



ATU Disaster Relief Fund, Inc

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Via Email and First-Class Mail

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Re: ATU Disaster Relief Fund, Inc.

Dear Brother Bradford:

I am writing you on behalf of the ATU Disaster Relief Fund, Inc. regarding the wildfires in Southern California. I was deeply saddened to hear of the damage caused by the wildfires and hope that all of your members and their loved ones are healthy and safe. To assist ATU families to recover from the disaster, the ATU Disaster Relief Fund is expected to be providing monetary aid to ATU members who suffered losses as a result of the disaster, and to the immediate family members of ATU members who have died as a result of the disaster.

Available Benefit

The ATU Disaster Relief Fund is expected to provide individuals up to \$1,000 in assistance to defray losses they have suffered or expenses they are facing as a result of the disaster. While we understand that lost groceries can be a financial hardship, as a general matter the ATU Disaster Relief Fund does not provide assistance for lost groceries.

Member Eligibility

In order to be eligible to receive assistance, an individual must complete and sign a Financial Assistance Request Form and provide supporting documentation of his or her loss and/or hardship. *It has been our experience that locals need to reach out to families in their local which have been affected, and assist them with completing their Request Forms and collecting the supporting documentation.* Our members are not always aware that they are eligible for assistance, and oftentimes the disasters leave them with pressing concerns that prevent them from turning their attention to applying for assistance.

I am enclosing with this letter Financial Assistance Request Forms for distribution to your members who are seeking assistance. *The supporting documentation an individual provides should allow the ATU Disaster Relief Fund to verify that the individual has suffered a loss as a result of the disaster, and the extent of the loss. Such documentation may include copies of insurance claim forms, photographs of damage, estimates for repairs, or similar documents which confirm that the member suffered a loss and demonstrate the nature of the loss.* Although we regret imposing the

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burden of collecting documents on people who are busy getting their lives back together, the Disaster Relief Fund is required to have and review such documents in order to maintain our tax-exempt status.

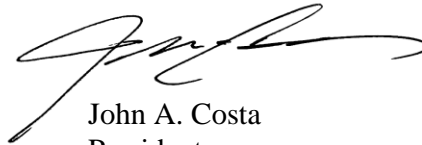
Your Responsibility as President/Business Agent

Applicants for assistance must file the form and supporting documents with their local union. **In your role as President/Business Agent, you must review the Request Forms and supporting documents, and confirm by signature that everything is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.** As part of this approval process, please confirm with your local Financial Secretary that the person requesting assistance is an active or retiree member in good standing.

Once you have reviewed and confirmed everything, confirmed the membership status of the person requesting assistance, and signed a Request Form, you should forward it and the supporting documents to the Disaster Relief Fund by mail (10000 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20903) or by email (disasterrelief@atu.org). Members should not mail or email their own form and supporting documents to the Disaster Relief Fund, rather these documents should be sent directly from the local union. Please note that Request Forms completed and signed by you in your capacity as Local Union President/Business Agent and all supporting documentation must be received by the Disaster Relief Fund by March 17, 2025.

If there is anything that my office can do to assist your members with regard to the ATU Disaster Relief Fund, please contact me.

In solidarity,



John A. Costa
President

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Enclosure

c: Michael Cornelius, International Vice President, ATU (via email)