



## Hurricane Helene Resources for Human Services Organizations (HSOs)

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We understand the significant challenges that Hurricane Helene has brought to many of our communities and to the HSOs providing critical social services to them. To support response efforts in North Carolina communities impacted by the hurricane, NC Medicaid has compiled a list of resources to assist HSOs with recovery and resilience efforts in the months and years to come. These resources include links to grant opportunities and other essential information to help HSOs support their communities and rebuild during this difficult time. Please feel free to share this information widely to ensure it reaches those who need it most.

### Direct Funding Opportunities

#### **Burke County Disaster Relief Fund**

The Burke County Disaster Relief Fund is offering grants to nonprofits involved in community-based disaster relief efforts.

<https://cfburkecounty.org/grants.html>

#### **Community Foundation of Western North Carolina**

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina has activated its Emergency and Disaster Response Fund to support nonprofits in responding to immediate and long-term recovery efforts.

<https://cfwnc.org/grants/emergency-and-disaster-response-fund>

#### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance**

FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides supplemental grants to certain types of private nonprofits so communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies.

<https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public>

#### **NC Counts Coalition**

NC Counts Coalition is supporting member organizations with recovery efforts in Western North Carolina. Note these funding opportunities are only available to member organizations of NC Counts Coalition.

<https://www.nccounts.org/hurricane-helene-relief>



## **North Carolina Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund**

The North Carolina Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund provides grants focused on long-term recovery efforts to community organizations in North Carolina impacted by disasters. Note these funds are primarily distributed through affiliate foundations within impacted areas, and decisions related to the grant distributions are made by the affiliate foundations.

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/nonprofits/disaster-relief-fund>

## **United Way of North Carolina**

The United Way of North Carolina will provide disaster relief grants or reimbursements to non-profits that are supporting impacted communities with immediate needs and long-term recovery.

<https://www.unitedwaync.org/nc-disaster-relief-fund-helene>

## **US Small Business Administration (SBA) Programs**

The US SBA has opened disaster recovery center offices across North Carolina, and the SBA is offering low-interest disaster loans to support businesses in recovery from the hurricane.

<https://www.commerce.nc.gov/grants-incentives/disaster-recovery#Recovery-FederalSmallBusinessAdministrationCDBG-DR-289>

## **US Department of Labor Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)**

DUA provides financial assistance to individuals whose employment or self-employment has been lost or interrupted as a direct result of a major disaster and who are not eligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits. Organizations can direct their staff to this funding opportunity.

<https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/disaster.asp>

## **Compilations of Resources**

For further compilations of recovery and relief efforts for community-based organizations in North Carolina impacted by Hurricane Helene, please see the following links.

- **The Appalachian Helene Response Fund:**  
<https://www.appalachiahelenefund.org/resources>
- **The Community Foundation of Henderson County:** <https://www.cfhcforever.org/for-donors/helene-relief>
- **The North Carolina Network of Grantmakers:**  
[https://www.ncgrantmakers.org/Resources/Resources-for-Grantmakers-\(1\).html](https://www.ncgrantmakers.org/Resources/Resources-for-Grantmakers-(1).html)



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### Additional Resources

Find additional resources related to Hurricane Helene response and recovery efforts on the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Resources website.

[www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/hurricane-helene-recovery-resources](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/hurricane-helene-recovery-resources)