



**North Carolina Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund allocates initial round of long-term Hurricane Florence recovery grants**

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The North Carolina Community Foundation board of directors announces \$1 million allocated for the initial round of grants to support long-term recovery from Hurricane Florence.

The initial \$1 million grants allocation will be awarded to area nonprofits with programs supporting long-term recovery efforts and meeting unmet needs in communities affected by Hurricane Florence through three major strategies:

- \$800,000 to be granted by the local boards of advisors of the NCCF affiliate foundations in 16 of the communities hardest hit
- \$200,000 to be awarded to statewide nonprofit organizations in the communities affected across eastern North Carolina
- \$50,000 to support Cumberland and Bladen counties, areas outside of NCCF's affiliate network, two of North Carolina's most affected communities

NCCF has received \$2 million in donations to date from generous supporters across the world. NCCF actively anticipates this initial allocation to be the first with more to come. The board of directors and statewide grants committee continues to actively monitor recovery efforts across eastern North Carolina and expects future allocations from the fund to continue supporting long-term recovery and meeting unmet needs.

NCCF's staff and board are keenly aware of how deeply Hurricane Florence impacted eastern North Carolina and devastated many communities in our state, according to Jennifer Tolle Whiteside, NCCF CEO and president. "NCCF has been in these communities for more than 30 years and will continue to be there supporting disaster recovery long after the TV cameras are gone," she said. "We were grateful to see the outpouring of generosity that resulted in \$2 million raised for the NCCF Disaster Relief Fund and are honored to steward these funds to support long-term recovery efforts and meet unmet needs."

Due to NCCF's commitment to supporting long-term recovery, there is no timeframe or competitive application process for grants. Any nonprofit supporting long-term recovery or

meeting unmet needs from Hurricane Florence is invited to visit [nccommunityfoundation.org](http://nccommunityfoundation.org) to learn more and reach out to staff.

### **About the North Carolina Community Foundation**

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has administered more than \$145 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$270 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,300 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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