

California Department of Housing and Community Development

ReCoverCA Monthly Newsletter – March 2024

Exciting New Moves-Ins!

The Program sees a new homeowner move back into their home! Daniel* said he “feels like it’s a dream,” as he saw the inside of his new home for the first time.



Since moving to the community in 2007 from the Bay Area, he could not imagine living anywhere else. Prior to the fire, his home was built in 1935 and with that came an abundance of history that included the cabin-like feel of the home. Daniel joked that he and his daughter felt like they were always camping, with the aesthetics of their home and the large, shaded trees that surrounded it. The property has changed since losing the trees but has brought a gorgeous new view of the mountainside that he said he enjoys and didn’t know was part of the view from his home!

He also noted the features of his new home that he appreciates, including the ADA compliant shower and spacious two-car garage in which he gets to tinker with his motorcycles.

When Daniel was told by friends about the ReCoverCA Housing Programs he felt like he had won the lottery. For him, the Program seemed like it was “too good to be true” and did not think he was going to be able to get help with all the families and friends he knew also needed it. As he progressed through each stage of the Program process, Daniel felt like he could start believing that “[the rebuild] was really happening.” He said he hopes that homeowners will take advantage of the Program.

*The name of the homeowner has been changed to protect his identity.

ReCoverCA 2020 Program Outreach Activities

Since Fall 2023, the ReCoverCA outreach team has engaged in a comprehensive schedule of outreach and engagement initiatives, which is planned through spring and summer 2024. From in-person events to virtual presentations, the team successfully shared information and collateral materials to a diverse audience of survivors and homeowners. Survivors often shared their moving stories with the ReCoverCA team.

In January alone, the team conducted an application intake event in Butte County as well as five pop-up



events, engaging with more than 280 individuals, in the fire-affected counties of Napa, Shasta, Butte, and Fresno. In early February, the team participated in four pop-up events, delivered three presentations, and conducted another application intake event in the Karuk Tribal community of Happy Camp.

During a noteworthy pop-up event in Berry Creek (Butte County), the ReCoverCA team successfully reached 55 individuals who either personally experienced the impact of a disaster or had a close connection to someone affected. One survivor proudly told us she was the first applicant for the 2020 Program from Berry Creek and is now in the ReCoverCA grant pipeline, awaiting site inspection.

During an in-person presentation event in Happy Camp, we saw an impressive turnout of 30 community members, the majority having been impacted by the Slater Fire in Siskiyou County. Numerous questions were addressed, and 10 individuals signed up for appointments to receive application assistance the following day.

Reminder: 2021 Programs have Launched!

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has launched its 2021 ReCoverCA Housing Programs for residents of Plumas County!

Homeowners impacted by the 2021 Dixie Fire – including owner-occupants and landlords willing to rent their properties as affordable, single-family homes – may be eligible for the Single-Family Reconstruction (SFR) or Single-Family Mitigation Retrofits (SFM) Programs.

The Single-Family Reconstruction (SFR) Program offers eligible homeowners and landlords who lost homes in the Dixie Fire up to \$500,000 to help rebuild damaged or destroyed homes.

The Single-Family Mitigation Retrofits (SFM) Program provides funds for defensible space and home hardening needs on homeowners' properties. Eligible homeowners can apply for up to \$50,000 for mitigation activities that bring a property into compliance with the California Wildland Urban Interface Code.

2021 applications are now live on the [ReCoverCA website](#), along with full Program details, eligibility, policies and procedures, fact sheets, and application instructions.

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



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