

St. Louis REALTORS® Tornado Relief Fact Sheet

REALTORS® Tornado Relief Efforts

When a tornado struck our community in May 2025, St. Louis REALTORS® stepped up to deliver immediate relief and long-term support for recovery. Together with our members, local partners, Missouri REALTORS®, and the National Association of REALTORS® we mobilized resources, volunteers, and funding to help families rebuild their lives.

Direct Assistance for Families

- **\$342,951 in direct housing assistance** was delivered to tornado victims.
 - Thanks to NAR's **REALTOR® Relief Foundation**, 385 applications were approved for a total of **\$322,784**.
 - Average assistance: \$838 per household.
 - Most common use: one month's mortgage or rental reimbursement.
 - This program is now complete.
 - The **Missouri REALTOR® Relief Fund** provided **\$20,167 in matching funds** for REALTOR® members impacted by the tornado.
 - REALTOR® members may still apply for this program.
 - St. Louis REALTORS® also staffed a **grant-funded, part-time storm recovery liaison** to provide one-on-one support to impacted residents navigating the application process.
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Supporting Nonprofits on the Ground

Through the REALTOR® Housing Assistance Fund (RHAF)—the 501(c)(3) arm of St. Louis REALTORS®—we **raised \$72,000 for tornado relief**. Grants were distributed to trusted local organizations—partners already connected with our organization—providing critical services, including:

- 4 The Ville
- Dream Builders 4 Equity
- House Everyone STL

- Invest STL
 - Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
 - Rebuilding Together
 - St. Louis Home Repair Network
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Community Recovery & Legal Resources

- Co-hosted **legal rights workshops** on insurance claims, tenants' rights, and storm-related challenges with law schools, bar associations, and housing advocates.
 - Distributed **legal FAQ flyers** and a **Storm Recovery Checklist** to impacted residents.
 - Helped amplify the **City of St. Louis's recovery resources** to ensure widespread community access.
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Volunteer Mobilization & In-Kind Support

- Coordinated **donation drives and supply distribution** with **National Association of Real Estate Brokers** (NAREB) and the Urban League of **Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc.**
 - Mobilized REALTOR® volunteers and promoted community volunteer sign-ups.
 - Established our office as a **drop-off location** for needed supplies such as hygiene products, cleaning items, snacks, and bottled water.
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Additional Outreach & Support

- Created a **social media toolkit** to help REALTORS® and partners promote relief resources.
 - Engaged local **landlords to provide emergency housing** for displaced residents.
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Our Commitment for the Long Term

Recovery doesn't end when the headlines fade. St. Louis REALTORS® remain committed to supporting residents in repairing their homes, rebuilding their lives, and advocating for a smoother, more effective recovery process for our community.