



News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (9/17/21)

California Incident Summary

[CAL FIRE](#) has an incidents page on their website that provides interactive maps, with up-to-date information regarding various disasters happening throughout the state. To view their incidents page, [please follow this link](#).

Dixie Fire Latest: Fire Remains 75% Contained as Growth Slows

[Fox 40 reports](#) the Dixie Fire remains 75% contained Wednesday morning as more than 2,400 fire personnel continue to battle the blaze.

California's largest recorded single wildfire, which started July 13, has burned 960,583 acres — over 1,500 square miles.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is ending its region-wide forest closure Wednesday night, two days ahead of schedule.

Cal Fire has transitioned out of unified command on the Dixie Fire. Additional information can be found [HERE](#).

The Dixie Fire merged with the nearby Fly Fire in July. Pacific Gas & Electric has reported to California utility regulators that its equipment may be linked to both fires, adding to the list of major wildfires linked to the utility.

U.S. District Judge William Alsup accused PG&E of downplaying the risk posed by the power line suspected of causing the fire. He said he has received information flagging that troublesome power line as the 11th most dangerous in PG&E's sprawling service territory.

Cal Fire Chief Thom Porter said that only twice in California history have blazes burned from one side of the Sierra Nevada to the other, with the Caldor and Dixie fires.

To read further updates on the Dixie Fire, [visit the full article](#).

As Caldor Fire Growth Slows, Cleanup Efforts Get Underway

[FOX 40 reports](#) previous evacuation orders for Caldor have been downgraded to an evacuation warning. This area includes Plummer Ridge south through North South Road, including the western portions of Cat Creek and Lower Cat Creek Road. — [Click here for more information](#).

The Caldor Fire, for a second day, burned no additional acres as some evacuation orders in the area were downgraded and containment slightly increased.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control has begun cleanup efforts in the Grizzly Flats area to help communities rebuild after the Caldor Fire wreaked havoc.

Overnight into Wednesday, in the West Zone, fuels smoldered and crept away from control lines, Cal Fire reported. Scattered heat near control lines is posing a threat in some areas.

In the East Zone, fire crews are continuing to prioritize containment near Trimmer Peak and Scout Peak, near Caples Lake.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is ending its region-wide forest closure Wednesday night, but the Eldorado National Forest and Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit closures remain in place.

More than 16,500 structures remain threatened, Cal Fire reported. At least 782 homes, 18 commercial properties and 203 minor structures have been destroyed by the fire. Eighty-one structures have been damaged.

Cal Fire reported their damage inspections are 100% complete after assessing 3,356 structures.

El Dorado County Sheriff's Office officials have been updating a map indicating the status of structures. [Click here to view.](#)

Officials have set up a command trailer this week for Grizzly Flats residents who were unable to receive their residential permits to see their property on Sunday or Monday.

El Dorado County officials have launched [a Caldor Fire Recovery page](#) to help those impacted by the fire.

Nearly 2,500 people are under evacuation orders as of Tuesday afternoon, including more than 2,400 people in El Dorado County and 61 in Amador County, [according to Cal OES.](#)

A map with current evacuation information can be found [by clicking here.](#)

The Highway 50 closure has been reduced in some areas, but it remains closed from Kyburz to Meyers.

The entirety of South Lake Tahoe was evacuated due to the Caldor Fire. Residents have since been able to return, and any major casinos and resorts in the area have also resumed operations.

Biden Discusses Wildfires, Climate Change, and Federal Collaboration During California Trip

[The Stockton Record reports](#) on Monday afternoon, President traveled to the West Coast for the first time as president. He landed at Mather Airport in Sacramento, where he met with Gov. Gavin Newsom, who faced a recall election Tuesday.

While in California, Biden took an aerial tour of wildfire damage in the northern part of the state, spoke about climate change and his infrastructure plan, and then flew with Newsom to Long Beach to campaign for Newsom Monday night.

Biden recently approved a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for El Dorado County to assist state, tribal and local governments with Caldor Fire emergency response and recovery costs.

This follows the Presidential Emergency Declaration California secured earlier this month to support the Caldor Fire response, as well as a previous Presidential Major Disaster Declaration to support counties impacted by the Dixie and River fires.

In addition to the aerial tour of wildfire damage, both Biden and Newsom were briefed on the Caldor Fire by CAL Office of Emergency Services director Mark Ghilarducci, CAL FIRE Director Thom Porter, and U.S. Forest Service Regional Forester for the Pacific Southwest Region Jennifer Eberlien.

After the president and governor returned to Mather Airport, they spoke before the media about wildfires and climate change mitigation efforts, contrasting the previous administration's stance on the matter.

“California’s leadership has been challenged in the last four years, but those headwinds now are tailwinds with the Biden administration,” Newsom said. “We are not sparring partners; we are working partners as it relates to issues of climate change and dealing with challenges brought by wildfires.”

“Everyone in Northern California knows the time of the year when you can’t go outside, when the air will be filled with smoke and the sky will turn an apocalyptic shade of orange,” Biden said. “Thus far, nationwide, over 44,000 wildfires have burned nearly 5,300,000 acres, roughly the size of the state of New Jersey.”

“In California this year, more than 2.2 million acres have burned, the Dixie Fire burned nearly 1 million alone,” he said. “We’re working closely with Gov. Newsom to make sure California has every resource, every resource available to keep families safe.”

The president’s Build Back Better plan “includes billions of dollars for wildfire preparedness, resilience and response, forest management to restore millions of acres, and protect homes and public water sources,” he said.

“This bipartisan bill includes more than \$8 billion to increase resilience in (from) wildfires and add to that resolution packages include \$14 billion in disaster needs and \$9 billion for communities that are hit by wildfires and drought,” Biden said.

“We are not going to leave these people in distress.”

To read more on Biden’s remarks regarding climate change and his trillion-dollar infrastructure plan, [click here](#).

U.S. Forest Service to Reopen All But 5 of California’s National Forests

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) all but five of California’s national forests – previously closed under an emergency order issued in late August – will reopen two days early, officials said Tuesday.

The closure order will end at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, two days before Friday's original end date, according to an announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Region.

Forest-wide closures will remain in place until midnight Sept. 22 for the Los Padres, Angeles, San Bernardino and Cleveland national forests in Southern California because of "weather and fire factors," and a temporary strain on firefighting resources battling blazes in other areas of the state, the Forest Service said.

In addition, the El Dorado National Forest in Northern California will stay closed until Sept. 30, the Forest Service said.

Officials said Tuesday that changing conditions led them to reopen the forests, including:

- More firefighting resources available because of falling fire danger in other parts of the country
- Changing weather systems as the seasons change
- A drop-off in peak summer visitation since Labor Day

The Forest Service said the public should continue to use caution as they visit the reopened areas and to follow all guidelines in place to prevent human-caused fires.

Best practices include:

- Following all information about trails and campgrounds, especially fire restrictions and closures
- Camp stoves with a shutoff valve are generally allowed
- Not smoking or parking in grass or other flammable materials
- Packing all trash and leaving with everything you came into the forest with

Officials said the coronavirus pandemic remains a concern and national forest visitors should maintain at least six feet of distance from others, should not gather in groups outside their families and should follow all health guidance.

Photo from Northern California Wildfire Thought to Show Arson Suspect

[Mercury News reports](#) a 20-year-old Ukiah man was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of intentionally setting a fire that burned homes and forced hundreds to flee the Mendocino County town of Calpella.

He is apparently the same man seen in a photo watching the flames from a bridge over the Russian River.

In announcing the arrest, Mendocino County sheriff's Capt. Greg Van Patten said surveillance video from a business showed a man starting the fire Sunday afternoon on Hopkins Street near the Moore Street Bridge.

The fire, called Hopkins, was reported around 2:15 p.m. Sunday, and the first evacuation orders came within half an hour.

On Tuesday, shortly after 11 a.m., a fire investigator saw a man matching the arsonist's description in Calpella. He was detained and identified as being on probation for an attempted robbery charge, Van Patten said.

The man, being held without bail, is accused of violating probation and three arson charges: aggravated arson (multiple structures), arson of an inhabited structure, and arson during a state of emergency.

An image from Peter Armstrong, who was photographing the scene, shows a man — likely the suspect — watching the early stages of the fire from the Moore Street Bridge.

Van Patten said he could not be “100 percent sure” the photo shows the suspect but that “investigators did receive information today that he was photographed on the Moore Street Bridge” during the fire.

Evacuation orders remain in place for the fire, which has threatened hundreds of homes. Fire officials have not reported how many buildings have been destroyed, but residents on social media are saying it was at least a dozen.

As of Tuesday evening, the Hopkins Fire was at 257 acres with 60% containment, said the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

California Becomes One of Only Three States to Exit the CDC's Worst Category for COVID Transmission

[SFIST reports](#) in this summer's Delta variant surge, California has succeeded in being one of just three states to no longer be in the "high" transmission category for COVID-19, along with Vermont and Connecticut.

Much like the California Department of Public Health's former color-tier categorizations, the CDC now has these categories for the nation, and for weeks now, all 50 states have been in the red-coded "high" transmission tier. California, Vermont, and Connecticut are now moving down to the "substantial," or orange tier. This puts us on the road back to the yellow-coded or "moderate" tier, where we were in early July, and hopefully the blue or "low" tier where we were in June.

State epidemiologist Dr. Erica Pan spoke in a panel discussion Tuesday, [as reported by the Chronicle](#), and said that vaccination rates have helped us, as well as high rates of compliance with changing public health orders.

Back in late July, when the [CDC updated its mask mandate](#) in light of the Delta variant, it recommended masks indoors for all areas with "high" or "substantial" transmission rates, regardless of vaccination status.

California had to drive transmission levels down to between 50 and 99 new cases per day per 100,000 residents. The seven-day average of new cases in San Francisco hit 95 as of September 9, which amounts to 10.9 cases per 100,000 — a number that would have still would have qualified our county for "Purple" tier status under the state's framework of a few months ago. Back in early May, San Francisco was averaging just 26 new cases per day, or 1.8 per 100,000, before the Delta variant came and ruined everything.

Across the Bay Area, daily new cases have been declining as well, and hospitalization numbers have been dropping since leveling off in late August. After reaching a peak of 1,195 COVID patients in Bay Area hospitals on August 25, the hospital census across the region has dropped to 918, which is still higher than at any time since mid-February.

New COVID outbreaks are now concentrated in the south — even while things seem to be calming down in Florida and Louisiana. Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia are now seeing major upticks in new cases, likely being driven in part by kids getting infected at school, college kids getting back to partying, and these states' lack of mask or vaccine mandates.

Still, due to the major surge of the last two months, ICUs in Texas, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi are either full or overfull, with Alabama saying that it has no ICU beds currently available.

As one emergency room doctor in Lexington, Kentucky, Dr. Ryan Stanton, [tells the Associated Press](#), entire families are being infected, and one-third of all new cases in the state are now in kids under 18.

"The problem now is we have been trying to educate based on science, but I think most of the education that is happening now is based on tragedy, personal tragedy," Stanton said.

L.A. County Plans to Require Proof of Vaccination at Indoor Bars, Nightclubs, Breweries, Wineries

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) proof of COVID-19 vaccination will be required at indoor bars, wineries, breweries, nightclubs and lounges in Los Angeles County under a forthcoming health order aimed at further armoring the region against the pandemic.

The mandate, which will be issued by Friday, will require patrons and employees to have at least one vaccine dose by October 7 and be fully vaccinated by November 4, according to Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer.

L.A. County, like the rest of the state and nation, has for months been battling the latest wave of the coronavirus, which has been fueled by the highly infectious Delta variant.

Though there are indications that the latest surge is losing some steam, officials are already turning a wary eye to the fall and winter, when the busy holiday season will bring people together from all over and colder weather will increasingly push gatherings and recreation indoors.

Under the new order, participants and workers at outdoor “mega events” with more than 10,000 attendees will also need to provide proof of vaccination or show that they’ve recently tested negative for the coronavirus, starting Oct. 7. That requirement is already in place for indoor events of at least 1,000 people.

Ferrer said county health officials were also strongly recommending, though not requiring, vaccination verification at indoor portions of restaurants.

The county’s requirement that residents wear masks in indoor public settings will remain in place, she added.

To learn more on these new orders within the county, [visit the full article](#).

California Counties Prepare to Vaccinate Kids 5-11 Years Old Ahead of Pfizer's Expected Emergency Authorization

[California News Times reports](#) Pfizer plans to submit data to the Food and Drug Administration by the end of this month, hoping to begin vaccination of children ages 5-11 before Halloween.

Health officials throughout the Bay Area are beginning to prepare how distribution works after the vaccine has been approved for emergency use.

Susan Rojas is working with the COVID-19 Task Force in San Francisco. Her staff are already preparing to expand the mission's 24th Avenue pop-up site to vaccinate up to 500 children per day once Pfizer's vaccine is approved.

"Many families come to see if I can put my name on the waiting list," she said.

Pfizer plans to submit data for FDA review by late September. UCSF's Dr. Peter Chin-Hong predicts that EUA decisions will be made before Halloween but added that he needs to be prepared for delays.

"I think there's a lot of pressure right now to divert resources within the FDA to make sure everyone is actually on the deck," says Chin-Hong.

The American Academy of Pediatrics reports a 240% increase in COVID cases in children since early July.

ABC7 confirmed that the health departments of all nine counties in the Bay Area are working with pediatric clinics to expand vaccination clinics and meet expected rising demand next month.

The city's COVID-19 Latin American Task Force expects additional resources to staff mission and Bayview vaccination sites once the vaccine is approved. According to Rojas, the mission's 24th Street site hosts youth vaccinations and test events every Sunday from 9 am to 3:45 pm for teens aged 12 to 17 years. increase.

Paramedics to Decide Who is Transported to the Hospital

[The Sun Gazette reports](#) Sierra View Medical Center's Sept. 4 announcement it had reached capacity prompted Tulare County ambulances to reinstitute a policy not seen since the height of COVID-related hospitalizations in December and January.

There were 30 COVID-confirmed ICU patients in Tulare County on Sept. 5, the highest since the pandemic began in March 2020. The day before, Tulare County instituted an "assess and refer" order for all ambulance providers, according to Dan Lynch, director of the Central California Emergency Medical Services Agency (CCEMSA). Lynch said hospitals in all four counties overseen by CCEMSA (Tulare, Kings, Fresno and Madera) have had to transfer patients to other areas of the state due to the lack of staffed beds in the south Valley.

Under normal circumstances, EMS crews cannot refuse someone medical transport to a hospital if they request it, even if it is not recommended by the crew. The "assess and refer" policy states emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics will evaluate patients at the scene and determine if they require emergency transport to a hospital. If their condition is deemed a non-emergency, patients will be advised to seek care at an urgent care facility, contact their primary care physician or taken advantage of telehealth appointments offered by most insurance carriers.

The idea is to reduce the number of non-emergency patients being taken to the hospital and keep as many ambulances on the road as possible.

Under the assess and refer policy, the decision to transport a patient to a local hospital will be determined by EMTs or paramedics based on their heart rate, blood pressure, breaths per minute, oxygen levels, and if they appear to be comatose.

The assess and refer policy was implemented for the first time ever on Dec. 21, 2020, when COVID-confirmed ICU patients reached a then-record 24 and climbed to 29 by Jan. 10, 2021. It was lifted in February after the number of COVID-confirmed ICU patients steadily dropped until June, the lowest point since the pandemic began.

An assess and refer order is now in effect in Tulare, Kings, Madera, Fresno and Kern counties, Lynch said.

Lynch said if the number of hospitalizations do not start to fall soon, the situation will be exasperated by the coming flu season. Beginning in October, the flu season overwhelms the EMS system, even before COVID, and this flu season could be more dire as the delta variant flares up across the country.

“The situation now is more critical than in December and January,” Lynch said. “The EMS system is already being hit hard.”

One of the ambulance providers, Dinuba Fire Department, made it clear in a Sept. 8 Facebook post the rise in COVID cases was stretching the resources of both hospitals and ambulance providers.

“Hospitals are operating at disaster levels and there is limited patient bed capacity available,” Fire Chief Jordan Webster stated in the post. “Most of our hospital emergency departments are holding ICU patients, which requires significant emergency department space and resources that are no longer available to the emergency department.”

Webster said Dinuba Fire staffs three advanced life support ambulances which cover 400 square miles of northern Tulare County. He said the new assess and refer policy will allow the EMS system to reduce hospital admissions and keep more ambulances en route to calls.

As president of the county’s largest ambulance provider, Paul Main said American Ambulance in Visalia is seeing call volumes 15% to 20% higher than normal and the COVID patients have more severe symptoms. The severity of the delta variant, coupled with hospitals reaching capacity, has created a backlog at local emergency departments. Main said many of his crews are stuck waiting in the hallways of hospitals monitoring patients waiting to be handed off to ED nurses and physicians. Known as “wall time,” Main said crews have been waiting an average of 90 minutes, and in extreme cases several hours, at the hospital before they can head back out to respond to calls.

“The current situation seems more severe to us [than the winter surge],” Main said.

Main has started stationing a paramedic crew, comprised of a paramedic and either one or two EMTs, at the hospital so that incoming ambulance crews can hand off their patients and return to the road, some of them from as far as Kings and Fresno counties. In some cases, an EMT will leave wall support and go back out with another paramedic, other times there are no crews

stationed at the hospitals. Last week was the first full week of the “wall support” crews and it seems to be working as wait times have been cut from an average of 90 minutes down to 60 minutes. Other providers, such as Exeter Ambulance, Lifestar in Tulare and Imperial in Porterville, are also posting paramedics at the hospital to assist in the effort.

“The providers are all working together and as innovatively as possible to make our system work,” Main said. “We are doing everything to make modifications to make sure ambulances are available.”

Local State of Emergency Declared for Southeast Coachella Valley

[Patch reports](#) Riverside County supervisors Tuesday approved a resolution declaring a local state of emergency stemming from storm damage in the southeast Coachella Valley, where electrical transmission lines were knocked down during high winds and flooding, leaving hundreds without power for days.

In a 5-0 vote, the Board of Supervisors affirmed an emergency declaration issued by the Imperial Irrigation District within a day of the Aug. 30 monsoonal thunderstorms that wreaked havoc on the area around North Shore.

According to the Riverside County Emergency Management Department, 33 utility poles were toppled in gale-force winds, and flash floods caused additional property damage. Roughly 1,400 residents lost power, and the IID is continuing with repairs to the utility infrastructure in the wake of the storms.

Supervisor Manuel Perez, whose Fourth District encompasses the area, said 662 IID customers remained without electrical service for nearly five days after the adverse weather event.

"We mobilized as quickly as we could," Perez said. "All these organizations stepped up, and it was something I had not seen before, not to this degree."

EMD Director Bruce Barton said the county dispatched multiple agencies to the impact zone, including the Department of Housing, Homeless Prevention & Workforce Solutions, the Department of Animal Services and the Office on Aging.

"Our incident response team ... was out there," Barton told the board. "We facilitated housing resources as needed."

Residents whose power had not been restored two days after the storm were issued hotel vouchers by IID to escape the triple-digit heat and remain safely sheltered.

Barton said that the North Shore Beach & Yacht Club and Fantasy Springs Resort Casino in Indio were at the forefront of offering aid. The resort even made three concert venue spaces available for mass shelter, but most IID customers opted for the hotel vouchers instead.

He acknowledged that there were some delays in supplying services on Aug. 30 because of the Chaparral Fire near Murrieta, as well as a diesel fuel spill on Interstate 10 and obstructions on streets going into North Shore caused by the weather.

"We'll go back and figure out how to do things even better next time," Barton said.

On Sept. 8, the EMD director declared an emergency, but that declaration was due to expire this week, requiring the full board to support the local emergency with its own proclamation.

By submitting that to the California Office of Emergency Services, the IID will be eligible to receive disaster assistance grants to pay for repairs.

Perez requested that the county convene a community meeting in North Shore in the next two to three weeks, providing an opportunity for residents to ask officials questions and offer input on what they would like to see in the future. "Government can't do it all," the supervisor said. "We'll do what we can to the extent that we can. But some things are not going to be realistic."

ICYMI: Funding Opportunities Ending Soon

- **VICTIM IMPACT GRANT; *uncategorized***
 - Funded by: CA Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
 - Deadline: Monday, September 20, 2021
 - Total estimated funding: \$2 million
 - **Full grant guidelines:** [linked here](#)
- **OTS Mini-Grant; *uncategorized***
 - Funded by: Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
 - Deadline: Monday, September 20, 2021
 - Total estimated funding: \$320k
 - **Full grant guidelines:** [linked here](#)
- **GFO-20-609 Renewable Hydrogen Transportation Fuel Production; *energy***
 - Funded by: CA Energy Commission
 - Deadline: Wednesday, September 22, 2021
 - Total estimated funding: \$7 million
 - **Full grant guidelines:** [linked here](#)
 - **Online application:** [linked here](#)
- **GFO-20-608 – Ultra-Low-Carbon Fuel: Commercial-Scale Production Facilities & Blending Infrastructure; *energy***
 - Funded by: CA Energy Commission
 - Deadline: Wednesday, September 22, 2021
 - Total estimated funding: \$8 million
 - **Full grant guidelines:** [linked here](#)
 - **Online application:** [linked here](#)

Funding Opportunities

California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program – Round 8 Nonprofit and Cultural Institutions

[The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development](#) has created the Arts and Cultural Program to support California eligible nonprofit cultural institutions defined as registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit entities that satisfy the criteria for a qualified small business, but with no limitation on annual gross revenue. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

The program is not on a "first come, first served" basis. Round 8 application period: Friday, August 27th EXTENDED through Thursday, September 30th. Partners will provide technical assistance to nonprofits (to include translation/interpretation services) during application

preparation and online submission. Once applications are received, Lendistry will process for eligibility. Once rounds close, grant awards will be distributed based on the program priority factors, including the COVID health and safety restrictions following California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, local county status and the new Regional Stay-At-Home Order which can be found at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safereconomy/>. Lendistry will distribute grants on behalf of the State of California to approved small businesses and nonprofits.

Please find details about eligibility and requirements [here](#). Eligible businesses and nonprofits must have a physical address and operate in California. [Please click here](#) to see further eligibility information.

The deadline to apply is **Thursday, September 30, 2021**. Total estimated funding available is \$16 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program – Round 9

[The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development](#) has created grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for eligible small businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19 and the related health and safety restrictions. Lendistry has been designated by the state to act as the intermediary for the Program and to disburse the grant funds.

The program is not on a "first come, first served" basis. Thursday, September 9th through Thursday, September 30th. Partners will provide technical assistance to business owners and nonprofits (to include translation/interpretation services) during application preparation and online submission. Once applications are received, Lendistry will process for eligibility. Once rounds close, grant awards will be distributed based on the program priority factors, including the COVID health and safety restrictions following California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, local county status and the new Regional Stay-At-Home Order which can be found [here](#). Lendistry will distribute grants on behalf of the State of California to approved small businesses and nonprofits.

"Small businesses" means entities that have yearly gross revenue of \$2.5 million or less based on most recent available tax return (2019); must have minimum yearly gross revenue of \$1,000.

"Small nonprofits" means registered 501(c)(3), 501(c)(6) or 501(c)(19) nonprofit entities that have yearly gross revenue of \$2.5 million or less based on most recent available Form 990 (2019) and a minimum yearly gross revenue of \$1,000. Eligible businesses must have a physical address and operate in California.

The deadline to apply is **Thursday, September 30, 2021**. Total estimated funding available is \$482 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

Traumatic Brain Injury Program

[The Department of Rehabilitation](#) is working to expand current TBI resources to establish a statewide network of services and supports that will improve the quality of life for persons with TBI, their families, and caregivers.

The DOR, through its Independent Living and Assistive Technology Section (ILATS), announces the availability of state grant funds as authorized under WIC sections 4353-4358.5.

This RFA is made available to qualified service providers for the purpose of carrying out the programs and services needed to support individuals with TBI and their families. The term of this grant will be January 1, 2022 or upon approval whichever is later, through June 30, 2024. At the DOR's option, one or more grants may be extended for an additional one (1) year under the same terms and conditions, not to exceed two (2) extensions or four and a half (4.5) years total. The determination to extend a grant will be considered on a case-by-case basis. This program is funded through an annual General Fund appropriation of \$1,050,000.00 to be divided equally across up to six grants. In the event that fewer than six grants are awarded, funding will be equally distributed across all awarded grants.

Per WIC sections 4353-4358.5, this RFA is made available to qualified service providers for the purpose of carrying out the programs and services needed to support individuals with TBI and their families.

Service providers must match not less than 20 percent of the amount granted, except for funds used for mentoring. The required match may be cash or in-kind contributions, or a combination of both, from the awardee or any cooperating agency. In-kind contributions may include, but shall not be limited to, staff and volunteer services.

The deadline to apply is **Thursday, September 30, 2021**. Total estimated funding available is \$1.05 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).