



Housing Priority for Wildfire Survivors in Los Angeles County

If you were displaced by the 2025 wildfires in Los Angeles County, you may qualify for priority placement in affordable housing.

The State of California has created a temporary waitlist prioritization policy to help wildfire survivors who lost their homes and are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. This policy applies to all California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) funded affordable rental properties located in Los Angeles County.

This prioritization is available through July 1, 2027.

What This Means for You

If you qualify, you will be placed at the **top of the waitlist** for available units in HCD-funded affordable housing properties in Los Angeles County.

You may apply **even if a property's waitlist is currently closed**.

This priority does not guarantee immediate housing, but it will move your application ahead of others who were not displaced by the wildfires.

Who Qualifies? You may be eligible if **ALL** the following apply:

1 You lost your home in the 2025 LA County wildfires.

You can show this with:

- FEMA disaster survivor documentation,
- Proof of home ownership or rental residence (such as utility bills, lease, or mortgage), or
- Other documents accepted by FEMA

2 You are experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness.

Examples include:

- Living in a shelter, on the street, or in another place not meant for housing
- Staying temporarily with others, in overcrowded housing, or in a place where you are not on the lease
- Losing temporary FEMA or other disaster-related housing within the next 12 months
- Additional Living Expenses (ALE) insurance benefits ending within 12 months
- Paying more than 50% of your income towards rent

3 You meet the income and eligibility requirements for the affordable housing program.

- This depends on the property and unit type.

How to Apply

- 1 Contact an HCD-assisted property in Los Angeles County.**
- 2 Tell the property manager you are applying under the Wildfire Survivor Priority.**
- 3 Provide documentation about:**
 - Your displacement
 - Your current housing situation
 - Your income and household information

The property will review your information and determine eligibility.



What Properties Must Do

- Accept your application even if their waitlist is closed
- Give eligible wildfire survivors priority for any available unit
- Document your eligibility for the program
- Report placements to HCD

How to Locate Properties

These websites are useful for locating properties in LA City and County. However, you should reach out directly to the property manager at the properties to inquire about prioritization for units. You must submit an application for each property in which you have interest.

- LA City Housing Registry: <https://lahousing.lacity.org/AAHR>
- LA County Housing Registry: <https://www.housing.lacounty.gov>

How Long This Support Lasts

This policy remains in effect through **July 1, 2027**. You are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

For more information, please see: **HCD Administrative Notice DSFA 25-03: Los Angeles County Waitlist Priority for Households Displaced by Wildfires**, accessible online at: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/docs/grants-and-funding/hcd-waitlist-exception-form.pdf>

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