



## American Red Cross Liberty Disaster Relief Fund

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### Quarterly Report June 30, 2006

In the days following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Liberty Fund was created as a separate, segregated account to provide assistance to individuals and families most affected by the tragedies. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of millions of donors in the United States and around the world, the Liberty Fund received nearly \$1.1 billion<sup>1</sup>. Subsequently, the Liberty Fund has provided over \$1 billion in financial, material, physical, and emotional relief to more than 59,000 families in all 50 states, 5 U.S. territories<sup>2</sup>, and 62 foreign countries.

In the first year following the attacks, the Red Cross spent over \$702 million to meet the immediate needs of families of the deceased, the seriously physically injured and their families, affected residents, those economically impacted, and rescue and recovery workers and their families. Through the September 11 Recovery Program (SRP) established in August 2002, the Red Cross has disbursed an additional \$323 million to meet their longer-term needs.

With the completion of all direct services for those affected by the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, SRP now has shifted its focus to supporting longer-term mental health and health care needs through community-based partnerships. This includes financial assistance with the cost of mental health treatment through the **9/11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program**<sup>3</sup>, administered by the Mental Health Association of New York City, as well as coverage of health premium costs through the **Health Insurance Subsidy Program**, administered by Working Today, for surviving family members and those who became physically disabled as a direct result of the attacks.

Additionally, the Red Cross **Recovery Grants**<sup>4</sup> fund more than 100 other non-profit agencies providing a wide range of September 11-related services in the most seriously affected communities. These include support groups, respiratory health screening and treatment, outreach and advocacy, school-based mental health services, and limited financial assistance for basic living expenses among the most seriously affected individuals.

This quarter, the Urban Institute, a non-profit, non-partisan research organization, completed two studies of services provided through the Liberty Fund to those affected by 9-11. Both studies were commissioned by the Red Cross. The first study surveyed clients who received services directly from SRP, such as case management services or financial assistance, while the second evaluated the Recovery Grants program. Results of both studies confirmed the effectiveness of the services provided directly by the Red Cross and by recipients of Recovery Grants. Both reports can be found at [www.redcross.org/September11/help](http://www.redcross.org/September11/help).

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<sup>1</sup> The final Liberty Fund Distribution Plan produced by Senator Mitchell covers the period November 1, 2002 – January 31, 2003. This report is available at [www.redcross.org/September11/help](http://www.redcross.org/September11/help).

<sup>2</sup> Territories include American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.

<sup>3</sup> Individuals can seek information and enroll in the program via a toll-free hotline, 1-800-LIFENET, or the program website: [www.9-11MentalHealth.org](http://www.9-11MentalHealth.org).

<sup>4</sup> For a complete list of the organizations that have received Recovery Grants funding, or for more information on the program, visit [www.recoverygrants.org](http://www.recoverygrants.org).

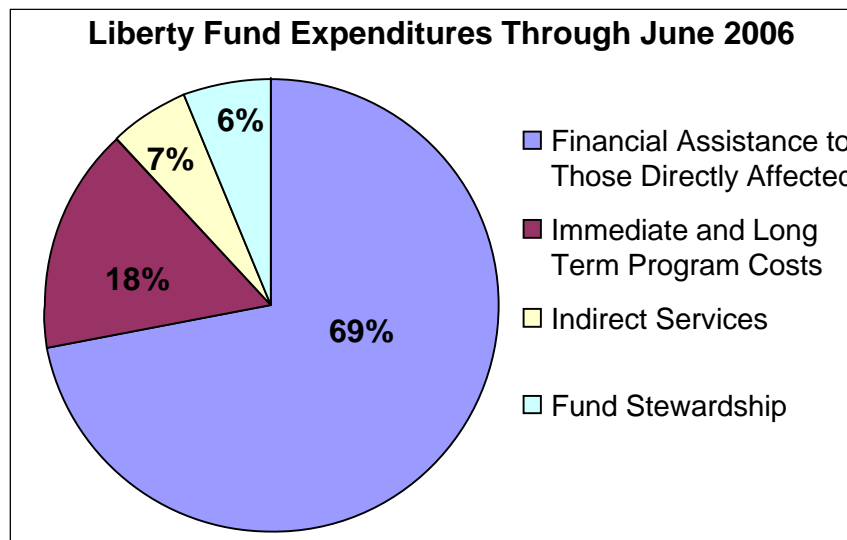


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Effective March 31, 2006 the September 11 Recovery Program now reports Liberty Fund expenditures by the nature of services provided and program costs. This change permits greater transparency by accurately classifying costs incurred during both the immediate and long-term phases of the response. In the past, Liberty Fund expenditures related only to select programs were reported, with the remainder of costs broadly classified based on the period incurred.

Overall Liberty Fund Expenditures Through June 30, 2006	
<b>Total Funds Received*</b>	<b>\$1.081 billion</b>
Financial Assistance to Those Directly Affected <sup>5</sup>	\$715 million
Immediate and Long-Term Program Costs <sup>6</sup>	\$186 million
Indirect Services <sup>7</sup>	\$71 million
Fund Stewardship	\$62 million
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1.035 billion</b>
<b>Total Remaining</b>	<b>\$47 million</b>

\* Includes the value of donated materials & services



For more information on Red Cross September 11 Recovery Program services, please visit [www.redcross.org/September11/help](http://www.redcross.org/September11/help).

<sup>5</sup> The American Red Cross has provided direct financial assistance to 53,199 households. These included families of the deceased and seriously injured individuals, displaced residents, economically affected individuals, and rescue and recovery workers. The assistance was provided for basic living expenses, health and mental health needs, and travel expenses associated with the first anniversary.

<sup>6</sup> This includes the cost of the disaster relief operation throughout the United States in the first year following the terrorist attacks and the cost of the September 11 Recovery Program which has provided direct case management services to 5,988 domestic households and 787 international households.

<sup>7</sup> This includes funding for other non-profit organizations to provide a variety of services to survivors of the attacks in the most seriously affected communities.