

LA Wildfires: Joint County – State Housing Task Force Meeting

Summary Document | June 25, 2025

This document captures discussion outcomes and action items from the LA Wildfires: Joint County – State Housing Task Force meeting. The mission of the Task Force is to support the development and implementation of viable, long-term housing recovery strategies; resilient solutions and programs that rebuild and create new housing units; and affordable homeownership and rental opportunities that accommodate the most vulnerable populations with accessibility and functional needs.

Agenda

Time	Topic	Facilitator
5 minutes	Welcome & Meeting Admin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance (Link in Chat) Introductions (New Participants) 	Breiana Losinger, LA County Office of Emergency Management (LACo OEM)
25 minutes	Housing Task Force Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multifamily Finance Super NOFA CalAssist Mortgage Fund Affordable Housing Work Group Reverse Mortgage Work Group 	Mona Akbar, CA Housing and Community Development (HCD) Emily Burgos, HCD Melissa Harty-Swaleh, HCD Chris Saur, CA Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) Ann Sewill, LA County Development Authority (LACDA) Carolina Romo, LACDA
15 minutes	Los Angeles Wildfire Recovery Partnership Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovery Workshop Debrief Key Takeaways Captured 	Janet Golrick, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD Clay Kerchof, HCD Tracie Mann, LACDA
10 minutes	Q&A / Discussion	All Members
5 minutes	Wrap Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Items & Next Steps Next Meeting: 08/06/2025 	Task Force Leads

Action Items

#	Task	Status	Date Assigned	Anticipated Due Date	Owner
1	Award 50 Section 8 vouchers from the Housing Voucher Program Waitlist.	Ongoing	04/09/2025	08/30/2025	LACDA

Meeting Summary

Housing Task Force Updates

Multifamily Finance Super Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

- California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the release of \$101 million to help rapidly rebuild affordable multifamily rental housing in the fire-impacted region of Los Angeles County.
- Application materials were made available on July 21, 2025. Applications must be submitted no later than August 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
 - Awards will be disseminated during November after applications have been reviewed. If funds remain after the first round of awards has been completed, the second award announcements will be made beginning in December.
- Developers must begin construction within 180 days of the award and utilize land near the fire perimeters to support the prioritization of wildfire-displaced families.
- For any questions or concerns, please contact SuperNofa@hcd.ca.gov.

CalAssist Mortgage Fund

- Applications opened on June 12, 2025, to support displaced residents with their mortgage bills by awarding three months of payments, up to \$20,000.
- The first round of awards had been disseminated to applicants last week. There is a tight budget for media coverage of the Mortgage Relief Grant, requesting that attendees share information broadly to maximize outreach to those impacted by wildfires.
- 1,200 people have applied for the fund and are awaiting determination. In a month, there will be better statistics on the type of applications received whether most applicants were eligible survivors, ineligible, or not a true wildfire survivor.

Affordable Housing Work Group

- The Affordable Housing Work Group conducted a kickoff meeting in June 2025, with attendees from the Department of Regional Planning (DRP), Department of Public Works (DPW), and philanthropic organizations.

- A meeting will be held on Thursday, August 07, 2025, to elaborate on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-DR) and what action needs to be taken once the grant is approved by Congress.
- The grant will address the needs and gaps in infrastructure that support new housing developments and rebuilds focused on creating affordable housing for displaced residents.

Reverse Mortgage Work Group

- Work Group Upcoming Workshops & Events:
 - **August 16, 2025:** The California Department of Insurance (DOI) will be presenting on Homeowner Insurance for Eaton wildfire impacted residents.
 - **September 13, 2025:** Untied Policyholders in collaboration with lawyers from the State Bar will provide a presentation to support informing wildfire survivors on the process of hiring a lawyer.
 - **October 2025:** Certified Access Specialist (CASp) consultants will facilitate a workshop on ADA accessibility and senior rebuilding with intent for prolonged independent living.
- Workshops and events will be suspended during November and December 2025 due to the holiday season before restarting in January 2026.

Recovery Workshop Debrief

Recovery Event Overview

- The LA Wildfire Recovery Partnership Workshop was facilitated by Cal OES and FEMA and held at the Kaiser Permanente facility in Pasadena on July 09, 2025.
- Over 100 organizations attended including various county, state, and federal stakeholders, as well as philanthropic donors.
- Discussed the navigation of cross-cutting issues, and the holistic approach to recovery.
- Covered lessons learned from previous disasters, the importance of recovery planning, safety and affordability in recovery, and long-term affordability.

Relevant Links

- [CalAssist Mortgage Fund](#): State program that provides much-needed relief from mortgage payments for displaced families for three (3) months, up to \$20,000.
- [Multifamily Finance Super NOFA \(MFSN\)](#): Allocates \$101 million towards the creation of new multifamily affordable housing in/near burn zone.
- [Home | 211LA](#): Nonprofit guide to services and information for LA County residents.

- [CA Department of Insurance \(CDI\)](#): Questions regarding insurance and/or dispute claim with the insurance company, call CDI at 1-800-927-4357 or use the Consumer Hotline Chat button on their webpage to connect directly.
- [Bet Tzedek](#): Free legal services supporting displaced families navigate home rebuild, housing continuity, senior protections, and small business recovery.