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## **MOR Partners with NAR and the REALTORS® Relief Foundation to Offer Financial Assistance to Missoula Residents Following July 24th Windstorm**

**(August 8, 2024)** — The Missoula Organization of REALTORS® (MOR) is pleased to announce a partnership with the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) and the REALTORS® Relief Foundation to provide financial assistance to those affected by the July 24th windstorm.

Between now and October 1st, 2024, Missoula County residents who were directly affected by the July 24th storm are encouraged to complete MOR's [REALTORS® Relief Fund Grant Application](#).

If approved, applicants could receive up to \$2,000 in relief assistance which may be used for mortgage expenses, rental costs, and/or a hotel reimbursement. Please note financial assistance is for housing relief only, and not for general debris/tree clean-up.

### **Grant Details**

- The REALTORS® Relief Foundation has allocated a \$250,000 grant to be used to help individuals who have been impacted by the July 24<sup>th</sup> Missoula windstorm.
- Relief assistance is limited to a maximum of \$2,000 per household.
- Applicants will need to provide relevant documentation to support their request for assistance, such as proof of damage or financial need, including any other financial assistance already received.
- Please note this assistance is for housing relief only; other expenses including second mortgages (home equity lines or loans), clothing, appliances, equipment, vehicle purchase, rental or repair, and or mileage are ineligible for reimbursement under this program.
- Deadline for application submission is October 1, 2024.
- All grants are contingent upon the availability of funds. As a result, aid will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### **How to Apply for Assistance**

1. **Eligibility:** The fund is available to U.S. citizens and legal residents who have been impacted by a disaster and need financial assistance for housing-related expenses.

2. **Application:** Apply online on [MOR's website](http://www.missoularealestate.com/realtors-relief-grants): (www.missoularealestate.com/realtors-relief-grants). You'll need to provide documentation of your need, such as proof of loss, insurance claims, and any other relevant information.
3. **Approval:** Once your application is reviewed, you will be notified of the decision. Approved applicants will receive funds directly to assist with their housing needs.

### **How You Can Contribute**

The REALTOR® Relief Foundation relies on the generosity of donors to continue its mission of providing support in times of crisis. Contributions can make a significant difference in the lives of those affected by disasters. Here's how you can help:

1. **Donate Online:** Visit the [Realtor Relief Fund page](#) to make a secure donation. Every dollar goes directly to helping those in need.
2. **Organize Fundraisers:** REALTOR® and community members can organize local fundraising events to support the fund. Whether it's a charity auction, a bake sale, or a community run, every effort helps raise awareness and funds.
3. **Spread the Word:** Share information about the Realtor Relief Fund with your network. The more people know about the fund, the more support we can provide for those in need.

### **About the Missoula Organization of REALTOR®**

The Missoula Organization of REALTORS® (MOR) is a trade association, representing over 850 members in four western counties, dedicated to advocating for equal housing opportunities and private property rights. Chartered in 1947, MOR is committed to helping build a better Missoula and surrounding areas by providing superior service to members and the community.

### **About the National Association of REALTOR®**

The National Association of REALTOR® (NAR) is America's largest trade association, representing over 1.5 million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries. NAR has been a steadfast advocate for property rights, real estate professionals, and communities across the country.

### **About the REALTORS® Relief Foundation**

The REALTORS® Relief Foundation was established by the National Association of REALTOR® (NAR) in response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Since then, the fund has expanded its mission to provide emergency assistance to victims of natural disasters such as hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and more. The fund offers financial support to cover the cost of temporary housing, mortgage payments, or rental assistance for individuals and families who have lost their homes or are facing financial hardship due to a disaster.