Fact Sheet

FMAG Program

FEMA-5679-FM-CA: Norte Fire

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

On October 16, 2026, a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declaration was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in response to the Norte Fire that burned in excess of 550 acres. This fact sheet contains information regarding the affected counties, available assistance, and Request for Fire Management Assistance Subgrant (RFMAS) application information.

Important Disaster information

Declaration No.: FEMA-5679-FM-CA
Incident Period: To Be Determined
Declared County: Orange

Applicants Eligible for Assistance

The following local government entities are eligible for disaster assistance under an FMAG declaration:

- State Agencies
- Cities
- Counties
- Special Districts (Must have own FEIN #)
- School Districts/Community College Districts
- Tribal Governments

Eligible Work

- Must be the legal responsibility of the applying entity.
- Required as a result of the declared fire.
- Performed within the designated fire area by resources requested by the Incident Commander, or comparable State official.

Eligible Categories:

- Emergency Response and Protective Measures (Category B)
- Fire Suppression Costs (Category H)
- Direct Administrative Costs (Category Z)

Eligible Costs

(Note: FMAG costs will be reimbursed based on a 75% federal cost share and 25% local cost share)

Labor Costs: Overtime for permanent employees, and regular time and overtime for temporary and contract employees.

Equipment Costs: Reimbursement for costs of applicant-owned equipment based on applicable rates and for the costs of rented or contracted firefighting equipment.

Travel and Per Diem: For employees performing eligible work, including provisions of field camps and meals when provided in place of per diem.

Essential Assistance: Activities to protect life and property directly related to the mitigation, management, and control of the declared fire. These may include, but are not limited to, police barricading and traffic control, extraordinary emergency operations center expenses, evacuation and sheltering, search and rescue, arson investigation, and public information, within the incident period.

Temporary Repair of Damage Caused by Firefighting Activities: Short-term actions to repair damage directly caused by eligible firefighting activities. The repairs must be completed within 30 days of the close of the incident period for the declared fire to be eligible for reimbursement.

Direct Administrative Costs: Regular and overtime pay, and travel expenses of permanent, reassigned, temporary and contract employees who assist in the administration of the fire management assistance subgrant.

Important Application Information

- *Request for Fire Management Assistance Subgrant* (RFMAS) (FEMA Form 104-FY-21-167)
- *Project Assurances for Federal Assistance* (Cal OES Form 89) – due prior to payment
- *Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution* (Cal OES Form 130) – due prior to payment

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RFMAS applications Due:
Friday, November 13, 2026

PW Documentation Due:
Thursday, February 18, 2027

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