



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
 - TANF relief
 - Pell Grant relief
 - Student Grant Disaster Relief
 - Flood Insurance bill - \$2 billion
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 - Tax Relief Package
 - Student Aid Waiver
 - Education Reimbursement
 - Flexibility for Displaced Workers
 - Water Infrastructure Emergency Assistance
 - Emergency Airport Improvement Project Grants in Aid
 - Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities
- **We will 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 - \$1.1 billion in gifts and pledges (*as of 10/04/05*)

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.

Specifically, there are several items on the Senate Republican Anti-Poverty agenda that can assist in the recovery:

- The Charity, Aid, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act - charitable giving incentives to assist those in need.
- The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) - longer term extension for private sector hiring incentives for those off of welfare for stability and common sense reforms.
- The Community Development Homeownership Tax Credit Act - private sector incentives for single family affordable housing.
- The Savings for Working Families Act - matched savings accounts for longer-term asset building purposes.