

DISASTER RENTAL ASSISTANCE

The goals of these funds are to address critical housing needs across various vulnerable populations. The funds will ensure that families have access to adequate housing. The funds will aim to address and prevent homelessness by providing housing stability for individuals and families at risk.

Eligibility Criteria:

- 1) **Residency:** Applicants must reside in one of the 25 designated Disaster Counties, either temporarily or permanently.
- 2) **Housing Crisis Due to the Disaster:** The applicant must have experienced a housing-related crisis caused by the disaster. This includes:
 - a. Displacement from their home due to damage or destruction.
 - b. Inability to pay rent or facing eviction as a result of the disaster's impact on their income or housing situation.
- 3) **Income Eligibility:** To qualify for **Rental Assistance** under Session Law 2024-53, Section 4B.7, the household income must be at or below **200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)**. The 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines will be used to determine eligibility.

The approved households will be eligible for a one-time payment, which will be made directly to their landlord, covering the cost of housing. This amount has been set according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) local area Fair Market Rents (FMRs) for a two-bedroom unit. This payment will help ensure that eligible households can remain housed and avoid displacement due to financial hardship.

You can apply in person at 1200 Spartanburg Hwy, Suite 300, Hendersonville NC 28792 or by Phone at (828) 697-5500.