Hurricane Fiona Response
Shrinking time between disaster and recovery
What we do

● **Build**
  We rebuild homes and communities to be more resilient after disaster

● **Share**
  We share funding, training and AmeriCorps members with nonprofits partners so more families can be served faster & with greater efficiency

● **Prepare**
  We reach millions of at-risk homeowners each year to educate them about risks and actions to take to mitigate them

● **Advise**
  We provide disaster recovery advisory services for local and state leaders to ensure federal funding reaches those most in need faster

● **Advocate**
  SBP's policy recommendations are changing the way America prepares for, and recovers from disasters.
SBP has been driving impact in Puerto Rico since 2018, when we established a long-term rebuilding operation based in San Juan. Led by a team of native Puerto Ricans who are all Hurricane Maria survivors, **SBP has rebuilt homes for 240+ Maria-impacted families to date.** More than 2,500 volunteers have supported these efforts, serving nearly 46,000 hours. The Maria home rebuilding program will continue through at least 2023.

In addition to home rebuilding, SBP’s government advisory team has trained more than 200 recovery leaders across Puerto Rico in how to utilize federal funding to accelerate recovery in their communities. We’ve also partnered with many local organizations to share best practices for recovery.

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Immediate Response:

- Island-wide damage assessments
- Mold Suppression Training
- Supply distribution
  - Amazon has donated generators, lighting, water filtration systems and tarps. We will deploy these supplies across the impacted areas and share with other service organizations.
- FEMA navigation assistance and advocacy
  - A FEMA declaration was made, which means residents are eligible for individual assistance funding. Some of the hardest-hit areas of the island have not yet received a declaration, so SBP’s team is advocating for this to happen quickly.
  - SBP helps survivors apply to FEMA and maximize their awards, which ultimately helps the community to get more federal funding for long-term recovery. SBP has helped over 250 survivors to appeal their awards and has a 70% success rate.

Long-term Solutions:

- Resilient home rebuilding - with funding, we can expand geographic impact
- Volunteer support - volunteers help to accelerate recovery and boost the economy
- AmeriCorps / local job creation
**Funding Needs**

$250,000-$500,000

- Supply Distribution & Damage Assessments
- Mold suppression training
- Positions SBP to establish an island FEMA application and appeals clinic
  - This program runs up to a year and will likely help more than 100 survivors apply for and/or appeal their awards
  - Overall the program will help survivors access more than $1M (collectively) in FEMA awards
  - Local associates will be hired to help across the island
  - It's important to note that this program is run in coordination and partnership with local FEMA people (not contentious vs FEMA)
- Allows SBP to run a Recovery Acceleration Week
  - This is something we do after major events to help recovery leaders (government and nonprofit) to review damage data and learn best practices for accelerating recovery
  - Helps to build partnerships that drive referrals to SBP’s FEMA appeals program

$500,000-$2,000,000

- ALL OF THE ABOVE, plus:
  - Support Fiona-impacted families with home repairs within SBP’s current geographic reach for 18 months
  - Support partner nonprofits with grant funding and training via SBP’s SHARE program

+/- $3,000,000

- ALL OF THE ABOVE, plus:
  - SBP will expand the geographic reach to the west/southwest part of the island which has been historically underserved
  - Rebuilding program will use local labor and run for 1+ year
Thank you

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