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Michigan Realtors® Ready to Assist Mid-Michigan Flood Victims

Lansing, Michigan (June 4, 2020) - Michigan Realtors®, with assistance from the National Association of REALTORS®, is happy to announce a program to provide housing relief assistance for qualified applicants of Arenac, Midland, Saginaw, Gladwin, and Iosco Counties, Michigan. These funds are in response to the unprecedented Mid-Michigan dam breaches on May 19, 2020.

Thousands of Michiganders have been forced out of their homes and have seen their communities dismantled. Michigan Realtors® has worked quickly to provide relief to those who need assistance with their mortgage payment or monthly rent due to displacement from their home as a result of the Mid-Michigan dam breaches. This relief will be good for a one-time payment of up to \$1,000 per household.

In response to the burdens that many are now facing, the Realtor® Relief Fund has \$100,000 available for individuals and families of the respective counties to provide financial relief to those making their mortgage or rent payment. Michigan Realtors® President, Maureen Francis, sympathizes with those who involuntarily face enormous challenges brought on by the floods. "The devastation our Michigan Realtor® members are seeing in their local communities is truly heartbreaking. We wanted to help take some of the worries off of the victims' shoulders and we are proud to be able to provide assistance toward their monthly housing payment."

If you have been directly affected by the failure of these dams, please find the Realtor® Relief Fund Application at <https://mirealtors.com/Relief-Fund> and click on "Realtor® Relief Assistance Application". The deadline to apply is August 1, 2020.

Each applicant will need to provide:

1. Photo Identification that proves your place of residence.
2. Copy of Mortgage Statement or Mortgage Payment Coupon or Rent Statement or Lease Agreement.

One of the following will be required to show proof of damage:

1. Photos of Damage
2. Insurance Estimate
3. Copies of Written Claims, Settlement Proceeds or Claim Status Reports
4. Copies of Repair Estimates from Contractors

The Michigan Realtor® 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 the Flint Water Crisis (2014-2016), victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico (2017), and the Houghton County Floods (2018).

Michigan Realtors® is an integrated advocacy and communications force for the real estate professionals of our State. We are the recognized public policy and legal advocate for private property rights, as well as the acknowledged leading resource for professional development, knowledge exchange, and wide-ranging business services. Our over 34,000+ members understand clearly that the most successful Realtors® in Michigan value the benefits of membership in our association.