

SER-AMTA Disaster Response Program (DRP)

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Purpose: The purpose of the SER-AMTA Membership Assistance Program is to provide disaster response assistance to music therapists living in the Southeastern Region. Specifically, DRP will provide funds to help music therapists reinstate music therapy services after a disaster or to provide disaster response services in direct response to a disaster. Funds may be used to repair/replace instruments, manipulatives or other materials necessary for music therapy service provision, or may be used in direct support of disaster response programming (i.e., training, stipends, travel, etc.). The application process will be confidential, with only the Past President and Treasurer having knowledge of the identity and circumstances of the recipient(s). The assistance amount may be full or partial payment of funds requested, depending on the number of applicants and the stated need.

Criteria for Application: The applicant must: (a) be a credentialed music therapist (MT-BC), (b) live in the Southeastern Region, and (c) maintain liability insurance. Priority is given to AMTA members when multiple requests are submitted. Priority will also be given to music therapists who have been directly impacted by the disaster. *Please note:* music therapists who apply for funds to support disaster response services must also be able to demonstrate that services are directly in response to the disaster and not an expansion of existing services.

Application Process: The music therapist should send the completed application form to the immediate Past President (pastpresident@ser-amta.org). Applications are accepted on an as needed basis. There is no limit on the number of times a music therapist can apply, however, requests are limited to one time per disaster. See page 2 for the application.

Evaluation Process: The Past President will share de-identified applications with the review committee consisting of the President-Elect, Past President, and Treasurer. The decisions will be based primarily on the committee's perception of greatest need. The Past President will notify the successful applicant(s) of their award and the Treasurer will then send a check to the recipient in the amount of the DRP award. In order to maintain confidentiality, the Treasurer will de-identify the recipients in the public transaction record that is shared with the membership at meetings and in the newsletter. Documentation of how funds were spent must be provided within 90 days upon receipt.

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Send completed form to pastpresident@ser-amta.org as a Word file attached to an email message.

1. Name:
 2. Date:
 3. Mailing Address:
 4. Email Address:
 5. Phone Number:
 6. MT-BC (Indicate Certification Number):
 7. Liability Insurance (Indicate company, policy number, and web address):
 8. Amount Requested:
 9. Documentation Attached: YES NO
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10. Provide a brief description of the disaster (200-word limit).

11. Provide a description of how the funds will be used (300 word limit).