



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



# Cross-Agency Coordination for Mitigation Needs Assessment and MIT Action Plan Development

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# State of California CDBG-Mitigation



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# CDBG-MIT Overview

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- State of California received \$88 million in CDBG-MIT for its 2017 allocation
- Approach to program design:
  - Connect to mitigation definition
  - Maximize investment benefiting Most Impacted and Distressed Areas and Low- and Moderate-Income communities
  - Leverage and not duplicate state and federal funding
  - Address state and local needs and goals
  - Achieve project goals within expenditure deadline



# 2017 Qualifying Disasters

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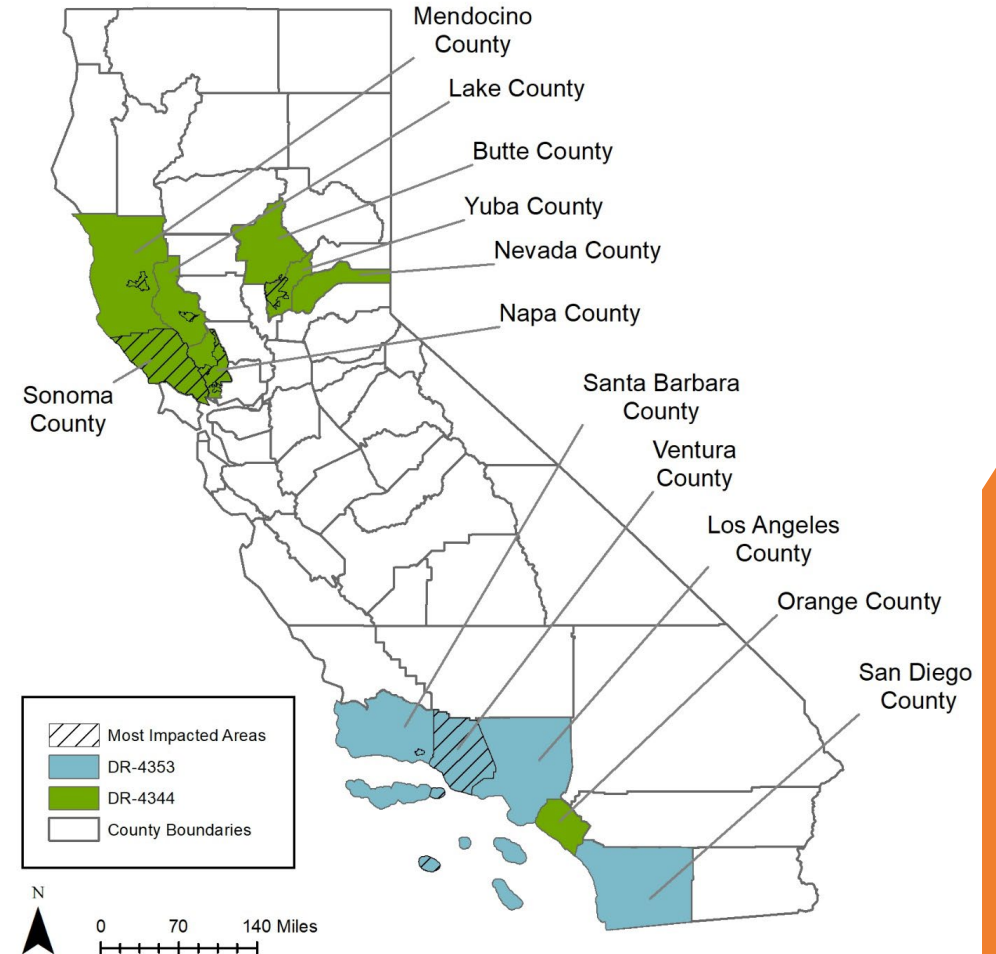
- October 2017 Disasters (FEMA DR-4344) – Burned a total of 200,000 acres and destroyed 8,922 structures, causing approximately \$8.66 billion in damage
- December 2017 Disasters (FEMA DR-4353) – Burned a total of 308,383 acres, at the time the largest fire in California history



# Most Impacted and Distressed

## HUD-Designated MID areas:

- All of Sonoma and Ventura Counties
- Also includes the following zip codes:
  - 93108 (Santa Barbara County)
  - 95422 (Lake County)
  - 94558 (Napa County)
  - 95470 (Mendocino County)
  - 95901 (Yuba County)



# Consultations – State Agencies

- California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
- Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)



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# Mitigation Needs Assessment

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- State Hazard Mitigation – primary document for the development of the Mitigation Needs Assessment
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plans – reviewed local plans to understand local priorities
- Other planning documents:
  - General Plans – include a Safety Element that addresses mitigation
  - Community Wildfire Protection Plan or similar



# Consultations – Local Consultations

- Impacted local governments
- California Fire Safe Council – Statewide
- Local Fire Safe Councils
- Local offices for CAL FIRE – review project list

County Fire Safe Council	Program Suggestions
Butte Fire Safe Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biomass infrastructure for biowaste</li> <li>• Forest Health Restoration projects</li> </ul>
Mendocino Fire Safe Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chipper program</li> <li>• Projects targeting Low- and Moderate-income Individuals (LMI)</li> </ul>
Sonoma Fire Safe Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding for fulltime and part time staff</li> <li>• Fund projects with Safety, Environment, and Property in mind</li> </ul>
Napa County Fire Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fuel breaks around Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)</li> </ul>
Yuba Fire Safe Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defensible space</li> <li>• Chipping program</li> </ul>
Ventura Fire Safe Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home ignition Zone assessments</li> </ul>
San Diego Fire Safe Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Hardening Cost share</li> </ul>
Orange Fire Safe Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Education</li> <li>• Defensible Space</li> </ul>





# Public Meetings – Two Rounds

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## Round 1 – January 2020

### Overview of FRN

- Ukiah, CA (Mendocino Co.)
- Santa Rosa, CA (Sonoma Co.)
- Marysville, CA (Yuba Co.)
- Alhambra, CA (Los Angeles Co.)
- Ventura County, CA (Ventura Co.)

## Round 2 – March 2020

### Draft Program Design

- City of Ventura
- City of Santa Barbara
- City of Napa
- City of Santa Rosa\*
- Nevada, Butte, Yuba Counties\*



# Resilient Infrastructure Program

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- \$61 million over two rounds – immediate impact vs. building capacity
- Must meet infrastructure and resilience goals
- Must be spent in or benefit MID areas
- 50% must benefit Low- and Moderate-Income population
- Consistent with local and regional plans promoting resilience
- Plan for long-term operation and maintenance



# Planning and Public Services Program

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- \$22 million – Build local capacity, planning to support Infrastructure program
- Eligible applicants – Local governments (cities/counties), nonprofits
- Projects and activities that address risks to community lifelines that support health and safety and mitigate future disasters.
- Build capacity for eligible jurisdictions.
- Assist local entities for updating critical planning efforts to reduce future disaster risks.
- Support public services that inform communities about their disaster risks and how to reduce risk.



# Key Takeaways – Needs Assessment

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- Build relationships with other state/city agencies early, especially during the disaster response phase - Brief early, and throughout the process
- Relationships with other state agencies/local entities will assist with building trusted messengers about the programs
- Build a bridge between the local community development and public works leadership
- Be strategic about what to ask impacted local governments – if you can find the information and confirm, save them time and they appreciate it!
- Use relationships with local governments to select public meeting locations and assist with publicity, but do your own outreach to federally protected classes



# Key Takeaways – Action Plan

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- Coordination within your agency – set a clear schedule for the Action Plan process and review timelines, get buy-in from leadership early
- Mitigation opens up areas that may be unfamiliar to CDBG administrators or housing departments, leverage the experience of other state agencies to help bring you up to speed on new topics (fire, home hardening)
- Keep records of outreach activities (emails, flyers, attendee lists) and build a list of interested parties for future communication about the program
- Structure outreach to evolve over the Action Plan timeline – from education in early meetings, to structured discussions in later meetings
- Leverage state funding – what gaps can federal funds fill that aren't being addressed by state funds



# Highlights

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Build Relationships with cross-agency partners before and during disaster response

Ground the needs assessment in local plans as much as possible

Leverage the experience of other state agencies for data and to ease the learning curve



# Q & A



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# Resources



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- **HUD Exchange CDBG-DR page:**
  - <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-dr/>
- **HUD Exchange CDBG-MIT page:**
  - <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-mit/>
- **CA HCD CDBG-MIT Website:**
  - <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/disaster-recovery-programs/cdbg-dr/cdbg-mit-2017/index.shtml>



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