



spokane complex wildfire response fund FAQs



making a gift

What is the Spokane Complex Wildfire Response Fund?

Innovia's Spokane Complex Wildfire Response Fund supports immediate relief efforts and long-term recovery and rebuilding needs. Innovia works closely with community partners to direct funding where it's needed most — both right now and in the months and years of rebuilding ahead.

Does 100% of my donation go toward relief?

Yes. 100% of your tax-deductible donation will support impacted individuals and families through our nonprofit partners who have experience providing direct services to our community. Innovia does not take any percentage of the fund for its own operating costs.

Is my donation tax-deductible, and how can I give?

Yes, all donations are tax-deductible. Donations to the Spokane Complex Wildfire Response Fund can be made online at goinnovia.org/spokane-complex-wildfire or by mailing a check payable to Innovia Foundation with Spokane Complex Wildfire Response Fund in the memo:

Innovia Foundation

attn: Spokane Complex Wildfire Response Fund

818 W. Riverside Ave, Ste. 650

Spokane, WA 99201

How can I make a gift through my fund at Innovia?

Donating is simple, and every dollar goes entirely toward supporting those affected, through nonprofit partners already on the ground doing that work. There are several easy ways to give:

- **Donor-Advised Fund:** Recommend a grant to the Spokane Complex Wildfire Response Fund through your Innovia DAF or other DAF sponsors. Login [here](#).
- **Online:** Click [here](#) and select the Innovia fund you would like to contribute to.
- **By check:** Make payable to Innovia Foundation (with the fund name in the memo line) and mail to 818 W. Riverside Ave., Ste. 650, Spokane, WA 99201.
- **Appreciated securities:** Donate stock or other securities directly to your Innovia DAF or to the Spokane Complex Wildfire fund [here](#).
- **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD):** A direct transfer of funds from your IRA to the Spokane Complex Wildfire Fund, a qualified 501(c)(3) charity. Per IRS regulations, QCD gifts CANNOT be made into a donor-advised fund. If you would like to give this way, you need to give directly to the Spokane Complex Wildfire Fund.

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How will my donation be used?

Your gift supports two phases of recovery. In the near term, dollars help cover urgent needs experienced by displaced individuals and families like food, transportation, emergency shelter, clothing, and more. As the community moves from response into rebuilding, the majority of funding shifts toward long-term recovery — things like clean-up and rebuilding.

Does Innovia give money directly to families, or does it work through other organizations?

Innovia works through vetted nonprofit partners rather than giving cash directly to individuals. We grant funds to reputable organizations that work directly with affected families to verify need and distribute assistance. Vetting our partners protects donors and the public from scams and helps ensure that help reaches those who are truly impacted.

How does Innovia decide where long-term dollars go?

Our immediate priority is working to meet urgent needs in the community. As our region moves toward a phase of recovery and rebuilding, Innovia takes part in the community's Unmet Needs Roundtable alongside other funders. An Unmet Needs Roundtable is a collaborative process that brings together local funders — including Innovia — to fill gaps in a disaster survivor's recovery plan through a case management process.

Trained disaster case managers get to know each household one-on-one, document what assistance they've already received through insurance, FEMA, and other programs, and identify what disaster-related needs still remain. Those confidential case summaries are brought to an Unmet Needs Roundtable, where funders review each request for how directly it's tied to the fire, whether other reasonable options have been exhausted, the household's vulnerability (for example, families with young children, seniors, or people with disabilities), and whether the requested amount is reasonable. When a case checks those boxes, one or more funders commit dollars on the spot to close the gap — whether that's covering a housing repair, replacing essential belongings, or another critical need. This model lets Innovia and its partners direct limited long-term recovery dollars where they'll make the most real difference, rather than spreading funds thin or duplicating other aid.

I run a nonprofit helping fire survivors — how do we apply for a grant?

If you are a nonprofit organization needing assistance to respond to immediate needs in a community affected by the Spokane Complex wildfires, please visit goinnovia.org/spokane-complex-wildfire-grant to apply for funding. Contact us at grants@innovia.org with any questions.

Where can I find updates about the impact of wildfire funds at Innovia?

Please visit innovia.org/wildfire-response for regular updates about where your dollars are going and the impact they make. For information about grantmaking in response to the Gray and Oregon Road fires, please visit goinnovia.org/gray-oregon-road-fire.

How is the Spokane Complex Wildfire Response Fund different from other disaster relief efforts?

Unlike many short-term relief efforts, this fund focuses on both immediate and long-term recovery. This ensures sustained support beyond the initial crisis phase. For examples of how Innovia supports long-term wildfire relief efforts, visit goinnovia.org/gray-oregon-road-fire.

ways to help

Where can I donate food, clothing, or other needed supplies?

Innovia cannot accept drop-off donations of food, clothing, or other supplies. We encourage you to visit the wildfire relief portal managed by spokast! to find locations accepting physical donations. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Where can I volunteer?

If you are looking to volunteer or recruit volunteers for wildfire relief efforts, visit volunteerspokane.org. Organizations are posting wildfire volunteer opportunities as they are needed. If you are an organization looking to promote volunteer opportunities, click [here](#) for a guide on how to sign up as an agency and add opportunities on volunteerspokane.org.

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Has Innovia done this before? Can donors trust their gift will have lasting impact?

Yes. Innovia has activated wildfire funds for nearly every major regional fire since 2020, including the Malden and Pine Creek wildfire in Whitman County in 2020, the Gray and Oregon Road fires in 2023, and the Upriver Fire in 2026. The Eastern Washington Wildfire Response Fund from the 2023 fires raised more than \$1.4 million from over 3,000 individual gifts and has already helped complete 13 newly built homes for survivors, with more underway — a track record that informs how the Spokane Complex Fund is being managed, both today and in the future. To learn more about Innovia's response to the Gray and Oregon Road wildfires and to view a complete list of grants distributed, visit goinnovia.org/gray-oregon-road-fire.

Is it true that families from the Gray and Oregon Road wildfires did not receive aid?

We know this has been a difficult road. The Gray and Oregon Road fires were the most destructive in Washington State history, destroying more than 350 homes and displacing 5,000 people. Thanks to the generosity of over 3,200 donors, the Wildfire Response Fund at Innovia raised more than \$1.4 million. Funds from the Wildfire Response Fund were not distributed as direct payments to every household — by design, and in line with federal rules governing charitable foundations. Instead, in the immediate aftermath, those funds supported individuals and families through grants to trusted, vetted nonprofit partners providing food, shelter, clothing, and other urgent support on the ground. Cont.

Innovia partnered with the Spokane Region Long Term Recovery Group and Salvation Army Disaster Case Managers to work one-on-one with survivors to identify and fund the most pressing unmet needs through a case-by-case review process. Over the past three years, this has resulted in 13 completed home rebuilds, with seven more planned for fall 2026, plus funding for hazard tree removal, home repairs, and other verified needs — totaling \$1,417,169.25, effectively 100% of funds raised. A complete breakdown of fund distributions is available at goinnovia.org/gray-oregon-road-fire.

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