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Community Development Receives \$150,000 For Disaster Relief

FAYETTEVILLE — Cumberland County Community Development received a \$150,000 check today from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency to assist with disaster recovery efforts in the area.

The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners accepted the check, presented by N.C. Rep. John Szoka, from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency to Community Development during a ceremony in the courthouse. The money will assist with the rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew and Tropical Storms Hermine and Julia.

In December, the General Assembly appropriated \$20 million to the Housing Trust Fund as part of the Disaster Recovery Act of 2016. Organizations that receive an initial allocation of \$150,000 are eligible to apply for more funding once the original funds are exhausted.

The \$150,000 allocated for Cumberland County Community Development will be used toward the rehabilitation of at least three homes in the County. Homeowners receive the assistance as an interest-free, forgivable loan up to a maximum of \$40,000, depending on the scope of work necessary and approved.

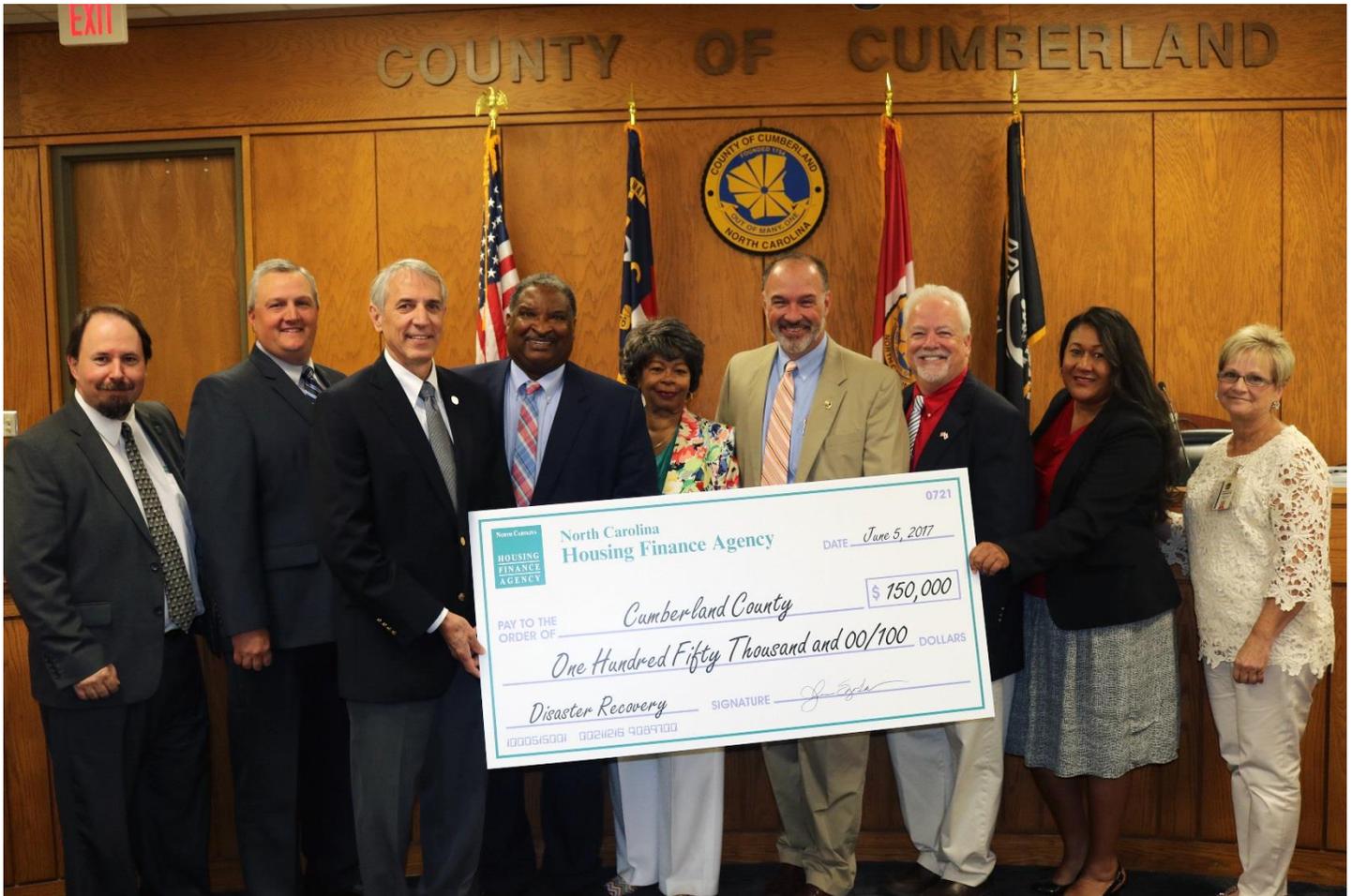
Also receiving \$150,000 each during the ceremony were Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity, the City of Fayetteville and the NC Conference United Methodist Church.

Homeowners who would like to apply for assistance must meet the following Household Eligibility Requirements:

- House must be owner-occupied and located in Cumberland County, outside Fayetteville city limits.
- Gross annual household income must not exceed 100 percent of the Area Median Income for Cumberland County. Median income ranges from \$36,600 for a single-person household up to \$69,000 for a household of eight.
- House must have received at least \$5,000 in damage from Hurricane Matthew. Houses that cannot be rehabilitated to meet local minimum housing standards or the essential rehabilitation standard with limited funding will not qualify.
- Cost of rehabilitation cannot exceed the disaster recovery program fund limit of \$40,000.
- The homeowner cannot have been approved to receive a loan from the Small Business Administration to repair damages to their home due to Hurricane Matthew.

Homeowners may apply at Cumberland County Community Development at 707 Executive Place in Fayetteville. For more information, call 910-323-6112 or go to www.co.cumberland.nc.us/community_dev.aspx.

Please note that if you are not in an area served by Cumberland County Community Development and sustained home damage from Hurricane Matthew or Tropical Storms Hermine or Julia, you can find a local provider at <http://www.nchfa.com/homeownership-partners/community-partners/current-community-partners>.



The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners accept a check from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency for the County's Community Development department June 5 in the Courthouse. Pictured from left, are N.C. Housing Finance Agency Housing Rehabilitation Manager Michael Handley, Executive Director Scott Farmer, N.C. Rep. John Szoka, Commissioners Glenn Adams (Chairman), Jeannette Council, Jimmy Keefe and Michael Boose, Community Development Services Manager Dee Taylor and Community Development Senior Loan Analyst Mary Alice Underwood.

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