

FFTC announces grant program for Hurricane Florence recovery efforts
Donations will be directed to nonprofits assisting Florence victims in NC and SC

CHARLOTTE - Foundation For The Carolinas announced an open call to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations, governments and community-based groups for competitive grant applications for its Hurricane Florence Response Fund.

Programs focused on relief, recovery or rebuilding assistance for Hurricane Florence impacted areas in North Carolina and South Carolina will be considered. Project focus areas include, but are not limited to, basic needs, children and youth, housing repair, temporary shelter, mental health and animal welfare.

Priority will be given to groups serving residents in FEMA-disaster-declared counties. Most awards will be up to \$50,000, though exceptional projects will be considered for up to \$100,000. All proposals are encouraged to identify additional funding sources and partnerships with other organizations. For more information on eligibility requirements and to apply, visit www.ffc.org/grants.

The first round of grant applications will be accepted beginning Oct. 1 through Oct. 31 at noon EDT. A second round of grants is planned that will target long-term recovery efforts.

The Hurricane Florence Response Fund was launched on Sept. 13, before the storm hit the Carolina coast. The response nationwide has been robust, with commitments from local and national businesses, nonprofits and individuals, including Michael Jordan, the Charlotte Hornets, Stephen Colbert and members of the Carolina Panthers. The fund even received donations from a fifth grader who raised money by cat sitting, among many other donors.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with potential for grants awarded during each week of the open cycle. Actual award amounts will be based on project merit and available funds. For more information, contact Will Jones at wjones@ffc.org or 704.973.4542.

About Foundation For The Carolinas

Celebrating its 60th year, Foundation For The Carolinas is the sixth-largest nonprofit community foundation in the country, serving donors and a broad range of charitable purposes in North and South Carolina. With assets of \$2.5 billion, FFTC's mission is to inspire philanthropy and empower individuals to create a better community. Visit www.ffc.org.

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