



IMMEDIATE DISASTER NEEDS FOR FARM BUSINESSES

WNC Communities recognizes that farmers in the region have immediate disaster relief needs to stabilize their farm businesses and to support a resilient regional food system. The goal of this program is to provide resources quickly, while making reasonable efforts *not to duplicate other funding sources*. These funds are meant to assist legitimate farm businesses with urgent needs that will directly impact the ability to get the farm business back in operation as soon as possible.

Farm businesses with damages directly related to Tropical Storm Fred on August 17, 2021 are eligible. Priority will be given to those in the hardest hit region of Haywood, Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania counties. Any farm with direct damages within WNC Communities' 20 county service region may apply.

We are working with partner agencies throughout WNC to expedite this process in order to get funds in the hands of farmers most in need. To do this, we ask you to contact one of the partners (see details in application) and let them know that you intend to apply.

For our first round of funding, we will be accepting applications from September 7th through September 30th. Funds will be awarded on a rolling basis, prioritizing the most urgent needs first.

To apply:

1. Contact a partner agency to let them know you want to apply. A representative from the agency will pre-qualify your application to make sure your farm meets the requirements of our assistance program.
2. Complete and sign the attached application. Please answer all the questions to the best of your ability.
3. Return to WNC Communities as soon as possible. Applications can be hand delivered, emailed, faxed or you can use the online form here:

<https://forms.gle/1SZABrn62t3Z9eHn6>

Mail or hand deliver to:
WNC Communities
594 Brevard Road
Asheville, NC 28806

Email to:
grants@wnccommunities.org
Fax to:
828-251-9532

Questions:
828-252-4783

Please contact your local FSA office to report your farm damages.

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Application Partner: To apply for this program, please contact one of the following partner organizations to have your application pre-qualified. Provide the name, agency and contact information of the person who pre-qualified your application:

Partner Organizations: WNC Communities, NC Cooperative Extension, Buncombe County Soil and Water, Haywood Soil and Water, NC Farm Bureau, Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project (ASAP), NCDA&CS, WNC Livestock Exchange

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Farm Name: _____

County: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Briefly describe your farm operation (what and how many acres do you produce and grow, and what are your markets):

How many people do you employ on your farm, including you and your family? _____

What percentage of your household income is derived from the farm? _____

Do you have a Farm Service Agency number? If so, please provide: _____

Do you file a Schedule F or equivalent Schedule C to the IRS? _____

If so, for how many years? _____

Do you have crop insurance? _____

Please provide any detail on what your crop insurance will/ won't cover.

Are you considered a limited-resource farmer by one of the USDA agencies such as FSA, NRCS, Rural Development, etc.? _____

REQUEST INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions as completely and honestly as you can. Our intent is to help as many farmers possible, and as quickly as possible, without duplicating efforts.

Please prioritize your immediate needs. List your top 3 needs here:

- _____ Employee labor for crop clean-up
- _____ Cover Crops
- _____ Contract labor for heavy equipment work for clean-up and repair
- _____ Farm inputs
- _____ Farm worker PPE for clean up: masks, gloves, etc.
- _____ Farm Infrastructure
- _____ Other (Please list) _____

Estimate the % of yearly farm income lost (current or future) stemming from storm damage.

Please provide the details about your needs and the specific ways these funds will be used to respond to/recover from the recent natural disaster?

Have you already received any other relief funds to cover disaster related costs? _____

If so, please list how much and where those funds came from. Please identify where you still have specific funding gaps or needs.

Do you expect to receive any other relief funds to cover disaster related costs? _____

Please provide a budget showing a breakdown of expenses you will cover with requested funds (ex. labor for clean-up, repair and replace fencing, cover crop seed, etc.), listing the most urgent first. Requests may be partially awarded and limited to the most urgent needs. Additional funding may be available in the future to cover other expenses.

Urgent Expense Budget:

Other Expense Budget:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How long have you been farming? _____

Do you own/lease the land you are farming? # of acres owned: _____ # of acres leased _____

What is your race/ethnicity? (check all that apply)

- _____ African American or Black
- _____ American Indian or Alaska Native
- _____ Asian
- _____ Middle Eastern
- _____ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- _____ White
- _____ Hispanic or Latinx
- _____ Prefer not to say
- _____ Prefer to self-describe
- _____ Other: _____

Conditions of WNC Communities' Immediate Disaster Needs Grant:

- The grant funds are considered taxable income, and WNC Communities will file a 1099-Miscellaneous with the IRS in the name of the recipient at the end of 2021. Should you be awarded grant funds, you will be required to fill out a W-9 form requesting an Employer Identification Number or a Social Security Number prior to receiving your check.
- I understand that this application is for grant funds to be used for expenses needed for my farm business to respond to or recover from the recent natural disaster on August 17th, which are not covered by insurance or other available programs.
- I agree to adhere to the approved, allowable expenditures as identified in my application for funding.
- I will maintain receipts for all grant expenditures for up to one year from award date.
- I will keep accurate records and document any and all work done as a result of this grant.
- I certify that all the information in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I agree that WNC Communities has the right to validate any information provided and will reclaim any money that has been paid as a result of fraudulent or misleading claims.
- I agree to respond to a follow up email, phone call, visit or survey from WNC Communities about the impact of the funds on my farm business by December 31, 2021.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Farm Name: _____