



Immediate Need Grants from the Hurricane Helene NC Disaster Relief Fund

What is the purpose of the immediate need grants from the NC Disaster Relief Fund (NCDRF)?

The immediate need grants are intended to help any 501(c)(3) agency, that is assisting Hurricane Helene impacted communities with immediate needs such as, tarps, water, food, cleaning supplies, etc.

Applicants can seek grants to reimburse for expenses already incurred or to fund future work. All requests should be for expenses NOT paid for by other grants or funding sources.

Who can apply for grants?

Any organization with a current non-profit designation as a 501(c)(3) may apply for grants through the United Way of North Carolina, fiscal agent for the fund. Applicants should either have a valid solicitation license with the Secretary of State's office, a letter waiving the need for a license or be in the process of applying. Assistance with the application process may be requested for new applicants. [Click here to apply.](#)

There are two pathways for requesting a grant: (1) Provide one or more receipts for supplies that have been purchased already and request reimbursement; or (2) request Funding before a purchase has been made with written agreement to submit the receipts for purchases within 14 days of the request. Once approvals are given, checks will be sent to the approved organization within three business days and often sooner.

How can grants or reimbursements be used?

Grants or reimbursements can be used to help purchase or cover the purchase of supplies, such as food, tarps, water, or cleaning supplies that address immediate needs in a Hurricane Isaias impacted community. It cannot be used to pay for contractors or provide immediate financial assistance to Hurricane Helene victims.

What is the maximum amount available per grant?

Any amount up to \$10,00 may be requested per grant.

Who is the fiscal agent for the NCDRF?



Under an agreement with the North Carolina Office of the Governor, United Way of North Carolina is the fiscal agent and will be distributing the immediate need grants. Any remaining NCDRF dollars will be available for long-term recovery work through the NC Community Foundation granting process.

How do we apply for an immediate needs grant?

[Complete the request form](#). Requests will be reviewed as soon as possible, most likely within 48 hours of your request being received, if all necessary information is included in the request.

What information must be provided in order to seek reimbursement?

An eligible applicant seeking reimbursement must provide the following to the United Way of North Carolina, bpruittfletcher@unitedwaync.org, within fourteen (14) days of the reimbursable expenditures: (1) one or more receipts for supplies that have been purchased; (2) the estimated number of individuals or families assisted; (3) the county or counties where funds were applied.

When can we apply for funds and how long will funds be available?

Funding requests will be accepted starting October 1, 2024 for expenses incurred beginning September 27, 2024 or that will be purchased within 14 days of grant approval. Funds will continue to be available until immediate needs are met or all funds are allocated.

Does my organization need to be based in one of the affected areas in order to apply?

Your organization does not need to be based in an affected community. To be eligible, an organization must be a 501(c)(3) agency, with a valid charitable solicitation license, that is assisting Hurricane Helene impacted communities with immediate needs.