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NC REALTORS® Housing Foundation Launches Hurricane Florence Relief Efforts Relief includes \$550,000 in housing assistance grants for qualified residents

Greensboro, North Carolina (September 25, 2018) – The NC REALTORS® Housing Foundation, the charitable arm of NC REALTORS®, will provide \$550,000 to help residents affected by Hurricane Florence with immediate housing needs through assisted housing grants. These funds are in addition to multiple relief activities already underway in conjunction with other REALTOR® organizations, including emergency communications support and food and equipment supply drives.

The grant program will pay for one month's rent or mortgage payment, up to \$1,500, for those affected by the storm. Grants will be provided via an application process managed by the Housing Foundation and NC REALTORS® volunteers. Grants do not need to be repaid.

Impacted residents can apply for the Housing Foundation's housing assistance grants through an online application available to download at ncrealtorshf.org.

"The Foundation recognizes from past experience with Hurricane Matthew and the recent tornado in Greensboro the need for us to be as responsive as possible and ensure that affected families' needs are met in a timely manner," said Foundation President Sofia Crisp. "More importantly we want it known that in times of disaster, families can count on the NC REALTORS® Housing Foundation."

The housing grants are provided through a \$500,000 grant secured from the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) REALTOR® Relief Foundation, as well as an additional \$50,000 in financial support from the Housing Foundation.

The NC REALTORS® Housing Foundation has a rich history of supporting victims of natural disasters. Earlier this year, the Housing Foundation, formerly called Homes4NC, awarded almost \$75,000 to 100 families impacted by the April 15 tornadoes in Guilford and Rockingham Counties. In 2016, the Foundation awarded over \$315,000 in housing assistance grants to 300 North Carolina families impacted by Hurricane Matthew.

For more information about this program, please contact housingfoundation@ncrealtors.org.

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ABOUT THE NC REALTORS® HOUSING FOUNDATION

The NC REALTORS® Housing Foundation provides affordable housing opportunities and disaster relief for deserving homeowners. Founded in 2004 by NC REALTORS®, the Housing Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity that provides resources to create, expand and encourage home ownership opportunities for North Carolinians below local median income. The foundation promotes awareness of affordable housing issues by educating North Carolinians and their representatives about the barriers to home ownership and the resources needed to increase housing affordability. The Housing Foundation also provides emergency disaster relief for victims who have lost their home through a natural disaster, raising funds from caring donors who want to build stable families and communities in North Carolina. Visit its [website](http://ncrealtors.org) for more info.