

LONG TERM HOUSING RECOVERY MONTHLY INFORMATION & RESOURCES

September 2025

Recovery Spotlight

Lessons in Paradise



Paradise, which lost 90% of its buildings in the 2018 Camp Fire, has now become California's fastest grown city as it rebuilds from the wildfire. The community has grown from less than 5,000 residents in 2020 to an estimated 12,000 today. Paradise has implemented major safety improvements including 21 early warning sirens, evacuation zones, removal of 200,000 fire damaged trees, and undergrounding 90% of power lines to reduce future wildfire risk. Their recovery experience provides insight for Los Angeles now facing their own rebuilding process. Read full Article here: [Lessons from Paradise](#)

HOUSING LEGISLATION New Rules for California's FAIR Plan

AB234 is headed to the governor after reports of smoke-damage claim problems and a big jump in FAIR plan policies. The bill would increase oversight and require more transparency from the FAIR plan.

Housing Bill Allows Taller Buildings Near Transit



Lawmakers proposed SB79, which allows neighborhoods around train, light rail, and subway stations allowing developers to build residential buildings up to 75 feet tall regardless of local zoning or opposition. The bill applies only to eight counties with at least 15 passenger rail stations. The legislation requires developers to set aside 7% of homes for lower-income residents, replace any destroyed rent-controlled units, and in some cases hire unionized construction workers. The bill aims to increase housing and boost transit use.



The next LTHR meeting is on Thursday August 25th, 2:00PM
Guest Presenter: Katie Simmons, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer,
Butte County presenting
'Realities of Long-Term Recovery for Multiple Disasters'

[Meeting Link included here](#)

Mortgage Relief for Firestorm Survivors

As part of the state's continued efforts to support Los Angeles firestorm survivors, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 238, which requires lenders to help borrowers experiencing financial hardship due to the Los Angeles firestorms by offering mortgage forbearance for up to 12 months.

[A signing message can be found here.](#)



FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Disaster Recovery Multifamily Housing Program (DR-MHP) 2023/2024 NOFA: CDBG-DR

This round of DR-MHP will provide approximately \$137.8 M to build affordable, senior or supportive housing in Tuolumne, Tulare, San Benito, Monterey, San Deigo, and Santa Cruz Counties affected by the 2023-2024 floods. Funding is open to private, public, and Tribal Entities, under FEMA DR-4699/4768 and Public Law 118-158.

For **Application Information** please visit [DR-MHP webpage](#)



Multifamily Finance Super NOFA for LA Disaster

Applications were received on August 21, 2025. Awards are expected to be made in **November 2025**.

For a list of applications received please visit website:
[2025 MFSN - LA Disaster NOFA](#)

Funding Round Highlights:

- 38 Applications Received
 - \$663M Requested; 2,833 Units Proposed
 - \$101.4 Million Available (NOFA)
 - Oversubscribed by 6:1 - 16% requested funds can be awarded
- Prioritize Projects based on factors:
- Project Readiness
 - Prioritization near fire parameter
 - Local support
 - Occupancy priorities

U.S. EDA Supplemental Grant Program

U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA): Making **\$1.45 billion** available on a **nationwide competitive basis** to support economic recovery in areas with major disaster declarations from hurricanes, wildfires, severe storms, flooding, tornadoes, and other natural disasters; CY 2023 and CY 2024. Application deadlines vary.

Key Details:

• [Notice of Funding Fact Sheet](#)

• [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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