



Hurricanes Helene & Milton Disaster Recovery Efforts in North Carolina & Florida

How Can Your DEC Help?

The **North Carolina District Export Council (NCDEC)** has established a **Hurricane Helene & Milton Disaster Recovery Plan** and is joined in this effort by **The Greater Florida District Export Council (GFLDEC)** to directly support communities, businesses, and exporters impacted by the recent tragedies in the North Carolina mountains & coastal areas of Florida, as well as in the Southeastern States caused by Hurricanes Helene & Milton. NCDEC with the support of GFLDEC, has convened a task force to assess the most immediate needs of the businesses & the communities in the North Carolina mountains & coastal areas of Florida, and to identify existing reputable organizations already on site, which DEC's, DEC Members & others can contribute funds and resources in the weeks and months ahead. These contributions will be used to assist businesses and communities in the North Carolina mountains & the coastal areas of Florida as they recover from the devastation of Hurricanes Helene & Milton.

NCDEC & GFLDEC have worked closely with our DEC members who reside in the North Carolina mountains and the coastal areas of Florida to identify existing reputable organizations already on site to which contributions can be made. Contributions will be directed by these organizations in the most efficient manner possible without duplicating existing efforts. The following are organizations the NCDEC & GFLDEC believe are best suited to accept and deploy contributions.

North Carolina Mountains

- **Samaritans Purse:** www.samaritanspurse.org
- **Brookstone Church**, a church with a number of locations:
<https://www.brookstonechurch.org/mtn-impact>
- **Operation Airdrop** www.operation-airdrop.com/hurricane-helene

Florida Coastal Areas

- Florida Disaster Fund - <https://www.volunteerflorida.org/donatefdf/>
- Farm Share - <https://www.farmshare.org/>
- Feeding Tampa Bay - <https://feedingtampabay.org/#>
- Metropolitan Ministries - <https://www.metromin.org/>

Impacted Southeastern States

- United Way: <https://www.unitedway.org/disaster>
- American Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.org/donate/donation.html/>
- Salvation Army: <https://salvationarmyusa.org/>
- Second Harvest Food Bank: <https://www.secondharvestnwc.org>

Resources

- North Carolina Recovery Resources:
<https://edpnc.com/resources/publications/disaster-recovery-resources/>
- Florida Business Emergency Loan (Short-term, Zero-interest) Program:
www.FloridaJobs.org/EBL
- SBA Assistance to affected businesses:
<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance/hurricane-milton>

NCDEC & GFLDEC are two of sixty-one District Export Councils across the country that provide support to local firms and businesses looking to enter international markets. These councils work with the U.S. Department of Commerce and other federal agencies to address their community's needs.

Thank you so much for your concern, understanding and kindness. For more information on the NCDEC & the GFLDEC, please visit <https://www.nc-dec.us> & <https://floridaexports.org>

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