



St. Louis Tornado Emergency

Direct Cash Assistance Initiative

Supporting North St. Louis Families
Displaced by the May 2025 Tornado

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Were you impacted by the May 16 tornado? Did you receive a “red sticker” or “yellow sticker” on your house by the City of St. Louis signifying that your home had severe or moderate structural damage? You may qualify for \$3,000 in cash assistance.

What Is It?

The Northside Resilience Fund Direct Cash Assistance Initiative is providing \$3,000 in direct cash assistance to North St. Louis City households displaced or at risk for displacement due to the May 2025 tornado.

This money will be provided to at least 1,300 Northside households – renters and homeowners – to use for immediate and emerging needs.

**APPLY HERE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:
[INVESTSTL.ORG/NRF-
APPLY](https://investstl.org/nrf-apply)**



Who Can Apply?

You may be eligible if:

- You live in one of the North St. Louis City neighborhoods most impacted:

Academy, College Hill, Fairground, Fountain Park, Greater Ville, Hamilton Heights, JeffVanderLou, Kingsway East, Kingsway West, Lewis Place, Mark Twain, North Riverfront, O’Fallon, Penrose, The Ville, Vandeventer, Visitation Park, Wells-Goodfellow, and West End.

- Your home was given a “red sticker” or “yellow sticker*” by the City of St. Louis Building Division, meaning it has severe or moderate structural damage,
- You are a renter or homeowner who lived in that home at the time of the tornado.

*** Please note, addresses with a “yellow sticker” will undergo further review to assess documented damage and need. Having a “yellow sticker” does not guarantee approval.**

We encourage you to apply if you live in one of the neighborhoods above and experienced structural damage to your home, even if your home did not receive a damage assessment sticker from the City of St. Louis.

Application Process

1 Apply online at [INVESTSTL.ORG/NRF-APPLY](https://investstl.org/nrf-apply)

Applicants need to upload a valid photo ID and proof of residency from April, May, or June 2025. If you need support, please call our helpline at 314-384-1145.

2 Wait for your application to be reviewed

It might take our team up to 7 business days to review applications. After completing your application, you will receive 1) instant email confirmation that your application was submitted and 2) an email or text within 7 business days if it was approved or denied.

3 If your application is approved, we will set up a time and location for you to pick up your gift card

It may take up to 48 hours (2 days) for the \$3,000 to be accessible on your gift card. After that time, you can withdraw cash and use the gift card like a debit card.

THE LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR FUNDS IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 30, 2025, OR SOONER IN FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED.

What Can You Use the Money For?

This emergency funding is meant to give you and your family the flexibility to cover urgent and emergent needs and begin your recovery — on your terms! The funding is flexible. You can use the \$3,000 for urgent needs related to your recovery, including:

- Rent or security deposits
- Temporary housing or hotel stays
- Repairs or cleanup
- Utility reconnection
- Storage costs
- Food and clothing
- Medical bills
- Insurance deductibles
- Moving costs

...and more!

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Please note, the last day to apply for funds is Tuesday, September 30, 2025, or sooner if funds are exhausted.

Focus Areas

We're focused on North St. Louis City neighborhoods because the Northside was hit especially hard by this tornado and therefore needs to be prioritized in the tornado recovery, rebuilding, and restoration process.



What Do You Need To Apply?

The application process is simple. You'll need to upload:

1. A photo ID

Acceptable forms of ID: State ID, Driver's License, Student ID, Matricula, and Passport

2. Proof you lived at the damaged address

Acceptable forms: A copy or photo of a document from April, May, or June 2025 that contains your name and the address you were living in at the time of the tornado.

We will accept any of the following (you only need to upload one): Gas, electric, internet, or cellphone bill; Social security statement; Statement from public benefits (SNAP, TANF, unemployment); Paycheck stub; Bank statement

Questions?

REACH OUT TO US:

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(314) 384-1145

Phone hours: Monday–Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM