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Missoula Organization of REALTORS® and REALTORS® Relief Foundation Distributing Over \$315,000 to Residents Impacted by July Storm

October 23, 2024 (Missoula, Montana) — The Missoula Organization of REALTORS® (MOR), in partnership with the REALTORS® Relief Foundation (RRF), is distributing more than \$315,000 in disaster relief to over 200 households in the Missoula area affected by the severe storm on July 24th.

The REALTORS® Relief Grant Program, which began accepting applications in August through October 1<sup>st</sup>, was launched to provide financial aid to those Missoula County residents whose primary homes were damaged by the storm. Eligible households could apply for up to \$2,000 to assist with critical housing-related expenses including mortgage payments and temporary housing needs.

"We are incredibly proud to have been able to support more than 200 families during such a challenging time," said Brint Walhberg, MOR Board President. "The devastation caused by the storm was severe, and through the generous backing of the REALTORS® Relief Foundation, we were able to offer much-needed relief to help our community to rebuild and recover," he continued.

Since beginning financial distributions, MOR has received many notes of gratitude from those residents who have received financial aid, including:

- "Thank you so much for the mortgage relief grant. It will really help cover repair costs from the July 24th storm that insurance didn't cover."
- "I feel so blessed and grateful! I can't express how much this means to me. Now I can rest knowing help has come my way—you're the best."
- "Thank you for the financial help. It will be a huge help as we move from our home to make necessary repairs. We appreciate it so much."

The REALTORS® Relief Foundation, founded in 2001, has provided more than \$48 million in aid to disaster victims across the U.S. and its territories. Financial aid is made possible through the generosity of REALTORS®, state and local REALTOR® associations and industry partners from across the country. For more information on the RRF and how to donate, please visit: <a href="https://rrf.realtor/">https://rrf.realtor/</a>.

The Missoula Organization of REALTORS® (MOR) is a trade association, representing over 850 members in four western counties, dedicated to advocating for equal housing opportunities and private property rights. Chartered in 1947, MOR is committed to helping build a better Missoula and surrounding areas by providing superior service to members and the community. missoularealestate.com

The REALTORS® Relief Foundation is a charitable organization focused on providing housing-related assistance to victims of disasters. Since its founding in 2001, the RRF has granted millions of dollars to communities impacted by disasters across the country.

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