California Department of Housing and Community Development ReCoverCA Monthly Newsletter – July 2023

More Survivors Moving in to ReCoverCA-Built Homes

When Deborah moved into her newly rebuilt home near Paradise, it was the small things that had a big impact. "I never thought I'd be happy over a doorknob," she told her ReCoverCA Case Manager. Deborah and her family, like so many other disaster survivors, had been living in a trailer on their property. The living situation met their needs but lacked several comforts and conveniences. The family's washer and dryer were outside, positioned under a shed that leaked when storms rolled through.

Now, Deborah, her husband, and her elderly parents are back in their family home. Features like ceiling fans and a garage make the space comfortable. And features like an accessible bathroom mean the family can stay at the address they've called home for decades. Reflecting on her family's journey, Deborah said, "you always want your kids to see the good."

ReCoverCA's Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program (OOR) can help certain lowto 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 <u>https://www.hcd.ca.gov/recoverca</u>. Homeowners can also email <u>ReCoverCA@hcd.ca.gov</u> or call (916) 202-1764.



Photo showing a Camp Fire survivor's newly rebuilt garage, with the family's trailer still visible in the background.

Reminder: ReCoverCA Case Managers Available at Butte County BRC

ReCoverCA Case Managers are holding regular office hours at the Building Resiliency Center (BRC) in Paradise, California. Case Managers are available the first and third Wednesdays of every month and can provide homeowners interested in ReCoverCA OOR with information, help completing the Housing Needs Assistance Survey, and answer questions about the application and rebuilding process.

Upcoming dates that Case Managers will be at BRC are Wednesday, July 19 and Wednesday, August 2. The Building Resiliency Center is located at 6295 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969. More information about the BRC is

available on the <u>Town of Paradise website</u>. If you would like to speak to a Case Manager about your unique housing situation, please find your regional <u>Case Manager's contact information</u> on the ReCoverCA website.

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 <u>ReCoverCA@hcd.ca.gov</u> or call (916) 202-1764.



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