

LONG-TERM HOUSING RECOVERY

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Recovery Spotlight

One Year after the Los Angeles Wildfires



One Year after the January 2025 wildfires in Los Angeles, including the Palisades and Eaton fires, UCLA marked the anniversary by reflecting on the long-term impacts of the fires and the ongoing recovery needs facing affected communities. The focus was on lessons learned around wildfire risk, climate resilience, public health, and housing recovery, drawing from research, community engagement, and lived experience from fire-impacted areas. The anniversary served as a reminder that recovery is a long-term process, and that continued coordination, research, and investment are critical to supporting safer rebuilding and more resilient communities moving forward.

Lawmakers Consider Modular Housing to Address California's Housing Needs

California lawmakers are turning to modular and factory-built housing to speed up housing production and address ongoing shortages. By focusing on off-site construction, the approach aims to deliver homes more quickly and ease pressure from high costs and limited labor, though regulatory and local considerations will shape how widely it can be used.



State Awards \$107M for Affordable Housing in LA Wildfire Recovery

California has awarded \$107.3 million through Multifamily Finance Super NOFA - Los Angeles Disaster (MFSN-DR) to support long-term housing recovery following the 2025 Los Angeles wildfires. The funding will support nine affordable rental housing projects across Los Angeles County, creating 673 new homes for wildfire survivors and other eligible residents. These homes are intended to help stabilize the region's housing market and allow households to remain in jobs close to schools, and community networks. The program streamlines multiple state housing funding sources into a single application, helping project move forward more quickly. When combined with prior MFSN disaster awards, nearly 1,000 new affordable units are now planned countywide.

State Extends Emergency Provision for Wildfire Safety Projects

**FOLLOWING LA FIRES,
GOVERNOR NEWSOM EXTENDS
KEY PROVISION TO FAST-TRACK
WILDFIRE SAFETY WINDOW,
PROTECTING MORE COMMUNITIES
ACROSS THE STATE**



Governor Gavin Newsom has extended emergency provision that allows communities to move faster on wildfire safety projects following the Los Angeles fires. The extension streamlines approvals for actions like vegetation management and home-hardening, helping local jurisdictions reduce wildfire risk more quickly. It reflects that state's continued focus on protecting homes and communities as wildfire threats persist across California.

This Month in Housing Recovery

State Invests \$2.8B to Strengthen Housing Stability and Long-term Recovery

In 2025 HCD announced nearly \$2.8 billion in housing awards to support affordable housing development, permanent supportive housing, and homelessness response efforts across California. Funding includes major investments through programs such as Homekey+, Local Housing Trust Funds with a focus on serving extremely low-income households, veterans, and vulnerable populations while advancing long-term housing stability across the state.

Looking ahead After a Big Year for Housing Laws

The article highlights 2025 as a major year for housing legislation in California, with dozens of new laws passed to boost housing production and streamline development. Looking ahead to 2026, the focus is shifting from passing new laws to implementing them.

Additional Funding Opportunities & Recovery Resources & Events

Registration Now Open: Housing California Annual Conference 2026 - Rooted in Community

Registration is officially open for the 2026 Housing California Annual Conference, taking place March 18-20 at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in Sacramento. This year's event is expected to draw more than 2,800 leaders committed to advancing homes, health, and prosperity for all Californians. For registration types, pricing, agenda details, group registration options, and more, visit the conference website on the link above.



CalAssist Funds Are Still Available

The CalAssist Mortgage Fund is a state program that provides mortgage payment relief for displaced families whose homes were destroyed or left uninhabitable by a California disaster.

- 3 months of mortgage payments, up to a maximum of \$20,000
- Funds never have to be repaid and it's free to apply
- Grants paid directly to mortgage servicer
- Funds are limited; applications will be reviewed in order received.
- Expanded income criteria



The flyer for the Los Angeles County Emergency Rent Relief workshop features the CalAssist Mortgage Fund logo at the top left. To the right are the logos for the Los Angeles County Emergency Rent Relief and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The main title is "LANDLORD WORKSHOPS" in large, bold, white letters on a dark blue background. Below the title, it says "Landlords with rental properties in LA County, and unpaid rent expenses, may be eligible for grants of up to six (6) months of rent debt." At the bottom, there are sections for "EMERGENCY RENT RELIEF PROGRAM" and "ATTEND AN UPCOMING WORKSHOP". The "EMERGENCY RENT RELIEF PROGRAM" section provides details about the program's purpose and who is eligible. The "ATTEND AN UPCOMING WORKSHOP" section encourages attendance and provides a QR code for more information. A small "Find an upcoming workshop near you at iacountyrentrelief.com/webinars-and-events" is also present.

THE LONG-TERM HOUSING GROUP

The Long-Term Housing Recovery (LTHR) Group is a joint effort between **Cal OES** and **Department of Housing and Community Development** bringing together federal, state, and local partners each month to share best practices, lessons learned, and insights on long-term housing recovery. We meet on the **4th Thursday** of every month.

**The next LTHR meeting is
January 22 @ 2:00-3:00 PM**

Guest Speakers: Recovery Support Function Coordinators (Economic, Health and Human Services & Infrastructure) will share how their work intersects with and supports long-term housing recovery.

If you would like to be added to the Long-Term Housing Recovery distribution list to receive meeting invitations and updates, please email:



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