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Navigating long-term recovery can be difficult, especially for damaged roads. This factsheet provides a variety of information to help guide homeowners as well as local, tribal, & state governments through available assistance.

FUNDING

ROAD RECOVERY

Tip of the Day!

To avoid eligibility issues, keep thorough road maintenance records, including past assessments, geo-studies, & repairs.



PRIVATELY OWNED ROADS



As funding for road damage is dependent on road classifications, financing the repairs of privately-owned roads remains a huge barrier. Below are some programs that may be available for homeowners and private property owners:

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Individual Assistance Program (IA)**: Residents may use funds to repair their property, including private roads. Residents must reside within a county that receives an IA declaration as a result of a Presidentially Declared Disaster. Specifics can vary based on the disaster & the coordination among affected homeowners.
- **US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) - Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)**: Technical & financial assistance to help local communities protect against imminent threats to life & property caused by natural disasters that impair a watershed. EWP does not require a state or federal disaster declaration for program assistance to begin. Private landowners seeking EWP Program assistance must work through a qualified sponsor (e.g., City or County) that has a legal interest in or responsibility for the areas threatened by a watershed emergency. Assistance must be requested by a sponsor within 60 days of the disaster date or safe entry.

Special Districts: Residents who reside within a special district may benefit from FEMA's Public Assistance for damaged roads. Special district must be formed under their city or county prior to a disaster. See the California Special District Association for more information.

**For more funding opportunities, visit
[California Grants Portal & Grants.gov](#)**





LOCALLY- MANAGED FEDERAL ROADS

- **Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) - Emergency Relief Program (ERP)**: Funds the repair or reconstruction of Federal-aid highways & roads on Federal lands which have suffered serious damage as a result of natural disasters or catastrophic failures from an external cause. If your jurisdiction manages a Federal-aid highway, ERP may fund the reimbursements of the repairs.
- **CA Infrastructure & Economic Development Bank's (IBank) - Infrastructure State Revolving Fund**: Provides low-cost public financing to state & local government entities. The project costs may not include deferred maintenance. All road repairs must be permanent.

LOCALLY- OWNED ROADS

US Department of Agriculture

- **Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program**: Funds the development of essential community facilities in rural areas. Funding may be awarded through loans & limited grant funding may be available.*
- **Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program**: Loan guarantees for eligible lenders to develop essential community facilities in rural areas.*
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- **IBank - Infrastructure State Revolving Fund**: Provides low-cost public financing to state & local government entities. The project costs may not include deferred maintenance. All road repairs must be permanent.
- **CA Transportation Commission - Local Streets & Road Funding Program**: Formulaic funds may be used to match State/Federal Grants & may be used to 1) advance projects that will use State/Federal emergency relief funding OR 2) turn the emergency repair work, partially/fully funded by the State or Federal, into a major asset change. Funds are up to the discretion of the recipients (must be an incorporated city or county) on what projects utilize the funding. Additional funds cannot be requested as this is an annual funding program & are not allocated by request (project or need based).
- **FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance**: Provides support for communities to implement mitigation activities to reduce risk to life & property from natural hazards.

**Programs may be able to address road repairs or street improvements. Specifics can vary based on the disaster & applicant.*

