North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund: How It Works

How can I donate to the Fund?

There are several ways you can donate to help survivors of Hurricane Florence.

- Donate online at <u>governor.nc.gov</u>
- Donate by texting FLORENCE to 20222—note that text donations can be no more than \$100 (via 10 donations of \$10)
- Mail a donation to the NC Disaster Relief Fund, 20312 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-0312
- Deliver your donation in person during normal office hours to the Office of the Governor at <u>116 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27603</u>

Where does the money go?

The Fund will support organizations and local governments working to address the immediate and short-term unmet needs for North Carolina residents who were victims of Hurricane Florence.

Some examples of allowable uses of grant funds:

- Provision of food, water, medicine, clothing, utilities, ice, gasoline and other emergency supplies;
- Provision of temporary housing and rental assistance;
- Replacement of personal property including clothing, tools, and equipment

Are donations tax deductible?

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

What is the Tax ID # for the Fund?

56-0564547 (United Way of North Carolina)

Who is in charge of accepting contributions to the Fund?

The United Way of North Carolina is assisting with this effort by depositing the donations into an account designated specifically for N.C. Disaster Relief Fund donations related to Hurricane Florence.

Who decides where the money goes?

Local organizations such as nonprofits in the affected counties will apply to the Golden LEAF Foundation to receive funds. Golden LEAF is managing the fund distribution decisions and distribution.

Who can receive support from the Fund?

The Disaster Relief Fund will support nonprofits and local governments providing direct relief for Hurricane Florence survivors in North Carolina. Specifically, the Fund will award grants to entities to support survivors who have immediate needs and cannot get assistance from other

sources, including government programs, cannot wait until they receive other assistance, or have losses that are not covered by insurance.

How do I apply for assistance from the Fund?

Nonprofits and local governments should visit <u>Golden LEAF's website</u> for application information. Individuals and families seeking assistance should contact organizations serving their area. As grant awards are made, this information will be posted online by Golden LEAF and the Governor's Office.

What is the deadline for applying?

Applications from nonprofits and local governments will be accepted until all available funds have been spent.

How quickly will assistance be provided?

As quickly as possible. Golden LEAF has established an expedited application submission and review process.

What percent will go directly to those affected?

100% of contributions made to the Fund will be used to support organizations providing direct assistance to survivors. No funds will be used by Golden LEAF, the United Way of North Carolina, or the Governor's Office for administrative expenses.

Is there a minimum donation?

There is no minimum donation amount if you give online, by mail, or in person. The minimum donation for the text message option is \$10.

Will I get a receipt for my donation?

Yes, a receipt for donations will be given for all forms of contributions other than text.

Can I designate my donation to a specific county or organization?

No, the funds will be distributed to organizations to assist storm survivors in the disasterdeclared counties.

How can I find out how the money is being spent?

As grant awards are made, this information will be posted online by Golden LEAF and the Governor's Office.