

**Yakima Association of REALTORS® joins non-profit to assist locals impacted by summer wildfires**  
*2020 Wildfire Relief Grant*

**YAKIMA, Wash.— November 17, 2020** — The Yakima Association of REALTORS® is helping the local community with housing costs this holiday season after wildfires ravaged the Naches, Selah, and Cowiche areas. The association received a grant from the REALTORS® Relief Foundation to offer up to \$1,000 for individuals and/or families who have suffered damage, displacement, or complete loss of their home (primary residence) during the summer wildfires. The money will be used towards their mortgage payment or rent.

**“We are very excited to be teaming up with the Realtors® Relief Foundation to give some help to those affected by the wildfires this summer and fall. As we move into this holiday season, we hope that giving back can make a difference for our community,”** said YAR Executive Officer Jennifer Hawks-Conright.

**“It is an honor to give back to our community, to help one another in time of need is what we do as Realtors®. We want to support and help aid with our community members that lost/suffered due to the wildfires,”** said YAR 2020 President Freba Afzali.

### **Application Process**

The Yakima Association of REALTORS® is accepting applications for wildfire relief from now until January 15, 2021. If your living situation was impacted by Yakima Valley wildfires this year, please email [relief@yarmls.com](mailto:relief@yarmls.com). Applicants will be asked to provide proof of residency and proof of damage to primary residence.

### **About the REALTORS® Relief Foundation**

NAR first launched the REALTORS® Relief Foundation (RRF) as the REALTORS® Relief Fund in 2001, within hours of the devastating Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks—raising more than \$8.4 million to provide assistance so that surviving family members could stay in their homes. Since then, more than \$32 million has been raised for victims of disasters, including wildfires, tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes. Today, RRF exists as a 501(c)(3) organization established to provide housing-related assistance to victims of disasters and for other

charitable purposes permitted under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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