Fire Recovery Funding

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This is the short list of the most relevant grants and loans. A complete list of state grants can be found at <u>www.grants.ca.gov</u>. Federal grants can be found at <u>www.grants.gov</u>.

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| NRCS | NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) assistance may be made available when sudden watershed impairment occurs that creates an imminent threat to life or property, as determined by the NRCS State Conservationist. The EWP Program provides recovery assistance consisting of emergency measures for repair and restoration of eligible sites. The EWP Program helps project sponsors implement emergency recovery measures to relieve imminent hazards to life or property created by a natural disaster that causes a sudden impairment of a watershed. For more info: https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/ programs/landscape/ewpp/#Program Contact Greg Norris, EWP program manager, at greg.norris@usda.gov or (530) 792-5609 | On going | Federal USDA NRCS | As Determined by project need. |

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| USDA | Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants This program helps eligible communities prepare for, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water for households and businesses. Areas that may be served include: Rural areas and towns with 10,000 or fewer peoplecheck eligible addresses, Tribal Lands in rural areas. The area to be served must also have a median household income less-than the state's median household income for non- metropolitan areascontact your local RD office for details. Funds may be used for: •Water transmission line grants up to \$150,000 are for construction of waterline extensions, repairs to breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and related maintenance necessary to replenish water supply • Water source grants up to \$1,000,000 to construct a water source, intake or treatment facility Partnerships with other federal, state, local, private and NGOs are encouraged. For more information go to: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/emergency- community-water-assistance-grants Santa Rosa Office: Serving Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, San Francisco, and Sonoma Counties Reef Atwell, Area Specialist (707) 536-0246 | Applications for this program are accepted through your local Rural Development Office year- round. | Federal USDA | |

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| Cal/OES FEMA | FY20 Pre-Disaster Mitigation program is being replaced with the new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program makes federal funds available to states, U.S territories, Indian tribal governments, and local communities for pre-disaster mitigation activities. The guiding principles of the program are to (1) support state and local governments, tribes, and territories through capability- and capacity-building to enable them to identify mitigation actions and implement projects that reduce risks posed by natural hazards; (2) encourage and enable innovation while allowing flexibility, consistency, and effectiveness; (3) promote partnerships and enable high-impact investments to reduce risk from natural hazards with a focus on critical services and facilities, public infrastructure, public safety, public health, and communities; (4) provide a significant opportunity to reduce future losses and minimize impacts on the Disaster Relief Fund; and (5) support the adoption and enforcement of building codes, standards, and policies that will protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public, take into account future conditions, and have long-lasting impacts on community risk reduction, including for critical services and facilities and for future disaster costs. Fact sheet link https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020- 08/fema_bric fy-2020_nofo_fact-sheet.pdf Contact: Jennifer L. Hogan, Assistant Director California Governor's Office of Emergency Services 3650 Shriever Avenue | September 1, 2020 - NOI opens September 18, 2020 - NOI closes September 30, 2020 - BRIC / FMA application period opens December 3, 2020 - Complete sub-applications due to Cal OES via FEMA GO January 29, 2021 - Cal OES application due to FEMA | FEMA/ Federal | For FY20, FEMA will distribute up to \$500 million through the BRIC grant program in the following manner: State/Territory Allocation: \$33.6 million (up to \$600,000 per Applicant). All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories may apply under the State/Territory Allocation. Tribal Set- Aside: \$20 million. All Indian tribal governments (federally recognized) may apply |

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| | Mather, California 95655 Phone: (916) 845-8205 jennifer.hogan@caloes.ca.gov | | | under the Tribal Set-Aside. |
| State Water Resources Control Board | 2021 Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant The program primarily funds implementation projects, but occasionally offers grants for planning projects. Examples of projects include livestock fencing to reduce sediment and nutrient discharges, agricultural best management practices to reduce pesticide and nutrient discharges, dredging contaminated sediment from pesticide-impaired waters, habitat restoration such as installation of large woody debris and riparian revegetation, and rural road inventories and repairs to reduce sedimentation and erosion. Most awards go to projects that improve impaired waters, but a small amount of funding goes to projects that protect high-quality waters, or that address a nonpoint source pollution problem created by wildfire. For more information follow the link below: <u>http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/np s/solicitation_notice.shtml</u> | 2021 Request for Proposal September 2020 due by December 18, 2020 | Federal EPA Grant | ~ \$4,000,000 |
| NRCS | EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) resources for Catastrophic Wildfire Recovery Incentive Program for erosion controls. NRCS will again be making funds available to support response to the fires. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides technical and financial assistance to producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil | On going | FEDERAL USDA NRCS | California ~\$85,000,00 funds are subject to the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limit which will of ~ \$900K/yr total income from all sources |

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| | erosion, and improved or created wildlife habitat. The funding programs are listed at the link below: https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/ | | | – low for many farms) |
| | programs/financial/eqip/ | | | |
| | USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a federal non-regulatory agency that can work with partners and landowners to assess and possibly mitigate damages following wildfires. NRCS may also be able to assist impacted landowners and communities with technical information to help them return damaged watersheds to normal functioning. NRCS conservationists may be able to offer advice on preventing erosion, covering, and protecting exposed soil, directing water away from vulnerable areas. | | | |
| | Local NRCS Post-Fire Disaster Assistance Contacts | | | |
| | Sonoma & Marin Counties contact: | | | |
| | Drew Loganbill, District Conservationist | | | |
| | (707) 794-1242, ex. 3 | | | |
| | Andrew.loganbill@usda.gov | | | |
| | Mendocino County contact: | | | |
| | Carol Mandel, District Conservationist | | | |
| | (707) 485-3233 | | | |
| | Carol.Mandel@usda.gov | | | |
| | Napa & Solano Counties contact: | | | |
| | Wendy Rash, NRCS, Salinas, CA Wendy.Rash@usda.gov | | | |
| | Lake County contact: | | | |
| | Korinn Woodard, District Conservationist | | | |
| | (707) 262-7091 | | | |
| | Korinn.Woodard@usda.gov | | | |

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| USDA FSA - Farm Service Agency | Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) helps farmers and ranchers to repair damage to farmlands caused by natural disasters and to help put in place methods for water conservation during severe drought. The ECP does this by giving ranchers and farmers funding and assistance to repair the damaged farmland or to install methods for water conservation. What to do if a Disaster Occurs Producer or USDA Documents damage with dated photographs, videos, and third-party verification. Producer reports to a local Service Center as soon as possible to request assistance (immediate restoration applies only to emergency situations such as putting up fencing to confine livestock). The county FSA office will provide guidance on the approval process and next steps. For more info please go to: https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and- services/conservation-programs/emergency- conservation/index Contact: Sonoma County Farm Service Agency 5401 Old Redwood Highway, Suite 100 Petaluma, CA 94954 (707) 794-1242 ext 3 | On going | Federal | \$900K Limit |

Forecasted Funding

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| Department of Forestry and Fire Protection | CAL FIRE Forest Health Grants Through grants to regionally based partners and collaboratives, CAL FIRE seeks to significantly increase fuels management, fire reintroduction, treatment of degraded areas and conservation of forests. All Forest Health projects must have calculated climate benefits that account for greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) from 1) treatment activities, 2) avoided future wildfire and fossil fuel use, and 3) reforestation and/or growth and yield of remaining vegetation. The Forest Health Program is part of California Climate Investments (CCI), a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities. For more information go to: https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/forest-health-grants/ Contact: Julie Howard, Forest Health Program Manager (831) 345-4942 ForestHealth@fire.ca.gov | Anticipated Open Date Fall 2020 | State | TBD |

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| Department of Conservation | Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program Grants provide funding to eight block grantees who will work within their regions to increase capacity, develop Regional Priority Plans, prioritize, and plan projects, and implementation demonstration projects. The goal of the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Grant Program is to increase regional capacity to prioritize, develop and implement projects that improve forest health and fire resilience. <u>https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant- programs/Pages/Regional-Forest-and-Fire-Capacity- Program.aspx</u> Contact: Department of Conservation Program Analyst Jenny.E.DiStefano@conservation.ca.gov (916) 324-0774 | TBD | State | TBD |