

NALC DISASTER RELIEF FOUNDATION

During the 2018 National Convention in Detroit, the creation of the NALC Disaster Relief Foundation was announced to the delegates in attendance. NALC branches and members remain determined to provide aid to members who are affected by these disasters. The mission of the Foundation is to respond to the far too many occurrences of devastating natural disasters by providing relief to alleviate the suffering of affected NALC members.

Through the NALC Disaster Relief Foundation, NALC continues to answer the call from branches and individual members who want a mechanism to send cash donations, supplies, uniforms and other assistance to their brothers and sisters affected by natural disasters. The Foundation is structured so that when a natural disaster occurs, an assessment can be made quickly and then followed up with much-needed relief for our affected members. Since being established, numerous individual donors, branches and state associations have pitched in to help the Foundation build its capacity to assist regular NALC members in need.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation was not able to go out into the field to assist members who were affected, as was done in response to previous natural disasters. When it is safe to do so, the NALC Disaster Relief Foundation will once again return to the

field to provide in-person assistance to members affected by natural disasters.

The Foundation received \$662,489.31 in donations, from July 20, 2018, through May 19, 2020. The donations came from the following sources:

Members: \$71,569.02

Branches: \$44,889.00

State: \$1,948.00

Others: \$472,514.27

The DRF also provided \$445,993.84 in grants and other assistance to NALC members affected by the following disasters:

2019

Earthquake—Alaska
Hurricane Michael—Florida
Hurricane Florence—Wilmington, Lumberton, NC; Myrtle Beach, SC
Hurricane Karen—Ponce, Puerto Rico
Floods—Lincoln, NE
Tornados—Southeastern Kansas
Tornados—Missouri Ozarks
Tornados—Dayton, Ohio
Floods—Oklahoma
Tropical Storm Imelda—Beaumont, TX
Wildfires—Paradise, CA
Floods—Fort Smith, AR

2020

Tornados—Wilmington, NC
Wildfires—California
Floods—Jackson, MS
Floods—Southeast South Dakota
Floods—Northeast Iowa
Tornados—Florida

Tornados—Birmingham, AL
Tropical Storm Bertha—South Carolina

Donations to the NALC Disaster Relief Foundation should be sent to: NALC Disaster Relief Foundation, 100 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and your contribution may be tax deductible. It is recommended that you seek further advice from your tax advisor. All donations from letter carriers, branches and state associations go directly to NALC members who need assistance—no administrative costs are deducted. Any NALC member who has faced hardship because of a natural disaster or wildfire can apply for assistance by completing the Application for Relief Grant available on the Foundation's web page at nalc.org/disaster.

The eligibility requirements are outlined in the application. The Foundation's board of directors will consider the applications and will issue grants on an objective basis to eligible individuals as funds are available. Members do not have to wait for emergency relief or insurance claims to be settled to apply for aid. Applications must be received no later than 120 days after the date when the natural disaster occurred unless the applicant can provide sufficient reasons for the delay.