

# Sonora Flood Relief Fund Summary

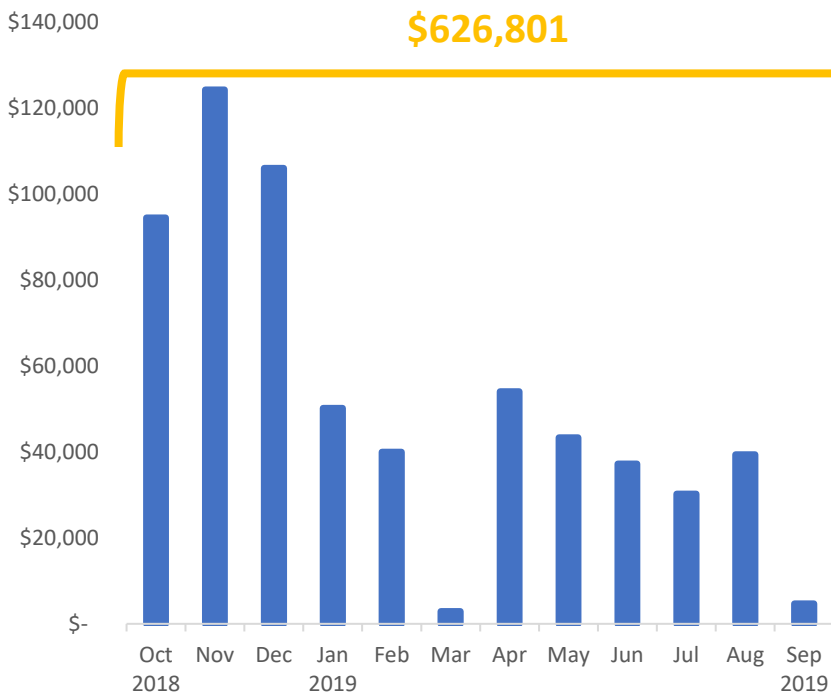


SAN ANGELO AREA FOUNDATION

On September 21, 2018, Sonora watched helplessly as heavy rains cumulated and waters began to rise, damaging homes, businesses, and churches in the destructive floodwaters. While the devastating effects of this flood destroyed or damaged 217 homes, the overwhelming response of support and encouragement from neighbors lifted the community during their most vulnerable time. Generosity from individuals, foundations, corporations, and volunteers helped raised \$784,380.33.

*Five years later the entire \$784,380.33 has been distributed, helping the impacted individuals and families affected by the 2018 Sonora flood.*

Within **ONE** year of flood, **80%** of funds had been granted to benefit impacted families.



The San Angelo Area Foundation has worked with the Sutton County Long Term Recovery Group to distribute the funds. Initial emergency grants began being distributed to individuals within 10 days of the flood. Multiple rounds of emergency grants continued through March of 2019. The committee then worked to develop a major grant process. Residents were able to apply for grants based on a matrix of need and cost of repairs. While most of these grants were awarded in 2019, payments continued through October 2021. A final round of major grants was made in February 2022. The remaining fund balance was distributed into 2023 for rent assistance to lower-income individuals who lost their homes.

Over five years, **217** different households received an average of three grants with an average total of \$3,364 per household. **758** grants were distributed to benefit individuals and organizations for items such as: emergency relief, major repairs, down payments, gift cards for food and supplies, and rent. After five years, all money collected, \$784,380.33, for the Sonora Flood Relief Fund has been distributed to our neighbors in Sonora.