

## Blue Ox Chapter Tornado Relief Grant – Frequently Asked Questions

In partnership with the Blue Ox Chapter of Credit Unions and the Michigan Credit Union Foundation (MCUF), Northland Area FCU is accepting donations to benefit the Gaylord Tornado Relief Fund. NAFCU will match all donations up to \$20,000.

100% of the funds raised will go to Blue Ox Chapter Credit Union Members who are residents of Otsego County and sustained severe damages resulting from the tornado and storm of May 20, 2022.

Blue Ox Chapter Credit Union members who have been affected by the Gaylord tornado and storm on May 20<sup>th</sup> may apply for \$500 grants online beginning June 8, 2022 at 12 PM. [Click here](#) for the online application.

### How are the donations collected and distributed?

1. To donate, please call us at 989-739-1401 or stop into any one of our branches to deposit funds into the Blue Ox Chapter Tornado Relief account. Northland Members can call Northland to transfer funds from their Northland account into the relief fund. Or, contributors may mail a donation to Northland Area FCU at 1161 N. Bagley St. Alpena, MI 49707, with attention to Tornado Relief.
2. At the end of the fundraiser, Northland will match the total funds collected up to \$20,000 and donate all of the proceeds, including the matching dollars, along with other Blue Ox credit union Tornado Relief Fundraising Dollars to the Michigan Credit Union Foundation.
3. The MCUF will distribute 100% of the funds (no monies will go to administration costs) to the selected Gaylord Blue Ox CU member residents in need.

### Why is Northland involved in this effort?

Many Northland members have been negatively affected by the tornado. The tornado narrowly missed Northland's Gaylord branch, which only suffered minor damage. The Gaylord Branch Manager and staff personally know of many members and non-members affected by this storm.

### What is the Blue Ox Chapter of Credit Unions?

The Blue Ox Chapter of Credit Unions is a division of the Michigan Credit Union League which serves the Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon counties. More information is available here: <https://blueox.mcul.org/>

### Which are the Blue Ox Chapter Credit Unions:

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union  
Alpena Community Credit Union  
Awakon Federal Credit Union  
Calcite Credit Union  
Community Financial Credit Union  
HPC Credit Union  
North Central Area Credit Union  
Northland Area Federal Credit Union  
Straits Area Federal Credit Union  
Wolverine State Credit Union

### What is the Michigan Credit Union Foundation?

The MCUF Cooperatively empowers credit unions to increase financial well-being by supporting community enrichment, financial education, and credit union development initiatives. The MCUF is a nonprofit foundation (501c3), and donations are tax-deductible when applicable by law. More information is available at <https://www.mcul.org/about-mcuf>.