

# NEWS

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## **WEAKLEY COUNTY LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUP UPDATE**

DRESDEN, Tenn. – As of February 21, 2024, the WCLTRG Allocations Committee has facilitated the payment of \$680,393 to meet the needs of survivors in case management since its inception. Funding has been provided by Dresden Church of Christ, Dresden First Baptist Church, Dresden Rotary Club, Greenfield Church of Christ, Lebanon Church of Christ, Lutheran Disaster Relief, Weakley County Baptist Association, Tennessee-Western Kentucky United Methodists Conference, and the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. These organizations provided an additional \$200,920 in immediate financial assistance to survivors prior to the creation of the WCLTRG in addition to distributing food, toiletries, appliances, and clothing.

Auto	\$15,982
Construction	\$361,756
Furniture/Appliances	\$96,266
Home Repairs	\$132,140
Household	\$1,104
Housing	\$21,545
Personal Care	\$1,880
Services	\$32,107
Storage	\$900

Supplies	\$16,715
<b>Total distributed through WCLTRG</b>	<b>\$680,393</b>
<b>Total distributed by funders prior to WCLTRG formation</b>	<b>\$200,920</b>
<b>Total distributed to survivors by the funders</b>	<b>\$881,313</b>

Case management for Weakley County long-term recovery is provided by the Tennessee-Western Kentucky United Methodist Church (TWKUMC) Disaster Recovery - UMCOR partner. Visit <https://twkumc.org/disaster-recovery/> to learn more about this organization which serves December 2021 tornado survivors in Lake, Gibson, Obion, and Weakley counties in Tennessee as well as Graves and Hickman counties in Kentucky. The following case management update was provided by TWKUMC on February 21, 2024:

Open Cases	18
Closed Cases	138
Awaiting Assignment to Case Manager	0
Construction projects initiated	10
Construction projects completed	8

The West Kentucky Disaster Recovery & Resiliency Center (DRC), the Community Foundation of West Kentucky, and the American Red Cross have partnered to continue providing storm shelters to individuals living in counties declared by FEMA as eligible for individual assistance after the December 2021 tornadoes. Ten applications have been approved for residents of Weakley County to date. You do not have to be a tornado survivor or have received help in the past to apply; however, priority will be given to those impacted by the December 2021 tornado. The online application is available at <https://form.jotform.com/240104528415144>. A DRC representative will call or email to discuss your interest further. Learn more about the Community Foundation of West Kentucky at <https://www.cfwestky.org/about-us>.

Weakley County Emergency Management Agency provides a free local weather alert text service. Text “Weakley911” to the number 888777 from your cell phone to enroll. Local

weather alerts are also posted on their Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/WeakleyCoEMA>.

If you are a survivor of the December 2021 tornado with unmet needs, please contact the Disaster Recovery Connection at (615) 270-9255. The Tornado Recovery Center is now open by appointment only. Please visit [www.rebuildweakley.com](http://www.rebuildweakley.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/WCLTRG> for more information regarding disaster recovery in Weakley County.