



**Emergency and Disaster Response Fund Awards
August 7, 2025**

5 Awards Totaling \$971,500

\$500,000 to Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation to help restore and reopen miles of trails along the Blue Ridge Parkway in nine CFWNC counties.

\$150,000 to Crossnore Communities for Children for the demolition and abatement of a facility building that was compromised beyond repair by Hurricane Helene.

\$21,500 to Environmental Quality Institute to purchase instruments that identify heavy metals and bacterial pollution in WNC floodplains.

\$200,000 to Just For Him Ministries for materials, skilled labor, and construction costs to rebuild homes for families displaced by the hurricane who live in Rutherford, Polk, Yancey, Buncombe and Mitchell counties.

\$100,000 to Wildacres Retreat to rebuild a driveway that provides access to the retreat center.