

American Red Cross Grant & Extended Recovery Assistance

Intended for survivors of 2024's Hurricanes Milton and Helene who sustain storm damage to their primary residence.

Only one application per household will be accepted if the survivor household initially appears to be eligible for American Red Cross (ARC) screening.

Survivors may reach out via phone to Meridian Healthcare's Crisis Counselors Loretta Burnette (352) 681-9503 OR Brenda Stewart (352) 810-1054 for a fifteen-minute phone screening. Please leave a message and your call will be returned promptly.

Phone screenings will be completed and submitted to the ARC for survivors who make the first step in the eligibility process. Meridian Healthcare screeners do not determine grant eligibility. They serve only as a means to streamline and convey the needs of survivors to the ARC if their responses to preliminary questions fit ARC's criteria.

Meridian Healthcare Crisis Counselors will be available to conduct screenings with survivors at public locations across the county which will be established soon.