California Department of Housing and Community Development ReCoverCA Monthly Newsletter – August 2024

Thank You, Santa Cruz County Residents and Community Partners!

The ReCoverCA Outreach and Case Management Teams are grateful to the Santa Cruz County residents and community partners who helped make our application intake event a big success! The event was hosted at the Housing and Habitat Resource Fair in Boulder Creek, which provided the community with information regarding disaster preparedness, affordable housing, hazard mitigation, and recovery from fire and flood loss.



During the event, ReCoverCA staff assisted more than 30 interested homeowners with questions related to the programs, helped 12 with submitting their applications, and scanned and recorded eligibility documentation. Applicants completed ReCoverCA applications to the Owner-Occupied Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Program as well as the Owner-Occupied Wildfire Mitigation Retrofits Program. Many Resource Fair attendees also stopped by to get program guestions

answered and took program flyers to share with their neighbors and community.

Keep an eye out in upcoming newsletters and Facebook notifications for ReCoverCA outreach and application intake events in your community!

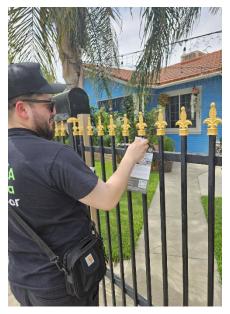
Full information for both the 2020 and 2021 ReCoverCA Housing Programs, including eligibility, policies and procedures, fact sheets, and application instructions, can be found on the <u>ReCoverCA website</u>. Eligible counties are Butte, Fresno, Los Angeles, Napa, Plumas, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, and Sonoma.

Sign up for the ReCoverCA monthly newsletter at <u>www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/recoverca/email-signup</u> and follow the Program on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/ReCoverCA</u> to receive the latest updates. If you have questions about the Program, please contact us at <u>ReCoverCA@hcd.ca.gov</u> or (916) 202-1764.

July Outreach Across the State

The outreach team continued their canvassing efforts in the summer sun across Fresno, Solano, Plumas, and Los Angeles Counties in July, distributing 400 door hangers and engaging with 52 residents interested in Program details. The team also attended two events in Solano and Santa Cruz Counties, where they also engaged with interested attendees and handed out flyers. In total, outreach efforts in July resulted in distributing more than 500 door hangers and flyers in areas impacted by 2020 and 2021 disasters.

In partnership with the Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG) of Santa Cruz County, we had the opportunity to host a pop-up booth at the screening of the movie Elemental: Reimagine Wildfire. This documentary explores wildfire impacts through interviews with fire experts and survivors. Attendees were able to interact



with a variety of wildfire resource agencies and nonprofits before and after the movie. The event was an excellent fit for our program, generating strong interest in our Owner-Occupied Wildfire Mitigation Retrofits Program. This event strengthened our partnership with the LRTG, a coalition of nonprofit, faith-based, local, state, and national organizations that work together to assist people as they recover from disasters.



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