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## KENTUCKY REALTORS® TEAM UP WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® TO ANNOUNCE \$200,000 IN RELIEF FUNDING FOR STORM VICTIMS

The relief funds are for mortgage payments, rental payments and lodging assistance for individuals affected by the damaging weather of May 2024

Lexington, Ky. (May 31, 2024) – In response to the deadly storms throughout Kentucky over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, The National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) Relief Foundation, in collaboration with Kentucky REALTORS®, has announced \$200,000 in relief funds to support individuals and families whose homes were damaged or destroyed.

Over the holiday weekend, five Kentuckians were killed due to storms in Caldwell, Hardin, Hopkins, Jefferson and Mercer counties. Many other residents across the state continue to work through storm damage and widespread power outages. Kentucky REALTORS® and the National Association of REALTORS® are moving swiftly to support those in need following the recent severe weather.

These relief funds are available to assist with mortgage or rental payments and provide lodging assistance for those displaced by the tornadoes. The assistance is limited to one month of housing expenses, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per household. This aid is available to those who experienced home damage due to the State of Emergency declared on May 26, 2024. Eligible residents are encouraged to apply for relief funds by the deadline of July 30, 2024.

Residents impacted are urged to submit their applications for assistance at <u>kyrealtors.com/relief</u>. The application window is currently open and will close on Tuesday, July 30, at 5 p.m. (EST).

"Kentucky REALTORS® are dedicated to helping those impacted by damaging weather conditions throughout the Commonwealth," said Pam Featherstone, President of Kentucky REALTORS®. "As we head into summer, we want to make sure everyone has a safe place to call home."

REALTORS® throughout the state are dedicated to the communities they serve. Since the devastating western Kentucky tornado outbreak in December 2021, the Kentucky REALTORS® Relief Foundation and the national

REALTORS® Relief Foundation have allocated \$1.3 million in relief housing assistance to victims of natural disasters in Kentucky.

Kentucky REALTORS® have responded to many of the state's severe weather incidents since the 2021 tornadoes including the deadly <u>flooding in eastern Kentucky in 2022</u> and flooding in <u>the summer of 2022 in western Kentucky</u>.

For questions about the relief funding or any issues applying, please email <a href="mailto:ktetzlaff@kyrealtors.com">ktetzlaff@kyrealtors.com</a>.

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