

## California Department of Housing and Community Development

*ReCoverCA Monthly Newsletter – August 2023*

### ReCoverCA Staff Table at Paradise Party in the Park

On Wednesday, July 19 and Wednesday, August 2, staff from ReCoverCA attended the summertime Party in the Park event held at Paradise Community Park in Paradise, California. Staff shared program information with members of the community, including overview information, eligibility, and opportunities to learn more. The team was happy to be tabling alongside the Camp Fire Collaborative and the many other community organizations serving the Town of Paradise and disaster survivors.

“It was powerful to talk with [survivors],” one staffer said. “Their stories reminded me that there are still people out there that could use our help. People were curious and wanted to know more about ReCoverCA. It felt good to share in a public setting.”



ReCoverCA’s Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program (OOR) can help low- to moderate-income homeowners with remaining repair and reconstruction needs resulting from eligible 2017, 2018, and 2020 disasters. For full program information about ReCoverCA, please visit <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/recoverca>. Homeowners can also email [ReCoverCA@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:ReCoverCA@hcd.ca.gov) or call (916) 202-1764.

### Schedule an Outreach Event!

Staff are available to schedule a ReCoverCA outreach event in your community. If you would like to help us spread the word about OOR and disaster assistance, ReCoverCA staff are able to provide community partners with information and materials, both print and digital. We are also available to host program overview presentations and question and answer sessions with homeowners interested in OOR funding.

If you work with a city or county agency, non-profit, or other community organization and are interested in requesting or hosting a virtual or in-person event, please contact us at [ReCoverCA@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:ReCoverCA@hcd.ca.gov) or call (916) 202-1764.

## Reminder: Expanded OOR Eligibility

OOR applications are now open to eligible homeowners making up to 120% of Area Median Income (AMI). OOR and ReCoverCA are funded by HUD and require the program to prioritize lower-income households. Previously, applications were only open to households making up to 80% AMI. HCD hopes this change will allow more people in need to access rehabilitation and reconstruction funds.

Note that AMI can vary widely from one community to another. You can find full information about your area's AMI on the [HUD website](#). For questions about how this change may affect your individual eligibility situation, please [reach out to a Case Manager](#)

## More Homeowners Moving in to ReCoverCA Houses

In July, two more homeowners displaced by the 2018 Camp Fire were able to move into their newly rebuilt homes with the help of ReCoverCA. More and more survivors are able to come home to modern, efficient, and beautiful houses. Key turnovers are happening every month! Follow the newsletter for more good news stories.

## ReCoverCA 2020 Coming Soon!

ReCoverCA OOR will soon launch for those affected by FEMA-declared disasters in 2020. Homeowners who lost their home in a 2020 disaster or have mitigation or home hardening needs on their property may be eligible for up to \$500,000 to help rebuild, depending on unique housing needs.

Eligible 2020 disasters are FEMA DR-4558 (August 14-September 26, 2020) and FEMA DR-4569 (September 4-November 17, 2020) in Butte, Fresno, Los Angeles, Napa, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, and Sonoma counties.

More information about ReCoverCA 2020, including how to apply and full eligibility details, will be available in the coming months. In the meantime, please:

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