



West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) collaborates with local, regional, & national partners to coordinate **disaster relief, response, & recovery** efforts in times of disaster and responds to disaster-related needs across the entire state of West Virginia, addressing both immediate issues such as supplying food & water to long term recovery.

WV VOAD BRIDGES THE GAP BETWEEN FAMILIES AND THEIR HOMES

115 54

Donated CDBG

BRIDGES BUILT TOTAL



\$1,226,820

Volunteer Labor



\$3,450,000

Donated Dollars

The West Virginia VOAD Bridge Program received **more than 200** requests for bridge repair and **reconstruction** in the last year (2023), these request join other bridges that are awaiting rebuild and have been completed over the time of West Virginia VOAD's service to the state of West Virginia. Over its' lifetimes West Virginia VOAD has completed a total of **115** bridges which includes a total value of **\$4.6 Million** of donated dollars, resources, and volunteer time. While the West Virginia VOAD Bridge Program receives many applications, of those hundreds of requests last year, West Virginia VOAD has accepted and acquired funding and donations to rebuild **5** bridges requiring prompt reconstruction in **Kanawha, McDowell, Lincoln, Wayne,** and

Mingo counties. These bridges are of significant importance and have been prioritized as many of these bridges are the only means for which families with **children can access school** or individuals with **disabilities or chronic ailments can access healthcare**. By this spring West Virginia VOAD aims to restore these families' critical access to their homes and return a sense of normalcy to their daily routines by providing them the basic access to their home they deserve.

COMING SPRING 2024

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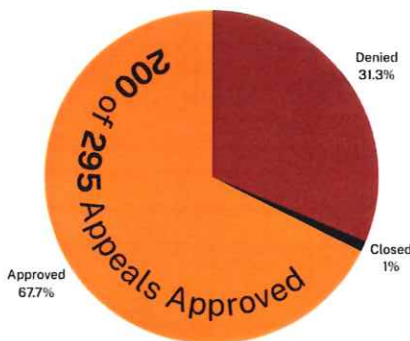
 More Bridges &

\$200,000+

More Donated Dollars

WEST VIRGINIA VOAD SUPPORTS THE DISASTER RECOVERY NEEDS OF WEST VIRGINIA FAMILIES

DR4605
Status of Appeal(s)



\$1,441,736.69

Amount Awarded

The West Virginia VOAD Case Management Program continues to support the disaster recovery efforts of individuals and families in the great state of West Virginia. A recent example of the WV VOAD **Case Management** Program's success is the **67.7% approval rate** of appeals submitted during Disaster 4605 in **Cabell, Kanawha, Mingo, and Wayne** counties. West Virginia VOAD's impactful involvement extends beyond monetary assistance, as we also provided essential appliances and other housing items to recovering families. West Virginia VOAD's disaster case managers play a crucial role in assisting families by facilitating connections to essential services, advocating for valid **FEMA appeals**, and developing and implementing recovery plans, fostering a transition to a "new" normal.

WV VOAD RESPONDS TO DISASTERS ACROSS THE STATE

West Virginia VOAD swiftly responds across the state during disasters and places resources in families' hands following the immediate aftermath of flooding and other disasters that occur in West Virginia. The unfortunate flooding in **August of 2023** and the **Gas Outages on the West Side of Charelston** are just two of the most recent disasters West Virginia VOAD has supported.

During the immediate and long-term recovery efforts of these events, West Virginia VOAD worked closely with the **West Virginia Emergency Management Division** and member organizations to provide families with **clean-up kits**, muck out/clean-up assistance, and other essential resources and services such as **mold abatement**, shovels, and other **flood clean-up supplies**. Through these efforts, West Virginia VOAD was able to support the recovery efforts of West Virginians impacted by the August Floods in Clay, Braxton, Calhoun, Harrison, and Kanawha, which includes more than 90 immediate need cases. West Virginia VOAD also deployed its **Shower and Laundry Trailer** for residents of the West Side during the 2023 Gas Outages. Additionally, West Virginia VOAD in the past three years has responded to and assisted in the recovery of **Raleigh & Boone** counties in January 2023 following an **Ice Storm** and **Putnam, Lincoln, Kanawha, Fayette, Cabell**, and **Mingo** counties in February of 2023; **Mercer** and **McDowell** Counties in May of 2023; **Mingo & Wetzel** in June of 2022; **Cabell, Putnam, and Roane** counties in May of 2022; **McDowell** in July of 2022; and **Marshall** County in June of 2021 for flooding as well as other operations to support West Virginia counties and families such as providing blankets for **shelters**, **bottled water** for citizens, and other resources as needed.

WV VOAD USES FUNDS TO PREPARE WEST VIRGINIA FOR FLOODING

Over the past three years West Virginia VOAD has spent the generous donations and funds it has to better prepare the state of West Virginia and enhance it's capabilities to help families recover and communities respond to disaster.

\$122,000

Spent on a **Double Stall ADA Shower and Restroom Unit** & a **Triple Stall Shower & Restroom Unit**



\$259,000
Spent on Direct Services to Clients



\$2.5M

In Supplies for Disaster Response and Recovery Stored in the **Belle Warehouse**



\$43,000
Spent Annually on Warehouse Expenses

\$60,000



Spent to Purchase **6 Box Trailers** Pre-Stage with Disaster Supplies and a **Muckout Trailer** ready for Quick Response



\$59,925
Laundry Unit

WEST VIRGINIA VOAD CONDUCTS TOY GIVEAWAYS

The commitment of West Virginia VOAD to the families of West Virginia extends far beyond that of assisting in disasters alone. Over the **Christmas and Holiday season of 2023** West Virginia VOAD in collaboration with **County Emergency Management** distributed toys and holiday gifts to children and families through partnerships with **Good360** and numerous **schools, member organizations, law enforcement agencies and churches**. Through this initiative throughout the 2023 holiday season West Virginia VOAD served **7,089 children** by providing them and their families with gifts and toys in **over 14 counties** in the state of West Virginia.

7,089 Children



20,079 TOYS
Toys Distributed



14 Counties



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