



Emergency and Disaster Response Fund Awards

October 4 – 8 Awards Totaling \$172,246

\$25,000 to Asheville Poverty Initiative to provide food and other essential services in Buncombe County.

\$2,600 to Center for Domestic Peace to support hotline staff in Jackson, Haywood, and Buncombe counties.

\$25,000 to Centro Comunitario Hispano-Americano to provide food and other essential services to Latino families in Transylvania and Henderson counties.

\$25,000 to International Friendship Center to provide food and meet essential needs for people impacted by the hurricane in Macon and Jackson counties.

\$25,000 to Jewish Family Services of WNC to meet essential basic needs in Buncombe and Henderson counties.

\$24,646 to PIVOTPoint WNC to provide mental health services at various community hubs in Haywood, Transylvania, and Buncombe counties.

\$25,000 to Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards to use its trail crews to help with debris clean-up in Buncombe, McDowell, and Rutherford counties.

\$20,000 to The Lord's Harvest for the Hungry to support delivery of fresh meals in Madison County.

October 7 - 13 Awards Totaling \$279,000

\$25,000 to Babies Need Bottoms to provide diapers and other essential baby supplies in the WNC Region.

\$7,500 to Baptist Children's Homes of NC to provide food and basic essentials to displaced students in the WNC Region.

\$25,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina to provide essential supplies and FEMA application assistance to the organization's Littles and their families in the WNC Region.

\$12,500 to Bread of Life to provide meals in Transylvania County.

\$25,000 to Centro Unido Latino-Americano to distribute essential items in McDowell, Rutherford, Burke, Buncombe, Mitchell, Yancey, and Avery counties.

\$25,000 to Co-operate WNC to distribute food and emergency supplies in Rutherford, McDowell, Buncombe, and Henderson counties.

\$9,000 to Grahamtown Team toward roof repair and tree removal in Rutherford County.

\$25,000 to Hands On! - A Child's Gallery to provide on-site essential services, goods, and internet in Henderson, Polk, and Buncombe counties.

\$25,000 to Haywood Christian Ministry to provide food and other essential resources in Haywood County.

\$25,000 to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Blue Ridge to provide generators and essential medical equipment to hospice patients in Mitchell, Avery, Yancey, McDowell, and Madison counties.

\$25,000 to Out Of The Ashes to provide shelter and other resources to homeless people in Rutherford and Polk counties.

\$25,000 to United Way of Haywood County toward housing repair and other housing needs in Haywood County.

\$25,000 to Wortham Center for the Performing Arts for an on-site City of Asheville Fire Department distribution center providing essential goods to residents in Buncombe County.

October 8 - 26 Awards Totaling \$627,000

\$25,000 to AMOREM to provide emergency assistance for hospice patients in Avery, Burke, McDowell, and Rutherford counties.

\$25,000 to Avery County Fire Commission to provide heat to remote communities until power is restored in Avery County.

\$25,000 to Blue Ridge Public Radio to support operations transmitting needed information to communities affected by Hurricane Helene in the WNC Region.

\$25,000 to Camp Grier to purchase, install and make available commercial washers and dryers in the Old Fort community of McDowell County.

\$25,000 to Cedar Mountain Community Center to provide meals in Transylvania County.

\$25,000 to Colaborativa La Milpa to help with home repairs and debris removal in Latinx communities in Buncombe, Henderson, and Yancey counties.

\$25,000 to Compassionate Care Western NC for StarLink roam devices providing critical communications services to hospice staff in remote areas in Yancey, Mitchell, Avery, Madison, and Buncombe counties.

\$25,000 to Eblen Charities for housing, utilities, gasoline, and medical assistance needed by storm victims in Buncombe and Madison counties.

\$25,000 to Eliada Homes to assist with water issues impeding the re-opening of childcare facilities in Buncombe County.

\$25,000 to E-POLK for rebuilding internet operations in Rutherford and Polk counties.

\$25,000 to Haywood County Meals On Wheels to provide shelf stable meals and water to homebound seniors in Haywood County.

\$25,000 to Highlands Emergency Council to purchase food in Macon County.

\$25,000 to Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center to get its facility minimally operational so that it can host crews who are working on the power lines, roadways and other infrastructure in Avery County.

\$23,000 to Hope Coalition Corp. to provide assistance to individuals struggling with mental health and substance use issues at shelters and distribution centers in Henderson, Transylvania, Polk, and Rutherford counties.

\$25,000 to Macon County Care Network (CareNet) to provide food assistance to individuals and families in Macon County.

\$25,000 to Madison County Schools to support unexpected costs associated with acting as the town's emergency operations center, distribution point for essential supplies, and meal distribution site for displaced residents in Madison County.

\$25,000 to Maggie Valley United Methodist Church to provide food and meals in Haywood County.

\$23,000 to Magnolia Mission to help foster, adoptive, and kinship families whose homes were damaged or completely lost due to the hurricane in Macon, Jackson, Swain, Cherokee, Graham, Clay, and Haywood counties.

\$25,000 to McDowell County Schools to help alleviate the unplanned expenses associated with the disaster response, specifically overtime, fuel expenses, repair materials, and other costs in McDowell County.

\$25,000 to Organic Growers School to provide food to families and help farmers recover from damages in McDowell, Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Rutherford, and Yancey counties.

\$25,000 to Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH) for costs associated with volunteer coordination, resource distribution, and public information dissemination in multiple languages in Yancey County.

\$25,000 to Resources for Resilience to provide mental health support at shelters, distribution sites, and other high-need community centers in the WNC Region.

\$25,000 to Smart Start Partnership for Children to provide food required by regulations that are critical to getting childcare facilities open in Henderson County.

\$25,000 to Synergy In Action to provide services allowing developmentally disabled individuals to shelter in place in Polk County.

\$6,000 to UnComplicated Kitchen to support local area food pantries and their clients with information such as how to prepare foods under a boil water advisory in Jackson and Haywood counties.

\$25,000 to Vecinos Farmworker Health Program for mobile health clinics and essential items needed by Latinx families in Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Swain, Macon, Jackson, Transylvania, and Haywood counties.

October 9 - 9 Awards Totaling \$225,000

\$25,000 to Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity for costs associated with homeowner assessment and damage repairs in Buncombe and Madison counties.

\$25,000 to Asheville Fire Fighters Association Foundation to assist members who sustained storm damage to their homes in Buncombe County.

\$25,000 to EcoForesters to partner with local nonprofits to help with community clean-up efforts in Buncombe, Madison, Haywood, Jackson, Transylvania, Polk, McDowell, Yancey, and Henderson counties.

\$25,000 to Mitchell Giving Gardens to purchase and distribute food, water, and essential supplies in Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey counties.

\$25,000 to My Sister's Place of Madison to assist with relocation of its main street offices and thrift shop serving Madison and Yancey counties.

\$25,000 to Rutherford County Schools Education Foundation to provide essential services to homeless students in Rutherford County.

\$25,000 to Veterans Treatment Court of Western North Carolina Foundation to provide essential services to veterans involved with treatment court in counties affected by Helene.

\$25,000 to Western Carolina Medical Society Foundation to address emergency medical needs of people who have lost the ability to pay for marketplace insurance or lost healthcare coverage through their employer and those have become unhoused due to the hurricane in Buncombe, Madison, Haywood, Jackson, Henderson, Transylvania, Polk, Yancey, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, and Swain counties.

\$25,000 to Western Carolina Rescue Ministries to provide meals and other essential services in Buncombe County.

October 10 - 16 Awards Totaling \$383,000

\$25,000 to All Souls Counseling Center to provide mental health services for people affected by the hurricane in the WNC Region.

\$25,000 to Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation to address food, gas, utility assistance, storage, transportation, repairs, medical, and other needs as identified by students in Henderson and Transylvania counties.

\$25,000 to Campaign for Southern Equality for a drop-in center that will provide essential services and supplies to LBGTQ+ people in the WNC region, with a focus on Buncombe County.

\$25,000 to Diaper Bank of North Carolina to deliver diapers, adult incontinence supplies, and period products in the WNC Region.

\$25,000 to Food Connection to support preparation costs related to the distribution of hot meals utilizing its food truck in Buncombe and Madison counties.

\$25,000 to **Hola Carolina** for immediate relief efforts and recovery support for Latinx people affected by the disaster in the WNC Region.

\$25,000 to **Hood Huggers Foundation** to collect and distribute essential supplies to BIPOC communities utilizing its youth development cohort in Buncombe County.

\$25,000 to **Irene Wortham Center** to install a 5,000-gallon rainwater catchment system to collect rainwater to provide shower/laundry services to its residential adults with developmental disabilities in Buncombe County.

\$15,000 to **Mountain Roots** to offer emergency childcare for K-7 children in Transylvania County.

\$25,000 to **Only Hope WNC** for repairs needed to get its youth shelter operational after flood damage in Buncombe, Transylvania, Henderson, Polk, Rutherford, and Haywood counties.

\$25,000 to **Operation Gateway** to assess client needs, provide support and linkages to available resources, and, in many cases, offer transportation or delivery services of those resources in the WNC Region.

\$18,000 to **SeekHealing** to provide mental healthcare services to people navigating survival trauma in Buncombe and Haywood counties.

\$25,000 to **The Christine Avery Learning Center** to replace destroyed items not covered by insurance and needed to re-open the day-care center in Buncombe County.

\$25,000 to **True Ridge** to provide direct financial support to immigrant families who are ineligible for FEMA assistance in Henderson and Transylvania counties.

\$25,000 to **Umoja Health, Wellness, and Justice Collective** to provide FEMA application and transportation assistance to diverse people who suffered significant losses in Buncombe and McDowell counties.

\$25,000 to **UNETE NC** to support a community distribution center in Emma, as well as broader outreach for FEMA application assistance in Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Haywood, and Transylvania counties.

October 11 - 11 Awards Totaling \$275,000

\$25,000 to **Abernethy Memorial United Methodist Church** to transition Sunday School rooms into distribution centers for broad community access to food, baby and adult diapers, batteries, and water in Burke County.

\$25,000 to **Amazing Grace Ministries of Hendersonville** to provide food, water and basic household supplies and furnishings lost due to storm damage in Henderson, Buncombe, Rutherford, Polk, and Transylvania counties.

\$25,000 to **Arthur Morgan School** to provide essential services in Yancey County.

\$25,000 to **Asheville-Buncombe Institute of Parity Achievement** to provide essential services to BIPOC communities in Buncombe, Henderson and Rutherford counties.

\$25,000 to Center for Rural Health Innovation to extend the clinic's hours to provide essential medical services to those affected by the hurricane in Mitchell County.

\$25,000 to Engage WNC to provide meals, assess needs, and provide cold weather clothing and supplies to unhoused people in Henderson County.

\$25,000 to Henderson County Education Foundation to give each school funds toward school supplies, clothing, shoes, linens, towels, and hygiene products needed to meet urgent student needs in Henderson County.

\$25,000 to Housing Assistance Corporation to assess and provide repairs to homes damaged by the hurricane in Henderson, Transylvania, and Polk counties.

\$25,000 to Mountain Housing Opportunities to provide residents of MHO's affordable multifamily properties with water and other sanitation supplies, as well as home repairs to low-income homeowners impacted in Buncombe and Madison counties.

\$25,000 to MountainTrue for tree and debris removal and to provide households with firewood in Buncombe, Mitchell, Madison, and Avery counties.

\$25,000 to West Marion Community Forum to provide emergency and medical supplies, as well as debris removal and clean-up efforts for elderly and low-income community members in McDowell County.

October 14 - 23 Awards Totaling \$525,435

\$25,000 to Asheville City Schools Foundation to provide responsive, educational programs, including meals and water, for out-of-school Asheville City Schools students.

\$20,000 to Basics Christian Ministries to provide food, hygiene products, and cold weather clothing and supplies in Rutherford County.

\$23,750 to Black Wall Street AVL to provide portable showers, meet essential needs and assist with FEMA applications in Buncombe and Henderson counties.

\$25,000 to Bountiful Cities Project for food and resource distribution, as well as public health education regarding dishwashing and composting waste in Buncombe and Madison counties.

\$25,000 to Carolina Day School to provide essential services and educational support for participants in the Horizons program and their families.

\$25,000 to Family Resources of Rutherford County to repair damages at shelter properties and assist domestic violence clients in Rutherford County.

\$25,000 to Foster Family Alliance of North Carolina to support foster families affected by the hurricane in WNC.

\$25,000 to Hunger and Health Coalition to establish a mobile pharmacy unit to dispense emergency medications to those affected by Hurricane Helene in Avery, Burke, Mitchell, and Yancey counties.

\$25,000 to Institute for Preventive Healthcare and Advocacy to provide ongoing assistance with redistributing supplies and resources from stage sites to vulnerable and at-need communities in Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania counties.

\$25,000 to JMPRO Community Media to provide essential services and communication resources to remote communities in Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Swain, and Transylvania counties.

\$25,000 to Literacy Connection to replace key resources and secure temporary operating space in Henderson County.

\$25,000 to My Daddy Taught Me That to provide out-of-school learning environments for students and essential supplies for families in Buncombe County.

\$16,000 to New HOPE of McDowell to replace lost equipment and make facility repairs in McDowell County.

\$15,685 to OpenDoors of Asheville to provide essential services, supplies, and educational support for their out-of-school students and families in Buncombe County.

\$25,000 to Service Center for Latinos to purchase tools and supplies for construction and cleaning to begin the process of repairing houses and preventing mold to make homes habitable again in Yancey and Mitchell counties.

\$25,000 to The Community Table to purchase food for its pantry and meal program in Jackson, Swain, and Macon counties including the Qualla Boundary.

\$25,000 to The Free Clinics to extend pharmacy hours and provide space for displaced medical providers in Henderson and Polk counties.

\$25,000 to The Hope Center of Hendersonville to restock lost food, remove debris and make repairs to property in Henderson and Polk counties.

\$25,000 to Thrive Asheville to provide housing assistance to low-income families affected by the hurricane in Buncombe County.

\$25,000 to Transylvania Christian Ministry to provide essential services, supplies and temporary housing to low-income people affected by the hurricane in Transylvania County.

\$10,000 to Watauga County Immigrant Justice Coalition to provide financial assistance to immigrants affected by the hurricane in Avery and Burke counties.

\$25,000 to Western North Carolina Workers' Center to provide financial resources and other aid to immigrant Latinx workers ineligible for FEMA assistance in Buncombe, Henderson, Macon, and Burke counties.

\$15,000 to Woodson Branch Nature School to provide childcare to K-8 children until public schools re-open in Madison, Buncombe, Yancey, and Cherokee counties.

October 15 - 18 Awards Totaling \$430,000

\$25,000 to Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project to provide support and resources to WNC farms with significant losses due to the hurricane.

\$25,000 to Aston Park Health Care Center for water delivery and portable hand-washing stations in Buncombe County.

\$25,000 to BeLoved Asheville to clean and repair homes damaged by the hurricane in multiple counties in WNC.

\$25,000 to Black Mountain Counseling Center to address the increased demand for mental services in McDowell and Buncombe counties.

\$25,000 to Blue Ridge Resource Conservation & Development to establish a portable water filtration system, deliver supplies and resources, clear roads and driveways, and assist local fire departments in Yancey, Mitchell, and Avery counties.

\$25,000 to Center for Conscious Living and Dying to provide essential services and supplies and offer end-of-life support in Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, and Yancey counties.

\$25,000 to Eagle Market Streets Development Corporation for warehousing, managing, and distributing donated products in McDowell County.

\$25,000 to Fern Leaf Community Charter School to replace classroom materials and resources in K-4 classrooms lost due to flooding serving students from Buncombe, Henderson, Polk, Transylvania, and Madison counties.

\$25,000 to Latino Advocacy Coalition of Henderson County to assist with FEMA applications, help coordinate a shared distribution site and distribute items to begin clean-up efforts in Henderson, Polk, Transylvania, and Buncombe counties.

\$20,000 to Laurel Community Center Organization to support a disaster relief hub supporting Madison, Yancey, Buncombe, and Mitchell counties.

\$25,000 to Mitchell Community Health Partnership to provide heating assistance to those in need in Mitchell County.

\$25,000 to Quiet Givers to assist with food, health, shelter, safety, transportation, and education needs resulting from Hurricane Helene that referral programs cannot cover in Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey counties.

\$25,000 to The Arc of Buncombe County to provide direct emergency financial support and services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in the WNC Region.

\$25,000 to The Center for Native Health to purchase supplies such as tarps, solar battery chargers, debris removal and heating equipment, and potable and non-potable water solutions serving Buncombe, Madison, Swain, Jackson, and Yancey counties and the Qualla Boundary.

\$25,000 to The Medical Loan Closet of Henderson County to repair its building and purchase new medical equipment for use in Henderson, Buncombe, Polk, Rutherford, and Transylvania counties.

\$10,000 to The Steady Collective to meet the increased demand for harm reduction services and to provide essential services and supplies in Buncombe County.

\$25,000 to United Way of Henderson County to provide essential resource coordination in Henderson County.

\$25,000 to WAMY Community Action to assist with home repairs, utilities, and transportation in Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey counties.

October 16 - 9 Awards Totaling \$490,000

\$25,000 to **Blue Ridge Pride** to provide essential services and supplies to the LGBTQ+ community in Buncombe, Madison, and Henderson counties.

\$25,000 to **Center for Participatory Change** to support a distribution center providing essential supplies and services in Buncombe County.

\$25,000 to **Haywood Community College Foundation** to help hurricane-impacted students with essential needs, as well as dehumidifiers and fans, replacement of household and electronic items, and towing for disabled vehicles in Haywood County.

\$25,000 to **Haywood County Schools** to provide essential services and supplies to families displaced in Haywood County.

\$25,000 to **Hunger Coalition of Transylvania County** to provide 250 backpacks of food each week in Transylvania County schools.

\$150,000 to **Mitchell County Schools** to provide each of its public schools with financial resources to meet NC Dept. of Public Instruction requirements for reopening the schools in Mitchell County.

\$25,000 to **NC MedAssist** to provide essential medication items for individuals in need in the WNC Region.

\$15,000 to **Spruce Pine Montessori School** for storm-related repairs at its school, which serves Mitchell, Avery, and Yancey counties.

\$175,000 to **Yancey County Schools** to provide each of its public schools with financial resources to meet NC Dept. of Public Instruction requirements for reopening the schools in Yancey County.

October 17 - 9 Awards Totaling \$370,000

\$10,000 to **Arms Around ASD** to provide programs and self-care services for autistic people as a direct result of Hurricane Helene and its aftermath in Buncombe, Henderson, and Haywood counties.

\$200,000 to **Avery County Schools** to provide each of its public schools with financial resources to meet NC Dept. of Public Instruction requirements for reopening the schools in Avery County.

\$10,000 to **HERE In Jackson County** to provide shelter for displaced families, particularly those with children, who are not covered under existing state funding for cold weather shelter in Madison, Haywood, and Jackson counties.

\$25,000 to **High Country Community Health** toward restoration work needed at a free dental clinic in Avery County.

\$25,000 to **Restoration House WNC** to provide nutritious, locally-sourced food boxes to families struggling with hunger due to widespread job losses caused by the hurricane in Swain County.

\$25,000 to Sistas Caring 4 Sistas to conduct wellness checks and needs assessments, as well as provide infant supplies, such as formula, diapers, wipes, nutritious foods, and clean water needed to sanitize breast pump parts and bottles or mix into formula in Buncombe, McDowell, and Rutherford counties.

\$25,000 to Sisters of Mercy Urgent Care toward expenses needed to open three clinics, such as internet service for access to electronic health records, portable toilets, and water in Buncombe, Transylvania, Yancey, and Haywood counties.

\$25,000 to Spring Creek Community Center toward property repairs for community members that will not be covered by insurance in Madison County.

\$25,000 to Swain Community Outreach to fill gaps in the supply of harm reduction materials to the substance use disorder recovery community in Swain, Jackson, Macon, and Haywood counties.

October 18 - 8 Awards Totaling \$191,909

\$25,000 to Anchor Baptist Church and Ministries toward costs associated with serving as a warehouse and distribution location for Transylvania, Buncombe, Henderson, Polk, Rutherford, and Yancey counties.

\$24,960 to Buladean Community Foundation to hire hurricane-affected community members as temporary staff allowing the relief distribution center to continue its extended hours in Mitchell County.

\$50,000 to Buncombe County Schools for a student resilience and social emotional recovery program in Buncombe County.

\$25,000 to Christmount Christian Assembly to repair its water system in Black Mountain of Buncombe County.

\$25,000 to Getting Back To The Basics for an educational recovery program for students affected by Hurricane Helene in Buncombe County.

\$12,000 to I Seek K9 Search and Rescue to provide canine search and rescue support to help locate victims of Hurricane Helene in Haywood, Buncombe, and Henderson counties.

\$24,949 to Southwestern Community College to provide essential supplies and internet access and to address mental health and other needs of its students in Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties and the Qualla Boundary.

\$5,000 to THRIVE Appalachia to assist with clean-up efforts in Yancey, Mitchell, Avery, Buncombe, and Madison counties.

October 21 - 13 Awards Totaling \$258,900

\$1,000 to Burke County Literacy Council to provide essential supplies to families in need in Burke County.

\$25,000 to CareReach to provide disaster relief assistance through its five community-based safety net programs in Avery, Buncombe, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey counties.

\$10,000 to First Free Will Baptist Church to purchase food for food pantries affected by supply chain disruptions in Clay and Cherokee counties.

\$25,000 to Grace Community Church to assist people who have been displaced from their homes with immediate rent assistance or repairs on a home in McDowell County.

\$25,000 to Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church to provide essential services and supplies through their relief site serving Buncombe, Transylvania, Yancey, Madison, Mitchell, Henderson, Haywood, Rutherford, and McDowell counties.

\$25,000 to Living Water Baptist Church to secure housing and provide home repairs for displaced individuals and families in Henderson County.

\$25,000 to Mercy Chefs to provide hot meals to individuals and communities affected by Hurricane Helene in the WNC Region.

\$25,000 to National Emergency Child Care Network to provide free childcare to families in Madison, Haywood, Henderson, McDowell, Yancey, Rutherford, and Buncombe counties.

\$25,000 to NECHAMA Jewish Response to Disaster toward mold abatement chemicals, tools for repairs, personal protective equipment, fuel, and water for volunteers doing home repairs in Buncombe and Henderson counties.

\$25,000 to North Carolina Baptist Men to provide home repairs in Buncombe, McDowell, Henderson, Mitchell, Yancey, Haywood, Polk, Avery, Transylvania, Madison, and Rutherford counties.

\$25,000 to North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to rebuild private bridges destroyed by the hurricane in the WNC Region.

\$21,000 to Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department to purchase an all-terrain vehicle enabling the organization to safely transport larger teams and provide faster, more effective emergency response in hard-to-reach areas of Madison County.

\$1,900 to Veterans Healing Farm for essential supplies and services provided immediately following the storm in Buncombe and Henderson counties.