

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 |
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| 5 minutes | Welcome & Meeting Admin <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attendance (Link in Chat)Introductions (New Participants) | Emilio Salas, LA County Development Authority (LACDA) |
| 15 minutes | Housing Task Force Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Outcomes of Federal AdvocacyAffordable Housing Work Group | Emilio Salas, LACDA Lynn Katano, LACDA Ann Sewill, LACDA |
| 15 minutes | Housing and Tenant Protections Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">Program Overview<ul style="list-style-type: none">Household Relief GrantStay Housed LA | Scott Tretter, LA County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) Mary Safaryan, DCBA |
| 10 minutes | City Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Los AngelesMalibuPasadenaSierra Madre | City Representatives |
| 10 minutes | Q&A / Discussion | All Members |
| 5 minutes | Wrap Up <ul style="list-style-type: none">Action Items & Next Steps | 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 | 07/30/2025 | LACDA |

Meeting Summary

Housing Task Force Updates

Task Force Consolidation

- LA County Office of Emergency Managements (LACo OEM) Watershed, Schools, and Economic Development Task Forces have been consolidated into a work group under the Long-Term Recovery Task Force due to the completion of initial response efforts.
- Housing Task Force leadership are working to connect with Amy Bodek, the director of LA County Department of Regional Planning (DRP) and the Long-Term Recovery Task Force lead.
- As conversations transpire with DRP, clarifying information will be provided in upcoming meetings.

Affordable Housing Work Group

- Working to connect housing providers with wildfire survivors, identify available federal disaster relief funding, seek developers to rebuild multi-family properties in Altadena and Pasadena, seek unmet needs, and determine donation / funding support.
- As Congress appropriates funds, the work group will assist Community Development Block Grant (DCBG) in action planning to provide resources to vulnerable populations.
- As the work group defines roles and responsibilities, invitations will be provided to state and federal partners for increased awareness and for potential support that may be eligible under their scope of work.

Reverse Mortgage Work Group

- Finalizing remaining logistic components for the Homeowner Insurance Workshop which will be held on July 12 and will provide information from the Department of Insurance (DOI).
- The invitation to the workshop event has been extended to the Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE) who have been able to identify a location for the workshop and secured 100 lunches for attendees.
 - Working to secure 40 folding chairs for attendees at the event. If you are aware of chairs that are available to borrow for the event, please contact Carolina Romo at carolina.romo@lacda.org.
- Upcoming Workshops & Events:

- **July 12, 2025:** The California Department of Insurance (DOI) will be presenting on Homeowner Insurance for Eaton wildfire impacted residents. To be held at the New Revelations Baptist Church in Pasadena.
 - [Home Insurance Workshop \(Residents Impacted by Eaton Fire\) RSVP, Sat, Jul 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)
- **August 16, 2025:** Untied Policyholders will provide a presentation to support informing wildfire survivors on the rebuild process.
- **September 13, 2025:** Certified Access Specialist (CASP) consultants will facilitate a workshop on ADA accessibility and senior rebuilding with intent for prolonged independent living. Location of the event has not yet been determined; more details will be provided at future meetings.

Housing and Tenant Protections

Program Overview

- Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) supports wildfire survivors primarily in the unincorporated areas to provide legal services, case management, survivor outreach, tenant navigation support, develops informative workshops, and assists in mitigating rental evictions.
- Housing barriers experienced by wildfire survivors include housing shortages, high rental market, and resident unwillingness to move away from pre-wildfire location.
- DCBAs [Rent Stabilization Program](#) works to stabilize rents and extend eviction protections for eligible properties in the unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Household Relief Grant

- The Household Relief Grant offers \$30 million to eligible residents of the Eaton and Palisades Wildfire zones. The application portal launched on February 26 and closed on March 12, 2025. 3,335 Household applications have been deemed eligible for grant award, with the first distribution of funds occurring on March 31, 2025.
 - \$19.83 Million, equating to 65% of allotted funding has been awarded to eligible households in Eaton Wildfire zone.
 - \$10.17 Million, equating to 35% of allotted funding has been awarded in the Palisades Fire zone.
- Across both fire zones, out of the 3,335 grantee households:
 - 21% Included members with disabilities and/or special needs.
 - 43% Included children below the age of 18.
 - 39% Included members over the age of 60.
- 48% Included pets.

Stay Housed LA

- [Stay Housed LA](#) is a partnership between Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles and local community and legal service providers. Launched in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Stay Housed LA provides the first line of defense against mass evictions and homelessness for eligible residents with low to medium income.
- The program provides direct outreach, informative workshops, legal aid support, and resources to prevent homelessness due to unlawful detainer filed against Los Angeles County low-income residents.

Relevant Links

- [Reverse Mortgage Workshop](#)
- [Sonoma County Housing Authority](#)
- [Catholic Charities](#)
- [Center for Disease Control](#)
- [CDC toolkit](#)
- ["Housing Heroes Program"](#)
- [Sonoma Recovers](#)
- ["Resilient City Combining District"](#)
- [FEMA Public Assistance \(PA\) Program](#)