Youth Aging out of Foster Care/Dual-Status Youth and Formerly Incarcerated Individuals each reflected 0% of the population served.

* Denotes data by individual; all other data is by household

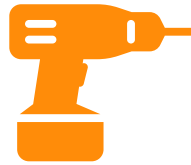
Home Repair

as of December 6, 2024



142

home repairs completed



23

repairs in progress



\$10,050

average repair cost per home

In partnership with 12 home repair nonprofits and system coordinator Connective, the Beryl Recovery Fund aims to repair at least 240 homes throughout the City of Houston and Fort Bend, Harris, Montgomery, and Waller counties. Connective builds and administers an online, coordinated application for home repair that connects eligible applicants to fund grantees providing home repair services.

Home Repair Tier Standards

The use of Tiers for disaster home repairs was initiated after Hurricane Harvey as a way to establish community standards and to provide the same level of service across home repair agencies. A tiered system creates shared definitions about priorities and sequencing of repairs, levels of habitability, and outlines repairs and estimated costs.

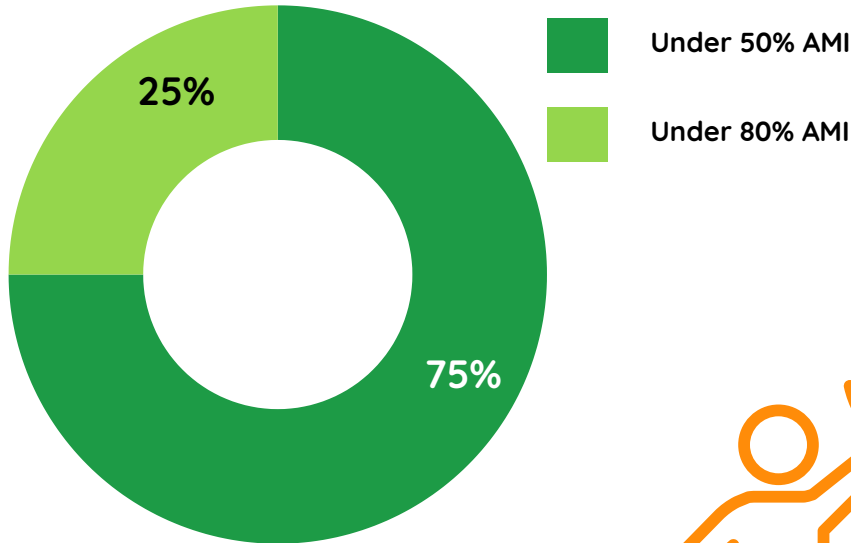
Given the distinct impacts of the flooding, severe storms, and tornadoes, the Disaster Alliance covered the following services through the Derecho Recovery Fund program:

Tier 0	Tier 1	Tier 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Emergency/urgent tree and debris removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Temporary tarping to seal the envelope during constructionGutting/removal of damaged interior building materialsRequired demolition and structural repairsRoof repair/replacementFoundation repairsWindow replacementSiding repairs/replacementGutter installationMold control	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Repair of hazardous electrical conditionsMechanical repairs or interim temperature controlsPlumbing repairs for essential fixturesRepairs to water and/or sewage linesAccessibility modificationsReplacement of flooring, insulation, and sheetrockCosts for temporary storage

Populations Served

INCOME LEVEL

% of Area Median Income



Of **91 homeowners without insurance**, **98%** of home repair clients **cannot afford their insurance deductible.**

Housing Type

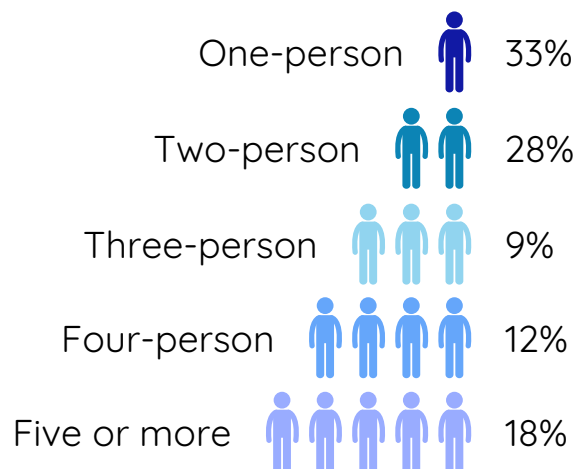


95%
single-family homes



5%
mobile homes, townhomes,
duplexes/fourplexes, or
condos

Household Size



Donors

Thanks to the many generous organizations and individuals, the Fund has raised and invested nearly \$5.8 million to 31 local organizations that have served more than 5,300 people in over 1,900 households to-date.

\$1,000,000

CenterPoint Energy Foundation • H-E-B • Sarofim Foundation

\$100,000 - \$250,000

Calpine • Conrad N. Hilton Foundation • Dovetail Foundation • NRG Energy • The Powell Foundation • Quanta • Susan A. & Thomas S. Smith Foundation

\$25,000 - \$99,999

Christopher David Weekley Charitable Fund • Fidelity Charitable Catalyst Fund • Jeri and Marc Shapiro • JPMorgan Chase Foundation • NOV • Randa & K.C. Weiner • Shell USA Inc. • Tellepsen Family Fund • Tenaska • Texas Mutual Foundation • Wells Fargo • William K. McGee Family Foundation • The Victor and Anna Mae Beghini Charitable Foundation

Nonprofit Partners

Thank you to these incredible organizations for providing critical recovery resources to our neighbors in need. Greater Houston Community Foundation and United Way of Greater Houston also extends thanks to the Grants Committee and Disaster Recovery Council for their recommendations and approvals, respectively, of all investments made from the Fund.

Flexible Emergency Financial Assistance & Resource Navigation

BakerRipley (\$75,000)
Boat People SOS - Houston (\$50,000)
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (\$75,000)
Chinese Community Center (\$75,000)
Community Assistance Center (\$75,000)
East Harris County Empowerment Council (\$200,000)
Easter Seals of Greater Houston (\$50,000)
Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services (\$100,000)
Family Houston (\$50,000)
HAAM Social Services (\$100,000)
Jewish Family Service (\$100,000)

Katy Christian Ministries (\$50,000)
My Brother's Keeper Outreach Center (\$50,000)
Second Mile Mission Center (\$50,000)
Sewa International (\$50,000)
Volunteers of America (\$100,000)
Wesley Community Center (\$75,000)
West Houston Assistance Ministries (\$100,000)

Flexible Emergency Financial Assistance & Home Repair
Hope Disaster Recovery (\$300,000)
Tejano Center for Community Concerns, Inc. (\$300,000)
West Street Recovery (\$300,000)

Home Repair

Covenant Community Capital (\$492,000)
Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation (\$450,000)
Fort Bend County Habitat for Humanity (\$200,000)
Habitat for Humanity Northwest Harris County (\$450,000)
Houston Habitat for Humanity (\$525,000)
Katy Responds (\$475,000)
Montgomery County Habitat for Humanity (\$200,000)
Rebuilding Together Houston (\$275,000)
The Restoration Team (\$250,000)

System Coordination: Emergency Financial Assistance & Home Repair - Connective (\$143,187)