



## ***Immediate Action:***

- **Human suffering is a reality that families across the Gulf Coast are facing.**
- **We have responded and will continue to respond:**
  - Two Emergency Supplementals totaling over \$62 billion
  - Solicitation of Katrina Donations
  - Emergency Courts
  - Small Business relief
  - TANF relief
  - Pell Grant relief
  - Student Grant Disaster Relief
  - Flood Insurance bill - \$2 billion
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  - Tax Relief Package
  - Workforce Investment Act
  - Education Reimbursement
- **Ensure that funding is allocated effectively and responsibly so that there is a positive, long-term impact to best help those in need.**

## ***Americans have led by example and opened their hearts and wallets to those in need:***

Charitable donation totals:

- The American Red Cross - over \$946 million
- Bush/Clinton relief fund - \$100 million
- The Salvation Army - \$145 million (as of 9/26/05)

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## ***Long-term Action:***

- The suffering will continue in the months and years ahead.
- We will continue to move “Gulf Coast Recovery” legislative items focusing on:

**Relief** - Providing the necessary resources to aid victims.

**Coordination** - Maximizing effectiveness and innovation.

**Social Services** - Helping families, children and seniors with educational, health care, and housing needs in ways that meet their needs effectively and empower them.

**Economic Development** - Rebuilding infrastructure and creating jobs through efficient market based approaches.

**Public-Private Partnerships** - Encouraging partnerships between government and the private sector for long-term success and to create opportunity.

**Charitable Giving** - Building on the generosity of Americans through charitable and religious institutions and business contributions.

**Accountability** - Making sure that resources are used effectively, eliminating fraud and profiteering, and maximizing leveraging of resources.