

United Way

- Memorandum of Understanding
- During an Emergency Activation people often want to help those impacted by a disaster.
- Although well intentioned spontaneous volunteers or unsolicited donations often become a disaster within the disaster.
- To mitigate against this we are recommending entering an MOU with the United Way to manage volunteer and donations.

Process

- The process is as follows:
 - as volunteers and donations arrive in Port St Lucie, they will be steered to the United Way
 - The United Way in turn will assign volunteers and donated goods to one of the multiple non-profit organizations they work with.
- The United Way will also be able to capture monetary donations and pass them on to not for profits working the disaster or directly to residents.

Benefits to the City

- We can write off the City Share up to 25% of our requests for reimbursement for Public Assistance.
 - For example, the Community Center sustains \$1 million in damage from a storm.
 - FEMA will pay 75% of the claim.
 - The City must pay the remaining \$250,000 towards repairing the Community Center.
 - Every volunteer hour worked towards the City's recovery is deducted from the City's share. – The Volunteer rate in Florida is estimated at \$34.79 p/hour for 2025
 - If we had 250 volunteers working 29 hours each, the City's fiscal responsibility to repair the Community Center would be \$0.

Conclusions

- Local fiscal responsibility is offset thereby, leaving taxpayer dollars in the City.
- Management of Volunteers and Donations is delegated to the United Way thus, providing additional time and effort to be provided by the City's staff to the City's recovery.