



CFILC Richard Devylder Disaster Relief Fund



Disability Disaster
Access & Resources

About Richard Devylder

Richard Devylder was a dedicated advocate who worked tirelessly to ensure that people with disabilities were not neglected or ignored before, during, or after an emergency, including natural disasters. Richard's career included serving as California's first Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Director at the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Richard developed inclusive disaster policies, provided expert knowledge, and led the way to improving processes and procedures at both county and statewide levels; ensuring that people with disabilities, who have access and functional requirements, meet their needs in emergency situations.

About the Fund

The California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC), developed the Richard Devylder Disaster Relief Fund in 2017 in memory of Richard's commitment to the disability community. The fund aims to ensure people with disabilities and the work that he accomplished to ensure people with disabilities are provided necessities to maintain their independence during a disaster, as well as preventing unnecessary hospitalization and institutionalization of individuals due to

our disabilities. Richard Devylder Disaster Relief Funds are raised specifically to support individuals in California who are forced to evacuate their home without their personal assistive technology (AT), or durable medical equipment (DME), during an emergency. Funds are also available to replace AT and DME lost during wildfires, and various other types of natural disasters.

Impacted by a Disaster?

If you are a person with a disability or an older adult who has been impacted by a California disaster, and you have lost your personal AT or DME, we invite you to apply for the [Richard Devylder Disaster Relief Fund](#). Applications can be completed online, printed and mailed, or scanned and emailed to CFILC.

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After you complete your application, a Disability Disaster Access & Resource Center (DDARC) staff member will contact you.