



## **News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (12/10/21)**

### **COVID-19 in California: Track COVID Cases, Vaccine Rates, Omicron Variant Updates, Booster Shot, and Testing Info**

[KCRA 3](#) has provided various graphics with the latest information on COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in California, community transmission, vaccine rates, and booster shots. [Click here](#) to view the article with the various statistics.

### **Omicron Variant: What We Know So Far About This COVID-19 Strain**

[UC Davis Health reports](#) the Omicron variant has more mutations than any other variant that researchers have discovered. Many of the mutations are in the spike protein, which is what attaches to the cells and relates to how the virus is spread. For this reason, all vaccines being used are focused on targeting and developing an immune response to the spike proteins.

Since the Omicron variant is so new, health experts do not have a clear idea how effective the vaccines will be. There is a potential that COVID-19 vaccines might not be as effective with new variants. However, the more antibodies a person has, the more protected they will be. That's why everyone is encouraged to get a COVID-19 booster shot once you are eligible.

[According to the CDC](#), Omicron likely spreads more easily than the original COVID-19 virus. However, it is unknown how contagious it is compared to the Delta variant. The CDC said it expects people can spread Omicron even if they are vaccinated or asymptomatic.

There is still quite a bit of COVID-19 spread in the Sacramento region due to the Delta variant. Infectious disease experts are not expecting this to change much with Omicron. People should continue to practice good health hygiene and get their COVID-19 vaccine.

UC Davis Health infectious disease experts answer questions as researchers continue to learn more about Omicron. [Click here](#) to follow along. To schedule a vaccine appointment for first, second, and third doses at UC Davis Health, [click here](#).

### **Omicron Variant has Links to the Common Cold**

[Consumer Affairs reports](#) while there is still a lot of unknowns surrounding the Omicron variant, researchers at a Massachusetts biotech firm say the variant appears to have a genetic code that is found in the common cold. The cold is also a coronavirus.

The scientists say that could explain why most cases involving the new variant have been associated with mild symptoms. They also say its similarity to the common cold might also make it spread faster.

The study, which is yet to be peer-reviewed, suggests that the similarity between the two coronaviruses could make the Omicron variant “more accustomed to human hosts” and more able to avoid immune system responses. The variant has now been identified in about a third of the United States.

### **Dr. Fauci, Health Officials Discuss Early Findings on Omicron Variant**

[KARE 11 reports](#) as the delta variant continues to drive hospitalizations, concerns linger over omicron, a newly detected variant that has already spread to 17 states.

According to CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the number of cases is expected to keep climbing.

The CDC director spoke to ABC News Sunday morning about the new variant – already found in dozens of countries. However, she said the main concern right now is the delta variant, which accounts for thousands of new cases.

"You know the first thing I think we should say is we have about 90-100,000 cases a day, in 99.9% of them is the delta variant," she said.

The omicron variant, first detected in South Africa, has several mutations potentially leading to increased antibody resistance and transmissibility.

"What we don't quite know is how transmissible it will be, will our vaccines work, will it lead to more severe diseases," she said.

Saturday, Wisconsin reported its [confirmed case](#) of the COVID-19 omicron variant. Officials say a Milwaukee County man, who was fully vaccinated and received a booster shot, had mild symptoms after a recent trip to South Africa.

Dr. Anthony Fauci told CNN's “State of the Union” Sunday that it is still too early to determine the severity of the new variant.

"Thus far, it does not look like there's a great degree of severity to it," Fauci said. "But we have really got to be careful before we make any determinations that it is less severe or it really doesn't cause any severe illness, comparable to delta."

Health officials say although there are still a lot of unknowns about the new variant, mitigation efforts and vaccinations remain effective.

"The more mutations a single variant has, the more immunity you need to have to combat that variant, that's why we're really pushing to get more people vaccinated and more people boosted," said Dr. Walensky.

As of Monday, [international travelers must provide proof](#) of a negative COVID-19 test within one day of departure for the U.S.

Previously a test could be taken up to three days before entering the country.

## **Scientists Find Traces of Omicron in Sewage from Sacramento and Merced**

[KOED reports](#) scientists testing sewage in California say they have detected evidence indicating a low-level presence of the Omicron variant in Sacramento and Merced.

The research team found small concentrations of a mutation characteristic of Omicron in samples taken from the wastewater treatment plants in the two cities, but caution that the results do not indicate yet that the variant is widely circulating.

The research team includes scientists from Stanford University, the University of Michigan, and Emory University.

Michigan's Dr. Krista Wigginton helped with the analysis and said the group's findings are "important evidence" but "not definitive proof" of Omicron's presence in these places, noting that their "confidence will increase over time, if we see this marker increase and if it starts to appear in more communities."

Samples in eight other communities including San José, Palo Alto, Modesto, and Gilroy did not find "detectable concentrations" of the mutations linked to Omicron.

The sensitive scientific methods can detect as few as one or two cases per 100,000 people. Samples taken in Sacramento and Merced were just above this level, according to the researchers.

While the findings are suggestive, the mutation does exist in rare cases in other variants, including the alpha strain that was dominant earlier in the pandemic. Scientists do not expect those older variants to be in communities now, but cannot rule them out.

To read more on the scientists' findings and even more on what we currently know regarding Omicron, [visit the full article](#).

## **Cases Increase Slightly in Valley – 'Too Early' to Tell if Thanksgiving is Culprit**

[Desert Sun reports](#) COVID-19 cases in the nine Coachella Valley cities increased again in the week ending Monday, but "it's still too early" to tell if holiday gatherings are the reason for it, a Riverside County official said.

There were 491 cases reported in the week ending Monday, up nearly 14% compared to the previous week, when there were 432 cases between November 22 and 29.

Shane Reichardt, public information officer for the County of Riverside Emergency Management Department said, "Though the numbers are up slightly, it is still too early to correlate that increase with Thanksgiving." County spokesperson Joe Arballo Jr. previously told *The Desert Sun* that the public health department would be monitoring cases and watch for any increases. If there is an increase, he said it would start approximately 12 to 15 days after Thanksgiving.

As more holiday gatherings and family celebrations take place, the county continues to recommend people practice healthy habits, Reichardt said, such as frequent hand washing, covering coughs and avoiding gatherings when sick, in addition to COVID-19 precautions in place.

Reported deaths continued to fall in the past week in the Coachella Valley. There were two reported in the week ending Monday, down from six between Nov. 22 and 29. The two deaths were reported in Cathedral City and La Quinta.

To see a full breakdown of confirmed cases, deaths, and recoveries by city for the week ending Monday, [visit the full article](#).

### **Cal/OSHA Standards Board to Vote on Readoption of COVID-19 ETS**

[The National Law Review reports](#) on December 16, 2021, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board of California's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) will meet to consider the readoption of the COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) with substantial changes and updates to take effect on January 14, 2022.

The original Cal/OSHA COVID-19 ETS took effect on November 30, 2020, and the workplace standards were updated on June 17, 2021, to take into account that vaccines were available. Following the issuance of the COVID-19 ETS in November 2020 and the update, the Cal/OSHA Standards Board will vote to adopt this newest proposal on December 16, 2021. A vote for a permanent regulation will likely happen before the Cal/OSHA ETS expires after 90 days.

In anticipation of the December vote, Cal/OSHA released an [updated draft](#) on December 3, 2021. The updated text proposes a number of changes to the previous language. To view the list of changes, [click here](#).

### **Magnitude 3.4 Earthquake Strikes Near Carpinteria**

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) a magnitude 3.4 earthquake was reported Wednesday at 10:38 p.m. Pacific time a mile off the coast from Carpinteria in Santa Barbara County, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The earthquake occurred eight miles from Ventura, 10 miles from Oxnard, 11 miles from Santa Barbara and 17 miles from Port Hueneme.

The earthquake occurred at a depth of 6.0 miles.

In the last 10 days, there have been no earthquakes of magnitude 3.0 or greater centered nearby.

An average of 234 earthquakes with magnitudes between 3.0 and 4.0 occur per year in California and Nevada, according to a recent three-year data sample.

### **Surgeon General Warns of Emerging Youth Mental Health Crisis in Rare Public Advisory**

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy, citing mounting evidence of ongoing harm, [issued a public health advisory](#) Tuesday on the mental health challenges confronting youth, a rare warning and call to action to address what he called an emerging crisis exacerbated by pandemic hardships.

Symptoms of depression and anxiety have doubled during the pandemic, with 25% of youth experiencing depressive symptoms and 20% experiencing anxiety symptoms, according to Murthy's 53-page advisory. There also appear to be increases in negative emotions or behaviors such as impulsivity and irritability – associated with conditions such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or ADHD.

In addition, in early 2021, emergency department visits in the United States for suspected suicide attempts were 51% higher for adolescent girls and 4% higher for adolescent boys compared to the same time period in early 2019, according to research cited in the advisory.

It would be a tragedy if we beat back one public health crisis only to allow another to grow in its place,” Murthy wrote in a preface to the advisory. “Mental health challenges in children, adolescents, and young adults are real, and they are widespread. But most importantly, they are treatable, and often preventable.”

Even prior to the pandemic, children from all backgrounds faced serious mental health challenges, Murthy said. However, nearly two years of disruption took a toll and worsened their mental health – especially for such groups as immigrants, students with disabilities, and students of color from low-income families.

At the same time, pandemic-related safety measures reduced in-person interactions among children, friends, social supports, and professionals such as teachers, school counselors, pediatricians, and child welfare workers. This isolation made it “harder to recognize signs of child abuse, mental health concerns, and other challenges,” the advisory states.

A surgeon general’s advisory is a public statement intended to focus national attention to an urgent public health issue and provide recommendations for how it should be addressed. “Advisories are reserved for significant public health challenges that need the nation’s immediate awareness and action,” the document says.

The advisory calls for a broad-based and rapid response from government, social media companies, community groups, schools, teachers, parents, and even students – listed resources available to them.

Murthy issued his advisory the day after a quick visit to King/Drew Magnet High School of Medicine and Science, a campus of high achievers that is, comparatively speaking, well-staffed for mental health support and is adjacent to a regional medical center and medical school in the Willowbrook area of South Los Angeles. Even there, however, students have been struggling after becoming disengaged during the Zoom format of schooling. Now, students are also having difficulties adjusting to the resumption of in-person schooling.

The surgeon general has limited direct power, but traditionally speaks with medical expertise as the voice of the executive branch – a role that can be magnified by the individual in the office and the issues that person takes on. The surgeon general’s warning on tobacco products is a well-known example.

To read more on this issue, including perspectives from different professionals, as well as real students, [view the full article](#). To view the Surgeon General’s full public health advisory, [click here](#).

### **Supervisors Expand Mobile Crisis Teams to Treat Mental Health and Drug Abuse**

[Patch.com reports](#) San Diego County supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to expand the countywide Mobile Crisis Response Team initiative as an alternative to treat people with mental health or substance abuse issues.

Rather than relying on traditional law enforcement, the MCRT concept dispatches behavioral health experts to emergency calls when it is appropriate. Sixteen mobile crisis teams will be available cross the county beginning Wednesday.

Supervisor Nathan Fletcher told the board that having sheriff's deputies respond to behavioral health situations is not always in the county's or the victim's best interest.

Since being launched several months ago, the MCRT has responded to 268 calls, with 30% of those being taken to a crisis stabilization unit, and 45% being connected to community services, according to Fletcher's office.

Fletcher said the county is working with law-enforcement agencies and hoping to expand the MCRT's operating hours, which are now 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Fletcher said the MCRT will eventually have its own emergency number, 988.

Because the public is used to calling 911 for emergencies, it will take time for people to remember the new number, Fletcher explained.

Nick Macchione, county Health and Human Services Agency director, said that with the MCRT, "our focus will be a service option that is clinician- and client-centered."

The board approved a proposal by Fletcher last year to make MCRTs available in the county.

Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer said a well-intended law enforcement officer may not see a person in a mental health crisis, but instead as a public safety threat. The MCRT could avoid such tragedies, Lawson-Remer said, adding, "This is quite literally an issue of life and death."

During a public hearing, callers praised the MCRTs. Darwin Fishman, a member of Racial Justice Coalition of San Diego said that "people like Alfred Olango would be alive today if we'd had an MCRT up and running well" several years ago.

To read more on the tragedy that affected Olango and further goals for the MCRT, [visit the full article](#).

### **Father, Son Arrested on Suspicion of Starting Caldor Fire**

[The New York Post reports](#) a father and son were arrested Wednesday on suspicion of starting a massive California wildfire that destroyed many homes and forced tens of thousands of people to flee Lake Tahoe communities earlier this year, authorities said.

David Scott Smith, 66, and his son, Travis Shane Smith, 32, are accused of reckless arson in a warrant issued before formal charges are filed, the El Dorado County District Attorney's office said.

Mark Reichel, the attorney for both men, said they were arrested Wednesday afternoon and that reckless arson means starting a blaze by accident but "to such a degree that it was considered reckless."

Authorities allege they cause homes to burn and people to be seriously injured in the fire that began in August. The Caldor fire scorched more than 346 square miles from east of Sacramento to the Nevada border, threatening ski resorts and other prominent recreational areas.

The fire destroyed more than 1,000 homes and other buildings while crossing a mostly remote forested area of seasonal cabins.

The fire crossed through three northern counties, destroyed much of the small community of Grizzly Flats and forced tens of thousands of people to evacuate the resort town of South Lake Tahoe before it was contained in October. Five people were injured.

El Dorado County District Attorney Vern Pierson provided few details about the arrest of the Smiths, citing the investigation.

To read more on this upcoming case, including comments from both the District Attorney and the Smith's lawyer, [visit the full article](#).

### **California Office of Emergency Services Will Pick-up 100% of Cost for Mono County's Mountain View Fire Clean-up**

[Sierra Wave Media reports](#) almost a year after the start of the Mountain View Fire that destroyed 80 structures in Walker and took one life, the California Office of Emergency Services acknowledged it would absorb 100-percent of the clean-up costs.

According to Bob Lawton, Mono's chief administrative officer, the projected cost to the County would range between \$2.5 and \$5 million. "That would wipe out our savings account," he said.

The notification letter from CalOES outlined the conventional reimbursement policy in the California Disaster Assistance Act, "the state share for any eligible disaster-related project shall not exceed 75 percent." The decision to absorb the total cost was based on "receiving Mono County's FEMA approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan adopted into the Safety Element of the General Plan."

While the notification from CalOES was welcome, Lawton stressed the participation of County's Social Services and Public Works departments and residents in the clean-up and mitigation efforts. "Mary Booher really stepped up to help," he said. "And (Supervisor) John Peters dogged OES. He was relentless and raked the money loose from the State."

### **Debris Removal Program to Help Homeowners Affected by French Fire**

[23ABC News Bakersfield reports](#) the Kern County Public Health Services Department is partnering with the California Office of Emergency Services to provide a debris removal program for homeowners and property owners who sustained damage caused by the French Fire.

The program will help homeowners and property owners with the removal and clean-up of ash, burn debris and trees damaged by the French Fire.

Ash from fires may be hazardous and debris from burned buildings and homes can contain toxic substances. Building materials may contain asbestos and older buildings often contain lead. Also, common household chemicals such as cleaning products, along with pesticides, fuels, or other chemicals may have burned in the fire.

These materials can become concentrated in ash and soil following a fire and then be considered a hazardous waste.

## California Considers \$500 Fines for Water Wasters as Drought Worsens, Conservation Lags

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) as California descends deeper into drought, officials are growing increasingly troubled by dwindling water supplies and the public's lackluster response to calls for conservation, with residents in recent months falling short of Gov. Gavin Newsom's request for a voluntary 15% reduction in usage.

Now, as the West tips toward crisis, state water regulators are considering adopting emergency regulations that will prohibit certain actions in an attempt to curtail water waste and help conserve supplies.

If approved, the proposal could usher in a wave of water regulations that hearken back to previous droughts while underscoring the seriousness of the current one.

On Tuesday, Lake Mead — the nation's largest reservoir and a lifeline for water in Los Angeles and the West — was at 1,065 feet, or about 34% of its capacity, a near-historic low. Much of California on the U.S. Drought Monitor map was painted in worrisome shades of red.

Among the activities that may be prohibited are washing vehicles with hoses that do not have shut-off nozzles; hosing down sidewalks, driveways or patios "except in cases where health and safety are at risk"; watering landscapes in a manner that causes excessive runoff; and watering lawns within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.

For many, the measures feel like déjà vu as California again faces the prospect of dwindling water supplies.

In 2014, then-Gov. Jerry Brown introduced similar bans on watering at the start of an impending drought. Within a year, Brown had instituted mandatory water-use cuts statewide — a move widely seen as successful, with water use dropping by nearly 25%. Amid the cuts, desiccated lawns and shorter showers became commonplace across the region.

Under the proposed rules, violators could face fines of up to \$500 a day. Enforcement would come from cities, counties and local water agencies.

Notably, the regulations would prevent homeowners associations and local governments from taking action against residents who do not comply with landscaping policies, such as those that require lush lawns.

Multiple experts said the new regulations could follow the same pattern as those of the previous drought, leading to further restrictions if conditions do not improve.

The proposed restrictions would save an estimated 100,000 acre-feet of water, but California uses about 7 million acre-feet of water per year, not including for agricultural use or environmental use, he said.

Yet even incremental restrictions are not always welcome. The latest proposal spells out a potential \$100-million revenue loss for state water agencies. Many of those losses trickle down to consumers in the form of surcharges or extra fees, officials said.

In 2016, water suppliers successfully campaigned for the relaxation or removal of Brown's restrictions after the arrival of rain and snow, with some arguing that a one-size-fits-all approach does not work in a state where regional sources and supplies vary vastly.

However, most California water agencies are on board with the latest proposal, said Dave Eggerton, executive director of the Assn. of California Water Agencies, which represents more than 460 organizations. Eggerton said many local agencies and municipalities have voluntarily implemented some of the proposed standards or taken them even further. Some areas never removed the previous restrictions in the first place.

To read more on the restrictions and the different viewpoints surrounding them, [visit the full article](#).

### **ICYMI: Funding Opportunities Ending Soon**

- **2021-22 Electronic Suspected Child Abuse Reporting System (ES) Program RFP;** *consumer protection; health & human services; law, justice, and legal services*
  - Funded by: Governor's Office of Emergency Services
  - Deadline: Friday, December 10, 2021 (TODAY)
  - Total estimated funding available: \$600k
  - **Full grant guidelines:** [linked here](#)
- **2021-22 EMPG Program – American Rescue Plan Act (EMPG-ARPA) for Federally-Recognized Tribes in California RFP;** *disadvantaged communities; disaster prevention & relief; energy; housing, community and economic development*
  - Funded by: Governor's Office of Emergency Services
  - Deadline: Friday, December 10, 2021 (TODAY)
  - Total estimated funding: \$62,732
  - **Full grant guidelines:** [linked here](#)
- **2021-22 EMPG for Federally-Recognized Tribes in California RFP;** *disaster prevention & relief; health & human services; housing, community and economic development*
  - Funded by: Governor's Office of Emergency Services
  - Deadline: Friday, December 10, 2021 (TODAY)
  - Total estimated funding: \$198,260
  - **Full grant guidelines:** [linked here](#)

### **Funding Opportunities**

[The Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program](#) offers financial assistance to address drought impacts through implementation of projects with multiple benefits. For communities, including Tribes, facing the loss or contamination of their water supplies due to the drought; to address immediate drought impacts on human health and safety; and to protect fish and wildlife resources plus other public benefits, such as ecosystem improvements.

Under the Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 69, § 112), financial assistance will be provided by DWR to deliver grants for interim and immediate drought relief to urban communities and for multibenefit projects. DWR is combining the funding into one Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program. This Grant Solicitation makes approximately \$190 million in drought relief funding available. A set-aside of at least \$50 million will be made to support Underrepresented

Communities and Native American Tribes. An applicant must be an existing grantee of the Proposition 1 IRWMM Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DACI) program to apply for the Underrepresented Community set-aside.

Eligible applicants are public agencies and utilities, colleges and universities, mutual water companies, 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, regional water management groups as defined in Section 10539 of the Water Code, federally recognized California Native American Tribes, and non-federally recognized Native American Tribes on the contact list maintained by the California Native American Heritage Commission.

For the purposes of this Grant Solicitation, “project” means all planning, design, engineering, acquisition of real property interests, construction and related activities undertaken to implement a discrete action to be funded. Eligible project types include hauled water, installation of temporary community water tanks, bottled water, water vending machines, emergency water interties, new wells or rehabilitation of existing wells, construction or installation of permanent connection to adjacent water systems, recycled water projects that support immediate relief to potable water supplies, fish and wildlife rescue, protection, and relocation, and drought resiliency planning (not applicable to Multibenefit Drought Funds).

Costs incurred after award date are eligible for reimbursement. Eligible costs include technical assistance, site acquisitions, and costs directly related to the provision of each project. Ineligible costs not reimbursable by this Grant Solicitation are listed in the Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (GL/PSP) and include, but are not limited to, meals not directly related to travel, payment of stipends, purchase of equipment or water supplies that are not an integral part of the project, establishment of a reserve fund, replacement of existing funding sources for ongoing programs, operation and maintenance costs, expenses incurred in preparation of the application for this solicitation or an application for another program, and any indirect costs.

Proposed applications will be reviewed for eligibility, in accordance with the GL/PSP. Criteria and metrics defined in GL/PSP will be used to evaluate and recommend projects eligible for funding to DWR Director or designee. Awards will be posted on DWR’s website and may be announced to the public through e-mail listserv or other means. Following approval by the Director or designee, the selected grant recipient will receive an award letter officially notifying them of their selection, the grant amount, and associated conditions and requirements.

A set-aside of at least \$50 million will be made to support disadvantaged communities (DAC) and Native American Tribes (Tribes). A DAC is a community with an annual median household income (MHI) that is less than 80% of the Statewide annual median household income. Using the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) data for the years 2012 -2016, 80% of the California Statewide MHI is \$51,026.

No funding match is required for this Program; however, applicants are encouraged to use other fund sources to supplement the grant funds. Applicants are required to describe all other funding sources (actual and anticipated) necessary to complete the project.190

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Friday, December 17, 2021**. Total estimated funding available is \$190 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

## **GFO-21-401 – Propelling Offshore Wind Energy Research (POWER)**

[The CA Energy Commission](#) has created this solicitation to fund research and development projects to demonstrate, test, and validate innovative floating offshore wind (FOSW) components and tools.

The solicitation will fund two focus areas:

Group 1: Manufacturing, Testing, and Pilot Demonstration of Floating Offshore Wind Technology (Total funding available: \$12 million); or

Group 2: Inspection and Monitoring Systems for Floating Offshore Wind Applications (Total funding available: \$2 million).

Selected projects will advance the readiness, performance, reliability, and cost-competitiveness of FOSW, while increasing the knowledge of environmental and wildlife impacts in California.

This solicitation is open to all public and private entities with the exception of local publicly owned electric utilities. In accordance with CPUC Decision 12-05-037, funds administered by the CEC may not be used for any purposes associated with local publicly owned electric utility activities.

At least 25% of available Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) technology demonstration and deployment funding must be allocated to project sites located in, and benefiting, disadvantaged communities; and an additional minimum 10% of funds must be allocated to projects sites located in and benefiting low-income communities.

Match funding is required in the amount of at least 10% minimum of the requested project funds.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Wednesday, December 15, 2021**. Total estimated funding available is \$14 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

## **Stop the Hate Program Fund**

[The Department of Social Services](#) has created this funding to provide support and services to victims and survivors of hate incidents and hate crimes and their families, facilitate hate incident or hate crime prevention measures, and create more inclusive regional and local communities, especially for those who are historically vulnerable because of their racial, religious, gender/gender expression, sexual orientation, or other identities.

Grants will be awarded to qualified nonprofit organizations to provide support and services to victims and survivors of hate incidents and hate crimes and their families and facilitate hate incident or hate crime prevention measures. CDSS will award grants to up to 10 Regional Leads, nonprofit organizations who will administer sub grants to CDSS-selected nonprofit Service Providers who will perform some combination of the above services. Regional Leads will be charged with convening sub grantees and providing technical assistance. Regional Leads may also be awarded funding as Service Providers.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Friday, December 17, 2021**. Total estimated funding available is \$20 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

### **2021-22 Human Trafficking Victim Assistance (HV) Program RFP**

[The Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#) has created the HV Program to help human trafficking victims (both sex and labor trafficking) recover from the trauma they experienced and assist with reintegration into society through the provision of comprehensive safety and supportive services including, but not limited to, housing assistance, counseling services, and other social services, using a trauma-informed, victim-centered approach.

Applicants must be non-governmental, non-profit organizations that employ a minimum of one human trafficking caseworker (as defined in California Evidence Code § 1038.2) and have at least three years of experience providing services to victims of human trafficking including, but not limited to, housing assistance, counseling services, and social services. Eligible Applicants must submit a letter certifying that they meet the eligibility requirements for their proposals to be accepted for consideration.

Eligible applicants must be non-governmental, non-profit organizations that employ a minimum of one human trafficking caseworker and have at least three years of experience providing services to victims of human trafficking including, but not limited to, housing assistance, counseling services, and social services. Eligible Applicants must submit a letter certifying that they meet the eligibility requirements for their proposals to be accepted for consideration.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Thursday, December 30, 2021**. Total estimated funding available is \$20 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).