

2026 NC VOAD Grant Application — Helene Recovery

North Carolina Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (NCVOAD) is pleased to offer grant funding to support Long-Term Recovery Groups (LTRG) and nonprofit organizations in communities affected by Hurricane Helene. This funding is intended to strengthen the capacity of LTRGs and nonprofit organizations to coordinate recovery efforts, manage cases, and serve survivors equitably and effectively. Please review the following instructions carefully before submitting your application. Please limit request to a maximum of \$20,000.

Eligibility

- These funds are only for NCVOAD members that comply with its core principles of the 4 Cs: Cooperation, Communication, Coordination, Collaboration.
 - Preference is given to Nonprofits and LTRGs that participate in quarterly NCVOAD meetings and committees.
 - Applicants must be nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status approved by the IRS, an active Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG), or a fiscal sponsor on behalf of an LTRG that is serving people affected by Hurricane Helene.
 - Must have bylaws, Board of Directors (or similar), and a Fiscal Agent MOU or have non-profit status approved by the IRS.
 - Multiple LTRGs operating in the same county will be considered; however, funding will be based on the need and the amount of area covered.
 - Nonprofit or LTRG must be actively engaged in Hurricane Helene disaster recovery efforts and have a collaborative structure involving nonprofit, faith-based, and/or government partners.
 - If your LTRG received grant funding from NC VOAD in 2025, you can reapply, but preference will be given to nonprofits or LTRGs that haven't received NC VOAD funding.
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Purpose of Funding

- **This funding is to support the operations of the Nonprofit or LTRG.**
Eligible uses include but are not limited to:
 - Staff salaries (case managers, construction coordinators, volunteer managers, etc.)
 - Volunteer coordination and housing costs
 - Office or warehouse rent/utilities

- Software, supplies, and communication tools used for recovery coordination
- Transportation, insurance, or other operational needs that support the nonprofit or LTRG's direct service functions
- Direct assistance to survivors

Please note:

This funding is not pass-through funding and must not be re-granted, sub-awarded, or distributed to other nonprofit partners or agencies. It is strictly designated for the direct operational support of the nonprofit organization or LTRG granted the money.

This grant may not be used by a fiscal agent to cover any costs unrelated to the nonprofit or LTRG's direct operations. No portion of the grant may be applied to fiscal agent fees, staffing, or overhead. These funds must be directly tied to active nonprofit or LTRG operations (personnel such as a Recovery Director, Case Manager, Volunteer Coordinator, or other essential staff).

While NCVOAD values the vital role fiscal agents play in supporting recovery efforts, this funding is exclusively intended to strengthen the nonprofit organization or LTRG's capacity to coordinate and deliver services to disaster-impacted communities.

Application Requirements

A complete application includes:

1. Completed application form (see template provided)
2. Operational budget proposal
3. Description of measurable goals and intended outcomes
4. Supporting documentation:
 - IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter and / or fiscal sponsor agreement
 - Letters of support (optional but encouraged)
 - List of Board Members

Submission Deadline

Applications must be submitted to President@NCVOAD.org AND Treasurer@ncvoad.org by **5:00 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2026**. Late or incomplete applications may not be considered.

Review & Notification

Applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by NC VOAD. Funding decisions will be based on:

- Alignment with purpose
- Demonstration of the 4 Cs
- Demonstrated need
- Demonstrates sound financial stewardship and prudent use of nonprofit funds
- Capacity to execute the project
- Potential for impact and sustainability

Selected LTRGs and nonprofit organizations will be notified by **November 30, 2026** and funds will be disbursed shortly thereafter.

Reporting Requirements

Grant recipients must:

- Submit a final report with financial summary and outcomes within 60 days of project completion / funding being expended; or a status update report due one year from date of award notification; or as otherwise directed

*Please note: Funding does not need to be spent within one year, but a status update will be done annually until funding is expended.

*If you received grant funding from NC VOAD in 2025, we will need a report on what happened to the first round if it has been expensed.

If you have questions about eligibility, appropriate use of funds, or the application process, please contact **Daniel Altenau—President / NCVOAD** at President@ncvoad.org

Section 1:

Organization or Long-Term Recovery Group Name:

EIN (if applicable):

Fiscal Agent (if applicable):

Mailing Address:

Mailing Address of Fiscal Agent (if different than LTRG and if applicable):

Primary Contact Name:

Title/Role:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Website (if applicable):

Section 2: Organization Background and Structure

Provide a brief description of your Nonprofit or Long-Term Recovery Group, including:

- Mission and key accomplishments to date
- Geographic area served, population served, and disaster(s) serving
- Membership structure (faith-based, nonprofit, governmental partners, etc.)
 - What partners do you have around the table? Please include local, state, and federal partners.
- What is your involvement and how do you practice the 4 Cs (Collaboration, Communication, Cooperation, and Coordination) with your partners and NC VOAD?
- What is your current involvement with NC VOAD? Do you attend any committee or subcommittee meetings?
- Current activities and future goals (please include what programs you have or plan to implement - i.e. construction, case management, volunteer housing, etc.)

Section 3: Project Description

Describe how the requested funds will be used. Include:

- The specific need(s) the funding addresses
- Target population (e.g., low-income, elderly, uninsured disaster survivors)
- Activities the funding will support (e.g., staff, office supplies, case management, construction coordination, volunteer housing, tool purchase)
- Timeline for implementation

Section 4: Budget Summary

Provide a proposed budget for your organization with current activities and proposed activities/staff. Detailed documentation can be attached as an appendix. Please be sure to indicate what expenses you intend to utilize this grant for.

Provide a description of how you plan to track expenses for reporting to NCVOAD after the expenditure of this funding.

Section 5: Sustainability & Leverage

Explain how this funding will support long-term recovery and resilience. Mention any other sources of support (in-kind, local government, donations, etc.). Provide a list of support you have already received for Hurricane Helene.

Are there any anticipated funds coming that aren't reflected in your current budget?

Have you been denied funding through other grant requests?

Section 6:

Supporting Documents (Attach the following, if available)

- 501(c)(3) verification or fiscal sponsor letter
- Letters of support from member organizations or partners (optional but encouraged)
- List of Board Members
- Proposed budget as indicated in Section 4
- Photos or testimonials (optional)
- Please include signed certification page of this application in your grant application submittal.

Certification

I certify that the information provided is accurate and that any grant funds received will be used for the stated purposes in accordance with NC VOAD's funding guidelines.

Signature: _____

Name & Title: _____

Date: _____