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### Michigan Realtors® Poised to Assist Houghton County Flood Victims

Lansing, Michigan (July 31, 2018) - Michigan Realtors®, with assistance from the National Association of Realtors® (NAR) and the Upper Peninsula Association of Realtors® (UPAR), is pleased to announce the receipt of funds that will provide housing relief assistance for qualified applicants of Houghton County, Michigan as a result of devastating floods experienced in the area on June 17, 2018.

The National Weather Service described the damage to homes and infrastructure in the area as “historic”, with Governor Rick Snyder declaring a “state of disaster” shortly after the storm had ended.

In response to the catastrophe, the Realtor Relief Fund, through the Michigan Realtors® has \$50,000 available for individuals and families of the Copper County area to help restore homes and reinstate living conditions caused by the torrential downpours.

Michigan Realtors President Sara Lipnitz takes some comfort in knowing there are structures in place to assist those displaced. “It’s so difficult to get back on your feet after a devastation of this magnitude,” comments Ms. Lipnitz. “The Realtor family will do its part to provide support and resources to those impacted.”

The Michigan Realtors® Relief Fund® is an organization established to provide housing-related assistance to victims of disasters. Michigan Realtors® has actively supported communities in times of need including providing aid during the Flint water crisis (2014-2016) and following the devastation of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico (2017).

Contributions to the [Realtor Relief Fund](#) by private businesses and individuals are welcome.

Relief assistance is limited to a maximum of \$1,000 per applicant per household. The deadline for application submission is September 15, 2018. To apply, visit [www.upar.org](http://www.upar.org) and click on “Relief Assistance Application”.

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