



Community Planning and Capacity Building Recovery Support Function August 2024 Bulletin

New from Cal OES Recovery Support Functions

[Cal OES Fostering Community Resilience: Adaptation Planning and Emergency Management](#)

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Community Planning and Capacity Building Recovery Support Function will host a capacity building webinar for local jurisdictions about state and federal climate adaptation resources and best practices from a California community. This webinar is free and open to emergency managers, planners, resilience officers, and any other city, county, or regional staff interested in adaptation and mitigation. Speakers representing the FEMA, California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and City of Santa Cruz will present about the connection between emergency management and climate adaptation planning.

- The webinar will take place on August 29, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., PST.

[Cal OES RSF Quick Start: Guidance for the Development of County/Municipal Recovery Support Functions](#)

This new product from the Cal OES RSF Team was designed to provide emergency managers with a starting place to assemble RSF working groups within municipalities and counties. The guide is divided into the six RSF functional areas - Community Planning and Capacity Building, Economic, Health and Social Services, Housing, Infrastructure, and Natural and Cultural Resources. Reference the guide for recommended public, private, and nonprofit working group partners; federally funded, online disaster recovery training; and written resources from federal, state, private, and other key partners.

[Cal OES Post-Disaster Long-Term Recovery Plan Guide](#)

This new product from the Cal OES RSF Team contains key recovery planning concepts, tips for community engagement, data sources, examples from existing recovery plans, and a template for organizing recovery projects. The Guide walks the reader through the key sections of a Post-Disaster Long-Term Recovery Plan, including disaster impacts, community engagement, key data points, recovery projects, and plan implementation. The Guide is full of disaster recovery plan

examples, project management tools, and links to additional resources and references.

Funding Opportunities

[HCD CDBG-DR Multifamily Housing Program](#)

Available to Butte, Fresno, Los Angeles, Napa, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, and Sonoma Counties and the cities of Malibu, Agoura Hills, and Calabasas.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is accepting applications for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Multifamily Housing Program from communities impacted by disasters in 2018 and 2020. Applicants must be developers (for profit, limited profit or nonprofit), public or private, or Tribal Entities proposing new construction of affordable multifamily housing projects. The proposed project must have a minimum of five total units and have a minimum of five affordable units or 51 percent of units must be affordable units, whichever is greater.

- Applications are due to HCD by September 6, 2024.

[USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program](#)

The US Department of Transportation (USDOT) released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot program. Up to \$607 million is available for transportation planning, capital construction, and technical assistance. Eligible planning applicants include states, local governments, Tribal governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and nonprofits. Potential applicants who are interested in pursuing a reconnecting project but are not prepared to submit funding requests within 90 days can submit a request for technical assistance through the Reconnecting Communities Institute.

- Applications are due to USDOT by September 30, 2024.

Events

[Listos California Regional Disaster Ready Summits](#)

Leading up to and through Emergency Preparedness Month in September, Listos California will host one-day convenings in regions throughout the state to give local leaders an opportunity to deepen connections, learn about California's emergency response system, and strengthen community resilience. This year's events will prepare participants to respond swiftly to disaster needs and build resilience in California's high-risk areas. Attendees will get the chance to

strengthen their connections with their region's Community-Based Organizations, creating stronger and more responsive networks that can activate during times of emergency. Community leaders will also get to participate in interactive activities to learn problem-solving tools necessary for closing gaps in disaster preparedness.

- August 13- Ukiah
- August 20- Fresno
- August 21- Bakersfield
- August 28- Santa Cruz
- September 3- San Francisco
- September 5- Sacramento
- September 12- Los Angeles
- September 17- Riverside
- September 19- San Diego
- September 23- Redding

Webinars

[USDOT Using Data to Effectively Tell Your Community's Story](#)

USDOT will host a two-part webinar series to help potential grant applicants effectively tell their community's story in the planning, project development, and/or grant application process. Part 2 of the webinar series will introduce participants to the Equitable Transportation Community Explorer tool and provide detailed information on how to use the tool to map a project area, identify how a community is experiencing disadvantage, and evaluate how project benefits may address the community's disadvantage.

- The webinar will take place on August 15, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., PST.

[USDA Disaster Grants Available in Rural California](#)

Disaster grants are available now to help rural and Tribal communities restore community facilities that were damaged by natural disasters in 2022 or 2023 and community water and wastewater systems damaged by Presidentially declared disasters in 2022. The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development California team will highlight eligibility and outline the simplified application process. Grants up to 75%-100% of total project costs are available in many cases.

- The webinar will take place on August 21, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., PST.

[ICMA Strategic Planning in a Time of Change: Plays to Build Capacity in Local Government](#)

For local governments, strategic planning is essential to the budget as it ensures alignment between financial resources and community priorities. By forecasting needs, identifying risks, and prioritizing investments, strategic planning optimizes resource allocation, promotes financial accountability, and enhances transparency in budget decision-making. Furthermore, strategic planning allows local governments to proactively address challenges, capitalize on opportunities, and deliver impactful results for the public. Join the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA) as they outline strategic areas of focus for local governments, combined with steps for tactical implementation, and technical advice that will help your agency strategically plan for the road ahead.

- The webinar will take place on August 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., PST.

[NOAA Advancing Coastal Resilience Through Nature-Based Solutions](#)

Peer-to-peer sharing allows for the exchange of ideas, approaches, successes, and challenges, and can foster future collaborations among coastal managers, decision-makers, stewards, and nature-based solutions practitioners. This webinar series supports this type of sharing and features speakers showcasing projects supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that use nature-based solutions to advance coastal resilience. Speakers will share techniques and approaches, accomplishments, lessons learned, and more.

- The webinar will take place on August 22, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., PST.

[Daring Cities 2024 Cities for All: Bottom-Up Action for Just Urban Development](#)

Daring Cities will host weekly webinars from August through October to explore interconnected community development and climate emergency action activities. This session takes stock of best practice examples for collaboration between city administrations, civil society, and citizen movements. Daring Cities 2024 will explore how local governments can support and build coalitions with grassroots movements and create standardized instruments and processes to make sure local voices inform policies, plans, and investments and no one is left behind.

- The webinar will take place on August 22, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., PST.

[FEMA Office of Business, Industry, and Infrastructure Integration August Business & Industry Call](#)

This meeting is held to update National Business Emergency Operations Center (NBEOC) members, business and industry organizations, and FEMA partners on the initiatives and tools available during all stages of the disaster lifecycle. This month, the NBEOC will focus on the critical aspects of emergency risk analysis for business owners and communities, including FEMA's Hazus Risk Assessment Tool for preparedness and emergency response, successful practices for effectively identifying, assessing, and mitigating risks, and additional key resources for risk mitigation and preparedness.

- The meeting will take place on August 27, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., PST.

[FEMA Historic Preservation Strategies in Hazard Mitigation Planning](#)

Historic and cultural resources are windows into our past and are valuable to communities. Unfortunately, they can be particularly vulnerable to hazards. This FEMA Region 3 webinar will explore ways to include cultural resources in risk assessments and practical mitigation strategies.

- The webinar will take place on September 4, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., PST.

[EPA Brownfields, Gentrification, and Environmental Justice Research: Learning from Past Experiences](#)

This webinar summarizes the findings from a three-year research project in collaboration with EPA Region 3 and Region 5. The project used case studies to investigate the types of social outcomes brownfield redevelopment has on communities, specifically measuring indicators of gentrification. The project also incorporated community engagement activities, which catalyzed further collaborations between community members and EPA.

- The webinar will take place on September 10, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., PST.

[SBA Disaster Readiness: Small Business Continuity](#)

This webinar is part of the ongoing US Small Business Administration (SBA) Small Business Disaster Preparedness series aimed at sharing critical information and resources for small businesses to successfully navigate disaster recovery situations and build resiliency before, during, and after disasters. The webinar will contain an overview of SBA's Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience and information about building disaster continuity plans for your small business.

- The webinar will take place on September 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., PST.

Training

[CalOSBA Outsmart Disaster: Preparedness for Small Business](#)

Outsmart Disaster is a statewide campaign led by the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies. Outsmart Disaster provides California businesses and nonprofits with the training and resources needed to prepare for and recover from all types of business interruptions. The CalOSBA Business Resiliency team offers live training on the third Wednesday of each month.

- The next training will take place August 21, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., PST.

[Planning for Coastal Hazards \(MGT-486\)](#)

This 4-hour, virtual course provides key information for advanced practitioners involved in planning for coastal hazards and climate change. The course will focus on the planning aspect of coastal hazards, covering coastal hazards planning principles, coastal planning and management context, and planning strategies that can be employed to reduce hazard risk and increase resilience in coastal communities. The course content will aim to bridge concepts related to climate adaptation, hazard mitigation and coastal management, highlighting the mutual objectives and ways to achieve them through planning. This course builds upon AWR-379 Coastal Hazards Awareness and PER-376 Coastal Hazard & Vulnerability Assessment Tools. These courses are not pre-requisites but participants are encouraged to take these or one of the following courses prior to this course: AWR-228 Community Resilience or AWR-362 Flooding Hazards. In lieu of completing these courses, participants may have a working knowledge of the fundamentals of natural hazards and planning in coastal areas.

- The course is available September 19, 2024, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., PST.

[Planning for Disaster Debris Management \(MGT-460\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course is designed to enable participants to identify debris management components and the best planning practices using existing plan examples and case studies. Participants will draft an outline of a debris management plan. The goal of this course is to enable participants to outline a disaster debris management plan and recognize special considerations when planning for debris management after a natural disaster.

- Course is available October 1-2, 2024, from 12:30-4:30 p.m., PST.

[Evacuation Planning Strategies and Solutions \(MGT-461\)](#)

This 8-hour management-level course is designed to provide emergency managers, first responders, transportation professionals, security and safety professionals, and government administrators with the ability to utilize current tools and technologies to institute best practices and strategies to plan for and execute an emergency evacuation. This course discusses the hazard conditions for which an emergency evacuation could be an appropriate protective action and inform participants on resources and methods to help them better prepare for an emergency evacuation. This course will allow participants to explore data, modelling tools, and simulations that assist with the implementation of an emergency evacuation.

- Course is available October 8-9, 2024, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., PST.

[Community Planning for Disaster Recovery \(AWR-356\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course provides facilitated discussions on key concepts for disaster recovery planning, including the benefits of pre-disaster planning, key elements, and the plan development process. This course will prepare participants to initiate disaster recovery plans and participate in the long-term recovery planning process in their own communities through the review of case studies and existing disaster recovery plans. The goal of this course is to prepare participants to evaluate and develop disaster recovery plans in the context of the Whole Community approach to planning.

- Course is available October 15-16, 2024, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., PST.

[Conducting Whole Community Climate Risk & Vulnerability Assessments \(MGT-490\)](#)

This 6-hour, virtual course examines extreme weather events and the need for communities to assess and manage risks. Risk is typically based on historical data; to prepare for risks associated with climate change, we must incorporate methods that leverage future projections and their impacts throughout the community.

- Course is available October 9, 2024, from 8:00 a.m.-1:45 p.m., PST.

Resources

[Groundwork USA Advancing Equity in Land Reuse: A Practical Guide to Engaging and Activating Community Voices](#)

This practical guide by Groundwork USA and the Center for Creative Land Recycling offers comprehensive strategies, tools, and resources to help you

advance equity through land reuse projects and maximize the impact of projects on your community.

[UCLA Research: Mortality Attributable to PM2.5 from Wildland Fires in California from 2008 to 2018](#)

New research by the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) finds thousands more people than previously counted die each year in California due to the health impacts of wildfire smoke. The research finds that inhaling the fine particulate matter known as PM2.5 from wildland fires led to 52,500 to 55,700 deaths in the 11 years from 2008-2018, with an associated economic impact of \$432 billion to \$456 billion.

[UMass Research: On the Cost-Effectiveness of Nature-Based Solutions for Reducing Disaster Risk](#)

A new global assessment of scientific literature led by researchers at the University of Massachusetts Amherst finds that nature-based solutions are an economically effective method to mitigate risks from a range of disasters—from floods and hurricanes to heatwaves and landslides. Nature-based solutions were proven to be a consistently cost-effective approach to mitigating hazards in 71% of the more than 20,000 English-language peer-reviewed studies that researchers examined for the article.



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