

**Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI)  
2008 California Wildfires  
FEMA 3287-EM / FEMA 1810-DR**



**Department of Housing and  
Community Development**



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## Eligible 2008 DRI Program Entities

### **FEMA-3287-EM**

- Butte County
- Kern County
- Mariposa County
- Mendocino County
- Monterey County
- Plumas County
- Santa Clara County
- Santa Cruz County
- Shasta County
- Trinity County

- Hoopa Valley Native American Indian Tribe
- Yurok Native American Indian Tribe of the Yurok Reservation

### **FEMA-1810-DR**

- Los Angeles County
- Orange County
- Riverside County
- Santa Barbara County

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## 2008 DRI State Allocation

### State of California 2008 DRI Allocation



**\$39,531,784**



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## General 2008 DRI Allocation Budget

### **Activity #1 - \$18 Million:**

Housing / Infrastructure / Economic Recovery and Revitalization

### **Activity #2 - \$15 Million:**

The development of forward-thinking strategies including:

All Jurisdictions in Eligible Counties may apply for:

- Land Use Planning such as Safety Elements of General Plans and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMP)

Only Jurisdictions engaging in and applying for Activity #1 Funds:

- Disaster-resistant building codes
- Buyouts of properties in critical fire hazard areas
- Individual Mitigation Measures (IMM)
- Other smart strategies incorporated into recovery activities

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## General 2008 DRI Allocation Budget

### **Activity 3 - \$4.5 Million:**

Affordable Rental Housing Activities

**General Admin. Costs – Approx. \$2 Million**

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## Program Objectives

### **Serious Need**

The State has identified several specific activities which are believed to be the highest needs based on the Action Plan:

- **Housing Rehabilitation, Reconstruction or Replacement**  
(Owner/Renter Occupied, Single/Multi-Unit Properties)
- **Infrastructure Repair and Public Improvements**  
(Roads, Bridges, Curbs, Gutters, Sidewalks, Water/Sewer, Utilities, etc)
- **Public Facilities and Public Services**
- **Forward-Thinking Planning and Mitigation Activities**

Note: Applications must describe why the proposed activities rank as the Community's highest development needs arising from the 2008 disaster.

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## Examples of 2008 DRI Eligible Activities

### **Housing**

- Rehabilitation, Reconstruction or Replacement
  - Owner and Renter Occupied, Single and Multi-Unit Properties
  - Affordable Rental Housing Projects
  - Individual Mitigation Measures (IMM) to improve residential properties protection, such as installation of fire resistant roofing material, fire resistant dual pane windows, roof vent screens to prevent cinders from entering into attic areas, etc (must be part of rehabilitation activities)
- New construction activities for replacing housing units damaged or destroyed as a direct result of the declared disaster

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## Examples of 2008 DRI Eligible Activities

### **Housing (continued)**

- Acquisition of real property (including buying-out properties in critical fire hazard areas and acquisition of relocation property)
- Homeownership Assistance to facilitate homeownership among low-and moderate income persons affected by the declared disaster (down payment assistance, interest rate subsidies, loan guarantees)
- Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources, incorporated into recovery efforts

NOTE: Housing projects and programs must also be eligible under CDBG guidelines.



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## Examples of 2008 DRI Eligible Activities

### **Public Improvements and Infrastructure**

- Roads, bridges, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, water/sewer, utilities, etc.
- Infrastructure in-support-of new housing - streets, drainage, etc.
- Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources, incorporated into recovery efforts

NOTE: Infrastructure projects must be eligible under CDBG guidelines

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## Examples of 2008 DRI Eligible Activities

### **Public Facilities**

- Community Buildings, Parks, Senior Center, etc.
- Acquisition, construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation activities
- Transitional housing and emergency shelters

### **Public Services**

- Includes food banks, child care, health care, job training, nutrition services, operations costs for emergency shelter and transitional housing

### **Code Enforcement**

- Code enforcement in areas affected by disaster to ensure use and compliance of forward-thinking hazard mitigation planning activities

NOTE: Public services and facility activities must be eligible under CDBG guidelines.

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## Examples of 2008 DRI Eligible Activities

### Planning Activities

- Smaller maximum grant amounts available for “**planning only**” such as:
  - Creation / Update of Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMP)
  - Creation / Update of Safety Elements and other Forward-Thinking Land Use strategies
  - Maximum grant amounts are currently under consideration

### AND...

- 2008 disaster-related eligible recovery activities previously completed (or underway) that did NOT involve use of Federal funds may be eligible

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## Duplication of Benefits (DOB)

DRI funds may not be used for activities reimbursable by, or for which funds were made available by:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or
- Small Business Administration (SBA)

Further, none of the funds may be used as the required match, share, or contribution for another Federal Program.

However, DRI funding may be available if applicant applied for funding but was denied.

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## Duplication of Benefits (DOB)

- All applicants must provide documentation that no other funding source is, or was available for the eligible activities
- DRI is the “funding source of last resort.” Verification that all other sources have been depleted (or unavailable provided application was made) prior to completion of the eligible activity
- Applications with Individual Assistance activities must include a qualification process which includes income documentation as well as certification that no other funds were used to pay for the DRI-funded activity

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## Grant Management Experience and Capacity

- Jurisdictions applying for 2008 DRI Grants must demonstrate that they have sufficient CDBG Grant Management experience and capacity (resources/staff)
- 2008 DRI contracts will contain expenditure milestones with quarterly and annual reporting requirements
- 2008 DRI contracts will be subject to on-site monitoring by State CDBG Program staff

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## Federal Overlay Requirements

### NATIONAL OBJECTIVE

#### Benefit Low/Mod Income (LMI) persons or households

Current Low and Moderate-Income Limits available on HCD website.

- ✓ Area Benefit (LMA)
- ✓ Limited Clientele (LMC)
- ✓ Housing (LMH)
- ✓ LMI Jobs

**Slum and Blight** - Not commonly used.

**Urgent Need** - Not commonly used, difficult to qualify. Contact CDBG if included in application.

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## Low and Moderate Income National Objective

### Targeted Income Group (TIG) Benefit

- Targeted Income Group means Low/Moderate Income persons
- For CDBG and DRI Programs, TIG is defined as 80 percent and below of the area median income (AMI), adjusted by family size
- To meet the Low/Mod Income National Objective, activities must have a minimum of 51 percent TIG benefit
- At least 50 percent of DRI grants must fund activities meeting the Low/Mod Income National Objective
- Failure to adequately document the level of TIG benefit will result in denial of funds



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## Federal Overlay Requirements

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- At least one public hearing during the planning phase of the application submittal
- At least one public hearing to **approve** submittal of the application
- Written comments received during the public hearing process included with the application

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## Federal Overlay Requirements

2008 DRI activities must adhere to all applicable Federal and State CDBG Program guidelines and requirements as specified in the State CDBG Grant Management Manual

- ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (NEPA) – Chapter 3
- PROCUREMENT – Chapter 5
- RELOCATION – Chapter 6
- LABOR STANDARDS – Davis Bacon Prevailing Wage requirements

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## Proposed 2008 DRI Program Timelines

### Anticipated Key Dates:

- NOFA / Application Release:  
May 3, 2010
- Application Workshops:  
Week of May 10, 17 and 24 (Tentative)
- Application Submission:  
(Starting) July 6, 2010 (Over the Counter)
- Awards:  
July / August 2010

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## **QUESTIONS**

Roundtable Discussion