NC Community Foundation awards $25,000 Disaster Relief Fund grant to UNC-Chapel Hill Coastal Resilience Center

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The board of directors of the North Carolina Community Foundation recently awarded a $25,000 Disaster Relief Fund grant to the UNC-Chapel Hill Coastal Resilience Center to support the Hurricane Matthew Recovery and Resilience Initiative, according to Laura Beasely, statewide grants committee chair and a member of the board of directors.

The grant funding will support the Center’s planning and mitigation work in six communities impacted by Hurricane Matthew through a collaborative program between the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University and Duke University. Students who are in the Natural Hazards Resilience Certificate program will work with the Recovery and Resilience Initiative in the following communities: Fair Bluff, Kinston, Lumberton, Princeville, Seven Springs and Windsor.

NCCF CEO Jennifer Tolle Whiteside said that the Foundation’s support continues to focus on helping to meet long-term recovery needs in eastern North Carolina. “We are confident that the NCCF Disaster Relief Fund is having an impact, thanks to the generosity of donors who gave to support eastern North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew,” she said.

About the North Carolina Community Foundation

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has administered more than $130 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With nearly $247 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,200 endowments established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with a network of affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and community assistance across the state. An important component of NCCF’s mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels.

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