



# Helping Hands to Members – Disaster Relief

## Our Mission

The Sons of Norway Foundation is dedicated to funding activities that preserve and promote Norwegian heritage, positively affect members, and make Sons of Norway communities a more vibrant place to live.

## Maximum Award

The maximum award is \$5,000.00.

## Eligible Applicants

To qualify you must be a current member of Sons of Norway for at least one year. The property in question must be your primary residence.

## Eligible Awards

The Sons of Norway Foundation Helping Hands to Members – Disaster Relief Grants are offered for up to \$5,000 to provide assistance to current Sons of Norway members whose homes are significantly damaged and are deemed unlivable for a period of time due to a natural disaster. Such disasters include floods, wild fires, hurricanes, tornados and other catastrophes.

## Timeline

Applications are considered on a rolling basis. Applications must be received within 24 months of damage occurring.

## Applications

All applications must be written in English and be submitted online at our website, [www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation/grants](http://www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation/grants).

Please provide photo(s) and a brief statement to confirm the damage to your home. You may be visited by a representative of Sons of Norway to assess your needs. Applicants that are displaced must provide a temporary address, e-mail address and current telephone number so we may reach you.

## Award Selection

The Foundation will make final decisions based on assessments of loss and the level of financial support available from the Humanitarian Fund of the Sons of Norway Foundation. In a large disaster, the Foundation may appoint one person in the affected area to coordinate information.

## Grant Timeline

Grant decision are made by a review committee on a rolling basis. The review committee may request additional information or documentation from applicants as needed. Award decisions are expected no less than 16 weeks following a received application.



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## Award Notification and Payment

Notification of a grant award will come via e-mail to the individual who applied for the grant.

Payment for the grant will be mailed to applicant via the address provided. It is greatly appreciated if you notify the Foundation when you receive the payment.

## Recipient Requirements

The Sons of Norway Foundation requires that a simple report be completed so we may gather information regarding the effectiveness of our grant program. To find this report, log back into your account and it will appear as a “follow-up” assignment. You must log back into your account to complete the report within one year of receiving the grant.

## Questions

Questions may be directed to the Foundation at [grants@sofn.com](mailto:grants@sofn.com).

Note: Members of the Foundation Board of Governors and the Sons of Norway International Board are ineligible, as well as their immediate families as defined by either organization. The same holds true for Sons of Norway employees, as well as the members of the Disaster Relief and Medical Relief Committees.

**Thank you for your interest in applying for a Sons of Norway Foundation grant.**