ReCoverCA & Community Partners

Outreach to Homeowners Impacted by 2017 and 2018 Disasters

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ReCoverCA and Community Partners: How You Can Help

Are homeowners in your community still recovering from 2017 or 2018 disasters?

You and your organization can help the California Department of Housing and Community Development’s (HCD) ReCoverCA program provide some much-needed assistance to the households that need it most.

ReCoverCA is offering federal grants to homeowners with outstanding repairs or reconstruction stemming from eligible 2017 and 2018 disasters. Affected homeowners may be eligible for grants of up to $500,000 depending on their unique unmet housing needs.

Low- and moderate-income households and those with the most severe damage will be prioritized for funds.

Community-based organizations and agencies such as yours can be vital partners in connecting households in need to ReCoverCA. With your assistance, we can reach the households still in need of home repairs or reconstruction.

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THE OWNER-OCCUPIED REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (OOR PROGRAM) PROVIDES GRANTS TO HOMEOWNERS IMPACTED BY ELIGIBLE 2017 AND 2018 DISASTERS.

FUNDS CAN BE USED TO REPAIR, RECONSTRUCT, OR CLEAR REMAINING DAMAGE TO HOMES.

Interested homeowners must complete the survey at recover.hcd.ca.gov
ReCoverCA Overview

**Background**

The federal government is providing funds for recovery from the California disasters took place in 2017 and 2018.

The Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program (OOR) is designed to address homeowners’ unmet rehabilitation and reconstruction needs within federally declared disaster areas.

**OOR Program Details**

Grants of up to $500,000 are available to cover unmet needs remaining if insurance, SBA loans, FEMA, legal settlement, and other resources do not fully cover the cost of rebuilding a home.

**Eligible Disasters Include:**

- **October 2017 wildfires:** Atlas, Canyon II, Cascade, LaPorte, Lobo, McCourtney, Nun, Patrick, Pocket, Redwood Valley, Sulphur, and Tubbs Fires.

- **December 2017 wildfires, mudflows, and debris flows:** Creek, Liberty, Lilac, Little Mountain, Skirball, Rye, and Thomas Fires.

- **July through September 2018 wildfires and high winds:** Carr and Mendocino Complex Fires.

- **November 2018 wildfires:** Camp, Hill, and Woolsey Fires.
ReCoverCA Overview

Who Is Eligible?

Eligible participants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or a qualified alien.
- Have legally owned and occupied a single-family dwelling or mobile home in an affected county as their primary residence during the disasters.
- Have sustained damages directly linked to one of the eligible disasters.
- Have standard grade repairs still outstanding.
- Be current on property taxes or have an approved payment plan or tax exemption.

Eligible households are prioritized into tiers based on income, location, and severity of damage. Funds are prioritized for low- to moderate-income households. Income classification is based on federal definitions.

How Do Households Apply?

1. Interested households should fill out an online survey at recover.hcd.ca.gov.
2. Case managers will review surveys and prioritize households by income, location, and severity of damage into eight tiers.
3. The application will open in phases, starting with Tier 1 and followed by subsequent tiers until the funding is expended.

ELIGIBILITY:
Owner-occupied single-family or mobile homes with outstanding repairs from 2017 and 2018 disasters are eligible.

Applicants are prioritized based on income, geographic location, and severity of remaining damage.

Case managers will work with eligible applicants beginning in early 2021.

Eligible uses of grants:
- Reconstruction
- Rehabilitation

Grants cannot be used for:
- Mortgage or loan payoffs
- Accessory dwelling units
- Rental units
- Second homes
- Compensation payments
Timeline

Outreach to identify eligible households is ongoing beginning in fall 2020. The survey at recover.hcd.ca.gov is open and can be completed any time. The application will open and case managers will begin intake in early 2021.

What Are the Steps for Homeowners?

01 STEP
Complete survey at recover.hcd.ca.gov

02 STEP
Surveys are sorted into priority tiers

03 STEP
Homeowners are invited to complete an application based on their priority tier

04 STEP
Eligibility is determined

05 STEP
Damage is assessed and environmental review performed

06 STEP
Scope of work is approved and work begins
How You Can Help

You and your colleagues and partner organizations around the state are critically important to reaching the households who need these ReCoverCA grants the most. HCD and ReCoverCA need your partnership to make sure we find every eligible household we can.

The ReCoverCA OOR Outreach Toolkit contains flyers, posters, digital ads, sample social media posts, and more (in English and Spanish, with other languages upon request). Hard copies of materials are also available upon request. You can:

Share Outreach Materials

- Prominently display the flyer and poster in your offices, lobby, or other areas where people interact
- Share a digital copy of the flyer with your mailing lists and feature the survey link in any regular newsletters.
- Provide hard copies of the flyer in your lobby area or other areas where your organization shares resources and information.
- Place a digital ad for the ReCoverCA survey on your website.
- Prominently feature ReCoverCA information and the survey link on your social media and ask others to share it.
- Provide paper versions of the survey onsite at your organization’s front desk or intake area.

Host Information Sessions

- Host a town hall meeting with ReCoverCA staff to share information with community members and potential applicants (pending COVID-19 safety).
- Host a virtual town hall meeting to share information with community members.
- Host a case manager for a few hours a month—if you have meeting space available, a ReCoverCA case manager can hold office hours to help applicants in person (pending COVID-19 safety).
- Refer homeowners directly—if you or your colleagues are aware of potentially eligible households, please share ReCoverCA outreach materials and refer them to the ReCoverCA Disaster Housing Assistance Survey (recover.hcd.ca.gov) or our case managers by calling (916) 263-6461.

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HCD and ReCoverCA are grateful for your support and partnership.

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