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The Honorable Bill Dodd Chair,  
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**Subject: Report on the Allocation of Funds Related to the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA)**

Dear Senators Wahab & Dodd, Assemblymembers Ramos & Rodriguez and Mr. Petek:

Pursuant to the California Budget Act of 2021 (AB 128, Ting), the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is transmitting the attached report on the allocation of CDAA funding for Fiscal Year 2022/23. Thank you for your continued support of Cal OES and should any of you have questions, please contact Deputy Director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs, Bridget Kolakosky at (916) 364-4635 or [bridget.kolakosky@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:bridget.kolakosky@caloes.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Director

Attachment

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## **Report to the Legislature - California Disaster Assistance Act Funding Report for Fiscal Year 2022/23**

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The California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) authorizes the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to administer a disaster assistance program that provides financial assistance from the state for costs incurred by local governments as a result of a disaster event. Funding for the repair, restoration, or replacement of public real property damaged or destroyed by a disaster is made available when the Director concurs with a local emergency proclamation requesting state disaster assistance. The program also provides for the reimbursement of local government costs associated with certain emergency activities undertaken in response to a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor. In addition, the program may provide matching fund assistance for cost sharing required under federal public assistance programs in response to a Presidential Major Disaster or Emergency Declaration. The implementing regulations for CDAA can be found in Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations, Chapter 6.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23, Cal OES received CDAA requests associated with State Only Events for a total of nine (9) events, impacting thirteen (13) jurisdictions.

- Of the nine (9) events where CDAA was requested:
  - Five (5) events were approved providing ten (10) jurisdictions with access to \$39,531,083 in CDAA assistance.
  - The remaining four (4) event requests were denied primarily for three reasons: not surpassing the per capita indicator established by FEMA, the event did not exceed the jurisdiction's ability to respond to and recover from the impacts of the event, or not meeting the eligibility requirements under Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations.

In evaluating a local government's request for financial assistance under CDAA, a number of factors, and relevant information, are considered in determining if the severity, magnitude, and impact of a disaster event meet CDAA criteria. The very nature of disasters, their unique circumstances, and varied impacts lead to a multitude of unique factors presented in each disaster declaration request; however, the primary considerations are as follows:

- Activation of Emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Operations Center

- Amount and type of damage (includes response costs, emergency protective measures, debris removal, public infrastructure damage, number of businesses affected, and number of homes destroyed/with major damage)
- Amount of available funding at the local level
- Available assistance or additional programs from other sources (Federal, State, local, voluntary/NGOs)
- Costs of event distributed per population (per capita)
- Dispersion or concentration of damage
- Existence of an approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- History or frequency of disasters over a recent time period
- Imminent threats to public health and safety or the environment
- Impact on the infrastructure of affected area(s) or critical facilities
- Impacts to essential government services and functions
- Level of insurance coverage in place for public facilities and homeowners
- Per capita income and poverty level of the operational area
- Requirement or request for regulatory, statutory, or permit extension waiver or relief
- Resource commitments (Local, Regional, State Mutual Aid Assets)
- Unique capability of State government to surge resources to disasters in times of crisis
- Meet all appropriate deadlines associated with proclaiming local emergencies.

These criteria and more information about CDAA can be found on the Cal OES website at: <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/operations/recovery-directorate/recovery-operations/public-assistance/california-disaster-assistance-act/>. In addition, Cal OES provides continuous education and information about CDAA through stakeholder outreach and other communication.

Please find attached spreadsheet for incident specific information about the FY 2022/23 CDAA requests referenced in this report.

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| Event Name                                              | # of Requesting Counties or Cities | Requesting Counties or Cities | Assessed Total | CDA Approved | Entities with Obligations for CDA State Only Events as of 12/29/2023                                                                                       | Considerations                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Mid-September 2022 Storms                             | 1                                  | Glenn County                  | \$840,000      | Yes          | None to Date                                                                                                                                               | Surpassed the per capita impact indicator for the event.                                                                                                                              |
| 2 Six Rivers (SRF) Lightning Complex                    | 1                                  | Trinity County                | \$240,632      | Yes          | None to Date                                                                                                                                               | Surpassed the per capita impact indicator for the event.                                                                                                                              |
| 3 Health System support for Respiratory Syncytial Virus | 1                                  | Orange County                 | \$0            | No           |                                                                                                                                                            | Did not submit costs. Jurisdiction did not surpass per capita indicators. Does not meet the eligibility requirements under Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations             |
| 4 Mid-August 2022 Storms                                | 1                                  | Imperial County               | \$4,520,065    | No           |                                                                                                                                                            | Primarily impacted Special District with minimal damage to the County. Based principally on sufficient budgetary availability and/or insurance proceeds to address costs and damages. |
| 5 Ferndale Earthquake                                   | 1                                  | Humboldt County               | \$8,004,000    | Yes          | Counties: Humboldt<br>Cities: Eureka, Ferndale, Rio Dell<br>Special Districts: Humboldt Community Services District, Westhaven Community Services District | Surpassed the per capita impact indicator for the event.                                                                                                                              |

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| 6 | Heat Dome and Resulting Wildfires | 1 | Fork Fire: Madera County                                                                                           | \$1,540,000                                                  | Yes | Counties: El Dorado, Madera, Placer, Siskiyou<br>Special Districts: Placer Union High School District | Surpassed the per capita indicator and insufficient funding to address impacts.                                                                                                         |
|   |                                   | 1 | Barnes Fire: Modoc County                                                                                          | \$78,000                                                     |     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|   |                                   | 2 | Mosquito Fire: El Dorado County, Placer County                                                                     | \$5,336,310                                                  |     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|   |                                   | 1 | Mill and Mountain Fire: Siskiyou County                                                                            | \$59,838,390                                                 |     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|   |                                   | 1 | Fairview Fire: Riverside County                                                                                    | \$2,177,851                                                  |     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 7 | October 2022 Storms               | 1 | Imperial County                                                                                                    | \$855,500                                                    | No  |                                                                                                       | Fiscal impacts beyond the Fire Management Assistance Grants cost share did not surpass the county's per capita indicator.<br>Sufficient budgetary funding to address costs and damages. |
| 8 | Tropical Storm Kay                | 2 | Cities: El Centro, Yucaipa                                                                                         | \$648,373, \$506,012                                         | Yes | None to Date                                                                                          | Surpassed the per capita indicator and insufficient funding to address impacts.                                                                                                         |
|   |                                   | 4 | Counties: Imperial, Inyo, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties<br>Special District: Imperial Irrigation District | \$259,515, \$65,000, \$993,422, and \$3,643,523<br>\$680,000 | No  |                                                                                                       | Did not surpass per capita indicator                                                                                                                                                    |

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| 9 | Madera<br>Community<br>Hospital<br>Closure | 2 | City: City of<br>Madera<br><br>County: Madera | \$12,541 | No | Does not meet the eligibility<br>requirements under Title 19 of the<br>California Code of Regulations |
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