

ReCoverCA Housing Programs & Community Partners

Outreach to
Homeowners Impacted
by 2020 Disasters

**Butte County, Fresno County, Los Angeles County,
Napa County, Santa Cruz County, Shasta County,
Siskiyou County, Solano County, Sonoma County**



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ReCoverCA Housing Programs and Community Partners: How You Can Help

Are homeowners in your community still recovering from 2020 disasters?

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

ReCoverCA Housing Programs offer federal grants to homeowners with outstanding repairs or reconstruction stemming from eligible 2020 disasters as well as wildfire mitigation retrofits for homes located within those eligible counties whether or not they were damaged in a 2020 disaster. Affected homeowners may be eligible for grants of up to \$500,000 for repairs or reconstruction depending on their unique unmet housing needs and \$50,000 for wildfire mitigation retrofits.

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 Housing Programs. With your assistance, we can reach the households still in need of home repairs, reconstruction, or retrofits.



THE RECOVERCA HOUSING PROGRAMS PROVIDE GRANTS TO HOMEOWNERS IMPACTED BY ELIGIBLE 2020 DISASTERS AS WELL AS WILDFIRE MITIGATION RETROFITS TO HOMEOWNERS LIVING IN ELIGIBLE COUNTIES.

FUNDS CAN BE USED TO REPAIR OR RECONSTRUCT DAMAGED HOMES AND PROVIDE WILDFIRE MITIGATION RETROFITS.

Interested homeowners must complete the application at hcd.ca.gov/recoverca

ReCoverCA Housing Programs Overview

► Background

The federal government is providing funds for recovery from the California disasters that took place in 2020.

ReCoverCA Housing Programs - Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Reconstruction is designed to address homeowners' unmet rehabilitation and reconstruction needs within federally declared disaster areas.

ReCoverCA Housing Programs - Owner-Occupied Wildfire Mitigation Retrofits is designed to address wildfire mitigation needs on eligible properties.

► 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.

Grants of up to \$50,000 are available to bring a home up to code with Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) standards event if the home was not damaged in one of the eligible disasters.

► Eligible Disasters Include:

FEMA DR 4558 - 2020 Wildfires: CZU Lightning Complex, the August Complex, and the LNU Lightning Complex Fires impacting Butte, Napa, Santa Cruz, Solano, and Sonoma counties.

FEMA DR 4569 - 2020 Wildfires: Fresno, Los Angeles, Napa, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Sonoma Fires.



ReCoverCA Housing Programs 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 eligible county as their primary residence during the disasters.
- For ReCoverCA Housing Programs - Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Reconstruction have sustained damages directly linked to one of the eligible disasters and have standard grade repairs still outstanding.
- For ReCoverCA Housing Programs - Owner-Occupied Wildfire Mitigation Retrofits have wildfire mitigation retrofit needs on the property.
- Be current on property taxes or have an approved payment plan or tax exemption.

Eligible households are prioritized into tiers based on income 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 application at hcd.ca.gov/recoverca
2. Case Managers will review applications and prioritize households by income, location, and severity of damage into tiers.
3. The Case Managers will work with applicants to complete needed paperwork and other steps.

ELIGIBILITY:

Owner-occupied single-family dwellings, mobile homes, or MHUs with outstanding repairs from 2020 disasters are eligible.

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

Eligible uses of grants:

- Reconstruction
- Rehabilitation
- Wildfire mitigation retrofits



Grants cannot be used for:

- Mortgage or loan payoffs
- Accessory dwelling units
- Rental units
- Second homes
- Compensation payments

Timeline

The Program process may take up to 12 months once eligibility is determined.

What Are the Steps for Homeowners?



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How You Can Help

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

The **ReCoverCA Housing Programs Outreach Toolkit** contains flyers, posters, 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 application 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 Housing Programs application on your website.
- Prominently feature ReCoverCA Housing Programs information and the application link on your social media and ask others to share it.
- Provide paper versions of the application onsite at your organization's front desk or intake area.

Host Information Sessions



- Host a virtual or in-person town hall meeting with ReCoverCA Housing Programs staff to share information with community members and potential applicants.
- 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 Housing Programs Case Manager can hold office hours to help applicants in person.
- Refer homeowners directly—if you or your colleagues are aware of potentially eligible households, please share ReCoverCA Housing Programs outreach materials and refer them to the ReCoverCA Disaster Housing Assistance Application (hcd.ca.gov/recoverca) or our Case Managers by calling **(916) 202-1764**.



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HCD and ReCoverCA Housing Programs are grateful for your support and partnership.



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Visit hcd.ca.gov/recoverca and sign up for updates.

Assistance is available for individuals with disabilities, including access and functional needs.

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