



# Community Planning and Capacity Building

## Recovery Support Function

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## Funding Opportunities

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### [CalOES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Hurricane Hilary](#)

As the result of a Presidential Disaster Declaration, FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds plans and projects that reduce the effects of future natural disasters. In California, these funds are administered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Hazard Mitigation Branch. Eligible subapplicants include state agencies, local governments, special districts, and some private non-profits. Eligible activities include planning, integrating information from mitigation plans with other planning efforts, building capacity through delivery of technical assistance and training, and evaluating adoption and/or implementation of ordinances that reduce risk or increase resilience.

- Interested applicants must submit a Notice of Interest by February 16, 2024.

### [OPR Extreme Heat & Community Resilience Program](#)

The California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program coordinates the state's comprehensive response to this climate impact and builds capacity for heat action planning — creating frameworks to reduce the risks of extreme heat events and the Urban Heat Island effect — and project implementation in the most heat-burdened communities by providing funding and technical support. The Program also drives the state's work to implement California's Extreme Heat Action Plan - a comprehensive, coordinated effort across State agencies to advance equity, including reducing the economic and health disparities exacerbated by extreme heat.

- Applicants must submit the Pre-Application Interest Form and full application by April 23 at 5:00 p.m., PST.

### [HCD Mitigation Planning and Public Services Grant](#)

**Available to Sonoma, Ventura, Butte, Lake, Los Angeles, and Shasta Counties and the following zip codes: 95470, 95901, 94558, 95422, 93108.**

Funding received for the 2017 and 2018 Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) grants facilitated the Mitigation Planning and Public Services (MIT-PPS) Program to assist local jurisdictions with mitigation-related planning and public services needs to support risk reduction from wildfire, flooding, and earthquake hazards. Eligible jurisdictions and nonprofit entities may use MIT-PPS funds to create projects that address risks to, or across, community lifelines that support human health and safety and provide mitigation for individual and community-based systems.

- Applications are processed on a rolling basis and due to HCD no later than March 29, 2024.

### [Ocean Protection Council Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant](#)

In 2021, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 1 (Atkins, 2021) into law. Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) directs the state to provide funding to local and regional governments to develop sea-level rise (SLR) adaptation plans and implementation projects. The SB 1 Grant Program contains two funding tracks: one for pre-planning and planning phases (Track One), and one for the project phase (Track Two). Track One proposals (projects in the Pre-planning, Data Collection, and Planning Phases) are now being accepted through a rolling, quarterly process.

- Full proposals are due March 22 at 5:00 p.m., PST.

#### [NOAA Disaster Preparedness for Coastal Communities](#)

The National Sea Grant Office, in partnership with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Response and Restoration anticipates that up to \$600,000 in FY24 federal funds will be available to individual Sea Grant programs to support innovative all-hazard preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives for coastal communities.

- Applications are due to NOAA by March 13 at 11:59 p.m., EST.

#### [EPA Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program](#)

EPA's new Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants program has announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity for approximately \$2 billion dollars in Inflation Reduction Act funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will be focused on community-driven initiatives to be responsive to community and stakeholder input. They are designed to deliver on the transformative potential of the IRA for communities most adversely and disproportionately impacted by climate change, legacy pollution, and historical disinvestments.

- Applications are due to EPA by November 21, 2024.

## **Webinars/Training**

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#### [Emergency Operations Plans for Rural Jurisdictions \(MGT-383\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course is designed to provide rural first responders with the knowledge and skills to develop an emergency operations plan (EOP) for their local jurisdiction or region. Participants are provided with knowledge on the planning process, the different types of emergency operations plan formats, and the components of each. Participants engage in scenarios that are designed to reinforce the lessons learned and to enable them to determine the best format for their jurisdiction and to organize the various planning components into an EOP. Course is available February 21-22, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., PST.

- Deadline to register is February 14, 2024.

#### [Climate Adaptation Planning for Emergency Management \(AWR-347\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course helps emergency services and the community better prepare for the climate adaptations necessary and systems vulnerabilities that may occur from hazard impacts. Participants will be able to describe the principles of climate adaptation planning for emergency management and existing first response processes and will be able to discuss the impact of weather on critical infrastructure and key resources while explaining the concurrent effects of climate change on those impacts. Participants will also gain an understanding of how to identify and apply adaptation strategies to address local emergency services sector vulnerabilities. The goal of this course is to prepare the community and the emergency services sector for the climate adaptations and systems vulnerabilities that might occur from hazard impacts and to enhance awareness to future climate hazards and impacts that the emergency services sector may face. Course offerings are available on February 26 and March 5, 2024.

#### [Planning for Flood Resilience: Integrating Hazard Mitigation and Floodplain Management Planning Webinar](#)

Does your community participate in the CRS? If interested in joining, or increasing your CRS points, you can design the hazard mitigation planning process to maximize CRS credit for floodplain management planning. An integrated approach can save you time and resources. It also strengthens your flood mitigation efforts. This webinar will discuss how communities can leverage their planning processes to work together. This will increase insurance benefits and advance mitigation outcomes. The webinar will take place on February 21, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., PST.

#### [Continuity of Government Operations Planning for Rural Communities \(MGT-416\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course trains rural communities to aid government officials and emergency responders in the development of plans to ensure the continuity of essential government functions across a spectrum of emergencies. The course focuses on succession planning, the delegation of authority, redundant communications, and alternate facilities. This eight-hour course, delivered in two four-hour Zoom sessions, is designed to help government officials and emergency responders from rural communities in the development of plans that will ensure the continuity of essential government functions across a spectrum of emergencies. History demonstrates that disasters and emergencies often interrupt, degrade, or destroy the local government's ability to perform essential functions. This is especially true in rural communities where resources are typically limited under the best of circumstances. These jurisdictions must develop plans that address succession planning, redundant communications, and alternate site needs for their communities to face increasingly frequent threats. The course is available February 28-29, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., CST.

- Deadline to register is February 21, 2024.

#### [Community Resilience \(AWR-228\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course demonstrates how to integrate risk and community-based collaborative strategies into plans and programs and introduces tools that help communities assess individual risks and vulnerabilities as well as introduces strategies to become more resilient and better prepared for natural disasters. This one-day training course will provide state and local government agency staff and other stakeholder groups with background on natural hazards. In addition, the course will guide an approach to (1)

assess community resilience and (2) develop next steps for improved resilience. Through increased awareness of natural hazards and best practices, the course will enhance community resilience for state and local government agency staff that routinely interface with the community, private sector, and other stakeholder groups. Course offerings are available March 14 and March 19, 2024.

#### [REPI Pursuing Complementary Resilience Funding Opportunities](#)

The Department of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection integration (REPI) Program safeguards military missions through cost-sharing agreements involving the Military Services, Federal agencies, state and local governments, and private conservation organizations. In addition to this, REPI funds serve as a non-federal match for any federal conservation or resilience program. Join the REPI Program to learn about complementary funding opportunities that can be leveraged to protect the environment, enhance military installation resilience, and ensure military readiness. During this webinar, presenters will provide an overview of various funding opportunities and offer best practices and tips on pursuing and writing successful funding proposals. The webinar will take place March 20, 2024, from 1:00-2:00 p.m., EST.

#### [Disaster Recovery in Rural Communities \(MGT-415\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course teaches community leaders and emergency managers in rural communities how to plan for and execute disaster recovery efforts. Upon implementation, this course will assist rural communities with expediting disaster recovery efforts and facilitating the long-term economic success of their communities. Examples from Hurricane Katrina and towns devastated by tornadoes will be used as case studies to examine why communities were successful or unsuccessful in their recovery efforts. Additionally, students will actively engage in a fictional disaster recovery scenario. Course is available April 10-11, 2024, from 1:00-5:00 p.m., CST.

- Deadline to register is April 3, 2024.

#### [Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disasters \(MGT-405\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course trains faith-based community organization (FBCO) representatives, management-level emergency managers, and first responders from small and rural communities to strategically mobilize and engage members of FBCOs, including religious charities, nonprofits such as the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, churches (both affiliated and unaffiliated), temples, synagogues, mosques, and NGOs etc., in a reciprocal approach to disaster planning that is integrated into current local and statewide emergency management efforts. This course emphasizes grassroots mobilization and coordination efforts as a means of engaging all faith communities, thereby reaching those marginalized communities most vulnerable to disaster, most frequently excluded from the planning process, and ultimately, most difficult to aid in recovery. Course is available April 10-11, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., PST.

- Deadline to register is March 27, 2024.

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

This half-day (4-hour), in-person 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 training is intended to provide decision-makers and planners with the information needed to create and align plans that reduce vulnerability to coastal hazards and climate change, incorporate climate information, integrate participatory planning processes, consider the socio-ecological interactions at the land-sea interface, and manage the uncertainty of climate impacts. The target audience for this course is planning professionals involved in coastal hazards and climate adaptation planning. This includes hazard mitigation planners, urban planners, climate change specialists, government officials and coastal managers.

- The course will be hosted by the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management in Santa Monica on April 18, 2024, from 1:00-5:00 p.m., PST.

## Resources

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### [CalOES Recovery Support Functions Website](#)

The CalOES Interagency Recovery Coordination program works collaboratively with traditional Stafford Act programs to align resources for long term recovery outcomes. Six sector-specific Recovery Support Functions (RSFs) support California's local jurisdictions by facilitating problem solving, providing technical assistance, improving access to resources, building capacity, and promoting community planning. The RSF website contains resource guides, plan templates, training events, and current grant opportunities.

### [Getting to Implementation: The Status of Local Climate Action in California](#)

A partnership of Next 10, the Institute for Local Government, and the Berkeley Law Center for Law, Energy, and the Environment surveyed municipalities across the state to gauge the progress of local efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect residents against the worst impacts of climate change, from flooding and drought to wildfires and extreme heat. About a third of cities and counties responded to the survey, representing more than half of the state's population. This report provides valuable insights into the needs of cities and counties of all sizes, helping policy makers better understand where support is needed to achieve California's ambitious goals.

### [APA Hazards Planning Center](#)

The American Planning Association (APA), Association of State Floodplain Managers, and FEMA partnered from 2015-2023 to host webinars across a variety of hazard mitigation topics. The webinars focus primarily on mitigation planning and draw connections to recovery and preparedness planning. Webinar recordings are available on the APA Planning Information Exchange website.

### [FEMA Updates Climate Risk and Resilience Portal](#)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Climate Risk and Resilience Portal (ClimRR) provides future climate data to help us plan for and adapt to our changing world. Using one of the world's largest supercomputers, ClimRR models over 60 climate variables to provide the most sophisticated, free dynamically downscaled projections for the United

States. ClimRR data is available for a range of hazards: extreme temperatures, wind, fire weather index and precipitation/no precipitation under two carbon emission scenarios.

### [FEMA Exercise Starter Kits](#)

The Emergency Management Toolkit is intended to provide information on resources that have been developed by FEMA and federal partners to help the emergency management community at all levels of government to prepare for various threats that face the nation. New toolkits include Climate Resilience, Climate Adaptation, Enhancing Supply Chain Resilience, and Disaster Recovery.

### [Argonne National Laboratory Case Studies: Centering Equity in Community-Based E-Mobility Projects](#)

In 2023, Argonne led the development of five case studies on projects that centered equity in community-based e-mobility projects for the Joint Office for Energy and Transportation's Joint Office United Support for Transportation Lab Consortium. These case studies describe projects designed to reduce air pollution, improve public health, increase affordable mobility options, and create educational and economic opportunities for residents. They speak to the importance of truly engaging with and involving community stakeholders for long-term project success; coordinating early with utilities and local governments to identify permitting requirements and necessary utility upgrades; and designing flexible, iterative programs.

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