

Saxapahaw Forward Disaster Relief Grant Application

For Community-Based Organizations/Businesses



The purpose of Saxapahaw Forward is to play a vital role in cultivating, sustaining, and enhancing the unique village identity of Saxapahaw to ensure that the big spirit of our rural community thrives for generations to come.

Saxapahaw Forward works towards multiple interconnected goals:

- **COMMUNITY:** Nurture a resilient and livable rural community that encourages social interaction, cultural expression, and a sense of belonging among community members.
- **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT:** Enhance access to and connections with Saxapahaw's landscape and riverscape, inviting appreciation and interdependent relationships among residents, visitors, and our natural environment.
- **SPACES:** Cultivate spaces and opportunities for meaningful interchanges between community members, businesses, visitors, and all who care for our village.

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Instructions:

Please complete all sections of this application. Your thoughtful responses will help the Disaster Relief Grant Committee determine eligibility and ensure that funds are used for community-serving, charitable purposes in accordance with IRS guidelines.

There will be weekly cycles for grant submissions for as long as needed, based on ongoing donations. The current grant submission deadlines are as follows:

- Friday, July 18 at midnight
- Wednesday, July 23 at midnight
- Wednesday, July 30 at midnight
- More deadlines will be announced as donations are received

Grants received after each deadline will automatically be considered for the following week.

Ask for what you need. The Disaster Relief Grant Committee may not be able to meet all of your needs on any given cycle, but will work to meet your needs as donations continue to come in.

Our goal is to spend 100% of the flood donations to support the community of Saxapahaw.

If you would like to talk to someone about how to frame your proposal, please feel free to reach out to Amy Beth Kessinger at 802-681-8830 or amybethkessinger@gmail.com.

Thank you!

SECTION 1: Applicant Information

Name of Business/Organization: _____

Primary Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

SECTION 2: Type of Applicant

(Check one)

- ☐ For-profit business or informal organization supporting recovery efforts
- ☐ For-profit business or informal organization affected by the disaster
- ☐ Nonprofit organization or mutual aid group

SECTION 3: Grant Details

Requested Amount: \$ _____

Estimated Total Cost of Recovery Activity: \$ _____

SECTION 4: Description of Need

Briefly describe how your organization or business was affected by the flood. (What was lost, damaged, or what services were interrupted?)

What specific recovery-related expenses or activities would this grant support? (Briefly describe how the funds would be used. Note: These monies cannot cover salaries or structural restoration.)

SECTION 5: Community Benefit

How does this funding support a public benefit, consistent with [Saxapahaw Forward's mission](#)? (For example: restoring public access to shared spaces, hosting recovery gatherings, supporting food access, resuming community-serving programs, etc.)

SECTION 6: Agreement & Acknowledgment

The Grantee agrees to:

1. Use the funds **only** for the purposes stated above.
2. **Maintain basic records** of how the funds are spent.
3. Submit a brief **follow-up statement, photos, or receipts** to Saxapahaw Forward within **60 days** of receiving the grant.
4. Return any unspent funds or funds not used for the intended purpose.
5. Not use any portion of the grant for personal profit, private gain, or political activities.

☐ By checking this box, I agree to the grantee responsibilities above.

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Section 7: Follow Up and Next Steps

- Your application will be reviewed by the Disaster Relief Grant Committee. This committee is comprised of:
 - 1 representative from Saxapahaw Forward
 - 1 representative from SAFE
 - 1 business representative,
 - 2 community representatives.
- We will do our best to contact you within 72 hours of each deadline.
- If awarded, you will be asked to fill out a grant agreement. Once we have received this grant agreement, we will be able to write you a check.
- Thank you!