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## **REALTORS® Announce \$500,000 Relief Grant for Residents of Ruidoso and Surrounding Areas Affected by the South Fork and Salt Wildfires**

SANTA FE, NM – The New Mexico Association of REALTORS® has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the REALTORS® Relief Foundation to be distributed to New Mexicans impacted by wildfires that have destroyed more than 500 residential properties to date.

Funded through donations from REALTORS® and REALTOR® organizations and administered by the New Mexico Association of REALTORS® and the REALTORS® Relief Foundation, the grant will provide eligible applicants up to \$2,500 of assistance per household impacted by the recent fires. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified applicants, who have been displaced from their primary residence, based upon certain qualifications. Applicants are eligible for one of the following:

- Monthly mortgage expense for the primary residence that was damaged by the wildfire disaster; or
- Rental cost due to displacement from the primary residence resulting from the wildfire disaster.
- Hotel reimbursements for displacement due to damages to primary residence

Grant details and access to the online application process are available at: [www.nmrealtor.com/rrf](http://www.nmrealtor.com/rrf). Application requests will be accepted until all funds have been distributed or until August 23rd, 2024. A panel of local professionals will review and verify the applications and supporting documents. Relief checks will be issued as quickly as possible.

“Even before the fires have been contained, our local, state, and national association leaders began developing a plan of action to assist New Mexico residents impacted by the wildfires,” said 2024 NMAR President Coleen Dearing. “With the contributions from the REALTORS® Relief Foundation, we will effectively be able to provide assistance to families impacted by these fires as we all work to find a path forward for our fellow New Mexicans.” Dearing added, “New Mexico REALTORS® are at the heart of our communities and in partnership with the REALTORS® Relief Foundation, we are honored to help individuals and families who have lost their home or have been displaced due to the South Fork and Salt Wildfires.”

### **About the New Mexico Association of REALTORS®**

The New Mexico Association of REALTORS® is the state’s largest real estate trade association representing more than 7,500+ members statewide. The association supports private property rights, equal housing opportunities and is the “Voice of Real Estate” in New Mexico.

### **About the REALTORS® Relief Foundation**

The REALTORS® Relief Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to providing housing-related assistance to victims of disasters. Created as a REALTOR®-driven response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, RRF continues to restore and rebuild communities effected by disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes, earthquakes, and tornadoes thanks to the generosity of individual REALTORS®, REALTOR® Associations, and affiliated organizations. Every dollar donated goes directly to victims of disasters. The National Association of REALTORS® is pleased to cover 100% of administrative expenses. To donate to the RRF visit:<https://www.nar.realtor/about-nar/grants-and-funding/realtors-relief-foundation>.

