## Fire Recovery Funding

Updated 10/25/17

This is the short list of the most relevant grants and loans. For the long list of state grants, see [http://resources.ca.gov/docs/bonds_and_grants/Agency_Grants_and_Loans_August_2017.pdf](http://resources.ca.gov/docs/bonds_and_grants/Agency_Grants_and_Loans_August_2017.pdf). Federal grants can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

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<td>NRCS</td>
<td><strong>EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)</strong> resources for Catastrophic Wildfire Recovery Incentive Program for erosion controls. In 2017, $4 million was allocated. In 2017 NRCS also had funds allocated for Forest Health ($~1.8 million) and Forest Tree Mortality ($5 million) – these will likely be important to fund as efforts increase to reduce fuel for Catastrophic Wildfires. NRCS will again be making funds available to support response to the fires. The funding programs are listed at the link below: Link-<a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/</a></td>
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<td>California Fires News Release <a href="https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAOC/bulletins/1bedf0e">https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAOC/bulletins/1bedf0e</a></td>
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<td>USDA</td>
<td><strong>Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants.</strong> 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 people. The area to be served must also have a median household income less-than the state’s median household income for non-metropolitan areas--contact 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 $500,000 are for construction of a new water source, intake and/or treatment facility Partnerships with other federal, state, local, private and NGOs are encouraged. <a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants">http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants</a></td>
<td>Applications for this program are accepted through your local Rural Development Office year-round.</td>
<td>Federal USDA</td>
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## Administering Agency
NRCS

## Program Information & Webpage
NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) funds provide resources to respond to emergencies created by natural disasters. NRCS can fund work like erosion control efforts thru a local sponsor that is not subject to the AGI limit. [https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/#](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/#)

NRCS is seeking a modification to be able to provide funding support to address crops (e.g., vineyards); currently, only range and forest resources are eligible for funding.

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 and more.

EWP is designed for installation of recovery measures. **Activities include providing financial and technical assistance to:**
- remove debris from stream channels, road culverts, and bridges,
- reshape and protect eroded banks,
- correct damaged drainage facilities,
- establish cover on critically eroding lands,
- repair levees and structures, and
- repair conservation practices.

## Solicitation Period
On going

## Funding Source
Federal USDA NRCS

## Funds Available Statewide
4,000,000 Targeted for California


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<td>Cal/OES FEMA</td>
<td><strong>FY 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program</strong>&lt;br&gt;Local governments including cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and Native American tribal organizations are considered Sub-applicants and must apply to their state/territory. Either the state Emergency Management Agency (EMA) or the office that has primary emergency management responsibility is eligible to apply directly to FEMA for PDM Grant Program funds as an Applicant; however, only one PDM grant application will be accepted from each state, tribe or territory.</td>
<td>Proposals closes on 11/14/17</td>
<td>FEMA/ Federal</td>
<td>$90,000,000 (All 50 States &amp; Protectorates)</td>
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Funding (Must have FEMA approved mitigation plan):
- Ten percent of the appropriated PDM funding, or $10 million, will be set aside for Federally-recognized Native American Tribal applicants to receive an allocation of $575,000 per tribe.
- Balance of funds will be distributed on a competitive basis.
- No applicant can receive more than 15% or $15 million.

Complete evaluation Criteria can be found in fact sheet (link below) and include:
- Multi-State/Tribal mitigation initiatives
- Mitigation planning sub-applications from Applicants that have less than $400,000 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) planning funds available.
- Projects from Applicants that have less than $4 million HMGP project funds available in the following order:
  i. Non-flood hazard mitigation projects
  ii. Flood mitigation activities except acquisition, elevation, or mitigation reconstruction
  iii. Acquisition, elevation and mitigation reconstruction projects
  iv. Generators for critical facilities


**Contact:**<br>**Julie Norris, Chief**<br>Pre-Disaster and Flood Mitigation Division<br>California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services<br>3650 Schriever Avenue<br>Mather, CA 95655<br>E-mail: Julie.Norris@CalOES.ca.gov<br>Phone (916) 845-8160
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<td>Nonpoint source 319(h) grants for projects that address nonpoint, diffuse sources of pollution with a watershed focus <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/solicitation_notice.shtml">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/solicitation_notice.shtml</a></td>
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<td>State Water Resources Control Board</td>
<td>Timber regulation and forest restoration grants for projects that will improve water quality in areas with at least 10% canopy cover <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/solicitation_notice.shtml">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/solicitation_notice.shtml</a></td>
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<td>Dept. of Water Resources</td>
<td>Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP) <a href="http://water.ca.gov/irwm/">http://water.ca.gov/irwm/</a></td>
<td>Proposals Closed 09/23/16 Next RFP Summer 2018</td>
<td>Prop 84 &amp; Prop 1</td>
<td>$231,000,000 left from Prop 84 $510,000,000 from Prop 1</td>
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