

California Department of Housing and Community Development  
ReCoverCA Monthly Newsletter – April 2024

**Protect Your Home from Future Disasters!**

Homeowners living in communities affected by eligible 2020 and 2021 disasters may be able to use up to \$50,000 in ReCoverCA Owner-Occupied Wildfire Mitigation Retrofit funds for defensible space and home hardening. Activities such as debris clearance, defensible space landscaping, and fire-resistant home skirting and roofing reduce risk and improve resiliency in the event of future disasters. Homeowners do not need to have been affected by 2020 and 2021 disasters to qualify.



If you or someone you know has mitigation needs on their property, please visit the [ReCoverCA website](#) for information and application instructions.

Full information, including eligibility, policies and procedures, fact sheets, and application instructions can be found on the [ReCoverCA website](#). Eligible counties are Butte, Fresno, Los Angeles, Napa, Plumas, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, and Sonoma.

**ReCoverCA 2020 Program Outreach Activities**

Over the past month, the outreach team continued to share information and engage residents in wildfire-affected counties. Broadening their efforts to include Santa Cruz, Solano, Napa, Butte, and Plumas Counties, staff successfully engaged with more than 350 individuals through four pop-up events and four presentations.



At the pop-up events, homeowners were able to pose questions regarding program eligibility, property inspection, and availability of construction contractors. The team answered their questions and provided them with informative flyers to share with their families and friends. Presentation attendees received a comprehensive overview of the program covering details such as the application process and required documentation. One event, the Fire Awareness Fair in Napa, reached over 200 attendees who had been impacted by wildfire. Our team staffed a table and promoted applying to the program.

During a particularly impactful pop-up event held at a local church in Santa Cruz, the team connected with many community members who expressed the need for debris clearance, landscaping, and repairs that would enhance their homes' resilience against future wildfires. Due to the proximity of past wildfires and the dense forest surroundings, they were especially concerned about home hardening measures that could reduce the risks and impacts of future disasters. Church staff were exceptionally helpful, referring the outreach team to additional homeowners who could benefit from the program and distributing extra flyers to their congregation members.



Staff are available to schedule a ReCoverCA outreach event in your community. If you would like to help us spread the word about mitigation 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 and application overview presentations and Q&A sessions with homeowners interested in ReCoverCA program funding.

If you work with a city or county agency, nonprofit, or other community organization and are interested in requesting or hosting a virtual or in-person event, please contact: Brittany Halfhide at [Brittany.Halfhide@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:Brittany.Halfhide@hcd.ca.gov) or (619) 614-3772; en Español: Fatima Juarez, [Fatima.Juarez@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:Fatima.Juarez@hcd.ca.gov) or (619) 455-9201.

#### **Attention, Homeowners in Plumas County!**

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 and landlords can apply for up to \$50,000 for mitigation activities that increase the level of protection against wildfires, including defensible space and home hardening.

The 2021 application can be found on the [ReCoverCA website](#), along with full Program details, eligibility, policies and procedures, fact sheets, and application instructions.

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