

FY21 Listos California Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What's the difference between this second wave of funding compared to the first?

Thanks to the continuous investment of public funds by Governor Gavin Newsom and state lawmakers, the new Listos California partners will be able to work on preparedness efforts, while also providing Californians with the information needed to appropriately respond to and recover from significant disasters.

How did you identify vulnerable communities and why is it important to focus on them for the larger outreach and education campaign?

The funding opportunities released as part of Listos California prioritize grants to communities that are both socially vulnerable and at high risk of being impacted by a fire, flood, earthquake, drought or heatwave. Specifically, the state sought to identify communities by prioritizing California census tracts according to their [estimated hazard exposures](#) and [social vulnerability](#).

Why is the focus on vulnerable communities important?

As unfavorable conditions like extreme heat and drought continue to fuel wildfires throughout California, socially vulnerable communities remain disproportionately impacted, not only by devastating wildfires but also earthquakes and other disasters.

What grants were available to be awarded for Fiscal Year 2021?

By engaging a statewide network of community-based organizations, Tribal Governments, Community Emergency Response Teams and other partners, Listos California is part of a larger statewide effort to provide vulnerable communities the resources they need.

- **Targeted grants:** Awarded to CBOs serving the most socially vulnerable Californians at risk for adverse impacts from natural disasters. These service areas were determined using key social vulnerability factors and data that identify areas at risk of natural hazards.
- **Statewide grants:** Available to CBOs working with socially vulnerable populations outside the target areas.
- **Tribal Government grants:** Available to any of the state's federally recognized Tribal Governments.
- **CERT:** Available to enhance existing or establish new California CERT Programs to provide CERT training to vulnerable and underserved populations, and to purchase personal protection equipment, background checks, and liability coverage for CERT volunteers.

Is there a listing of all the grantees of the Listos California Grant Program?

You can view all grantees at the [Listos Atlas here](#).

You can view a bit more about them [here](#).

Are the recordings from the July 2022 Kickoff meetings available? If so, where will it be found?

The Kickoff meetings were recorded and distributed to all grantees. Please email ListosGrants@caloes.ca.gov to request a copy of the recording.

Where can I locate Cal OES grant forms?

Forms are located on the [Cal OES website](#).

Is the Listos California logo required for all Listos publications created by grantees?

Yes, the Listos California logo will need to appear on any publications created by grantees. Please stay tuned for any additional updates as the Listos California logo is being updated.

When will campaign collateral be available to distribute?

Anything posted on the ListosCalifornia.org website is available to distribute. Moving forward, a Listos California Grant Program Survey will be sent out to all grantees to better assess the needs of your communities.

Does Cal OES need to approve the materials prior to distribution?

Yes

Can grantees create their own outreach and training materials?

Grantees may produce their own materials, but those materials must be approved by Cal OES before use.

What is the status on the official ordering process? If grantees would like to print materials from the ListosCalifornia.org, will they be reimbursed?

The Campaign does not currently have a supply of printed materials. Therefore, any materials wanted for immediate use will need to be printed by the grantee.

If printing appears as a line item within your approved budget, it will be eligible for reimbursement. If printing does not appear as a line item on your budget, then it will not be eligible until a budget modification (Cal OES form 2-223) is submitted and approved.

Budget modifications should be emailed to ListosGrants@caloes.ca.gov.

Can previously campaign collateral be used and made available for ordering?

All materials posted on the ListosCalifornia.org website are available for use. The Campaign will also produce additional materials for grantee use.

A Listos California Grant Program Survey will be sent out to all grantees to better assess the needs of your communities. Responses will be used to inform what new materials are produced, including whether the Campaign prints and provides materials, or if Grantees print materials themselves.

Will deliverables be prorated to reflect the start-up time?

As of June 2022, grantees have been able to begin their campaign planning, program development and hiring of staff, among other needed actions to initiate this phase of the campaign. This work, while Cal OES concurrently works on materials that reflect the new elements of the program, is important in order to build a solid foundation for Listos California.

Is there a guide that can assist grantees to provide better disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation information to target communities?

All materials posted on the ListosCalifornia.org website are available for use. The Campaign will also produce additional materials for grantee use as the campaign proceeds. A Listos California Grant Program Survey will be sent out for grantees to share their perceived needs and wishes for materials. Responses will be used to inform what new materials are produced. Grantees may produce their own materials, but those materials must be approved by Cal OES before use.

Can Listos California grantees support activities that focus on mitigation, recovery, and response, as well as disaster preparedness?

Yes, in this new iteration of the Listos California program, we are asking for our grantees to focus on all phases of the disaster process.

What are the requirements for a base engagement?

Listos California campaign will publish a "definition of engagement" by August 12. In essence, an engagement requires a meaningful interaction with an individual or audience that results in evidence that the audience actively processed the information shared.

By way of simple example: Sending a mailer to a household is not an engagement because the recipient could throw the mailer away without reviewing it; but the mailer directed people to download a resource guide from the grantee's website, the downloads could be counted as engagements because it shows that the audience took steps to act on the information.

Will the Community Investment Plans (CIPs) be required?

Community Investment Plans were a tool used by grantees in the Listos California campaign that occurred in 2019-2021. Community Investment Plans will not be used in this campaign; however, all grantees are expected to fulfill their proposed and approved scopes of work.

Does the Department of Justice special condition need to be cleared and active before funds can be claimed?

A modification (Cal OES form 2-223) for the DOJ special condition must be cleared within 90 days before payment can be processed.