



News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (3/18/22)

LA County's COVID Hospitalizations Hit Lowest Level Since Last July

[Daily News reports](#) the number of COVID-positive patients in Los Angeles County hospitals continues to fall, declining by another 28 people to 537, according to the latest state numbers out today. Of those patients, 107 were in intensive care, the same as Saturday's total.

The county's COVID hospitalizations haven't been this low since July 2021. The total has been declining steadily since reaching more than 4,800 in mid-January, at the height of the Omicron-fueled winter surge.

On Saturday, the county reported 1,029 new cases of COVID-19 and 52 additional deaths related to the coronavirus, bringing its cumulative totals to 2,811,864 cases and 31,275 fatalities.

The rolling seven-day average daily rate of people testing positive for the virus was 0.7% as of Saturday, according to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. The Health department does not report COVID data on Sundays.

The lower numbers have prompted state and local officials to ease indoor mask requirements, and have led the Los Angeles City Council to take steps toward lifting its vaccine mandate for entering many indoor establishments.

To read more on decisions being made within the county, [visit the full article](#).

Two Years into the Coronavirus Pandemic, Fauci Hopes the World Will Not Forget Lessons from A 'Catastrophic Experience'

[CNBC reports](#) as the two-year anniversary of the coronavirus pandemic declaration approached last week, White House chief medical advisor Dr. Anthony Fauci was in no mood to predict the future.

"The answer is: We do not know. I mean, that's it," Fauci told CNBC when asked what may come next for COVID-19 vaccinations. Given the durability of protection from the shots, "it is likely that we're not done with this when it comes to vaccines," he said.

Two years into a pandemic that has killed more than 6 million people globally, and nearly 1 million in the U.S., leaders in public health, academia and industry expressed ambivalence as much of the rest of the world – or at least the U.S. – appears to be trying to move on. Despite progress in beating back the highly transmissible omicron variant, they stressed that global leaders cannot let their vigilance lapse.

“Everybody wants to return to normal, everybody wants to put the virus behind us in the rearview mirror, which is, I think, what we should aspire to,” said Fauci, who is also the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

While he acknowledged “we are going in the right direction” as cases, hospitalizations and deaths decline after the omicron surge, he pointed out “we have gone in the right direction in four other variants” before the pandemic took a devastating turn.

As states and cities scrap many of their pandemic restrictions, dire public health conditions linger. The U.S. is still recording more than 1,200 deaths per day from the coronavirus. Hospitalizations have recently ticked higher in the United Kingdom, a previous harbinger for what may hit the U.S.

As the world on Friday marked two years since the World Health Organization first called the coronavirus a pandemic, the agency’s scientists argued last week that the more important anniversary came more than a month earlier. In January 2020, the WHO warned that the disease that would come to be known as Covid-19 was a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

To read more opinions from health officials, [visit the full article](#).

Pfizer Seeks Emergency Authorization for 2nd COVID Booster for 65-Plus

[Politico reports](#) Pfizer and BioNTech have asked FDA to grant emergency use authorization for a fourth COVID-19 vaccine dose for people 65 and older amid fears of waning immunity ahead of a possible late spring wave of infections, the companies announced Tuesday.

The request for a second booster shot is based on two real-world data sets from Israel suggesting another vaccine dose boosts protection against the Omicron variant while maintaining its safety profile. It is unclear whether that is enough data for FDA to consider to amend the existing EUA, which allows one booster dose.

One tranche of data showed confirmed infection rates were two times lower, and rates of severe illness four times lower, among those who received a second booster at least four months after their first compared to people who only got one booster shot. And an ongoing clinical trial in health care workers in Israel showed that those who got a fourth vaccine dose at least four months after their first booster saw antibody levels increase seven- to eight-fold two to three weeks after the shot, compared to five months after the first booster. They also saw a corresponding increase in neutralizing antibodies against Omicron after the additional dose.

Moderately to severely immunocompromised people are permitted to seek out fourth doses of messenger RNA vaccines. Currently, anyone 12 and older may receive a Pfizer-BioNTech booster dose at least five months after completing their primary series.

Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla [said Sunday](#) that a fourth shot would be necessary based on data the company had collected, continuing a pattern of getting ahead of the government’s decision-making process on vaccine schedules. And Bourla noted that a third vaccine dose continued to offer substantial protection against hospitalization and death, a metric federal vaccine advisers have emphasized in past debates over the need for additional shots beyond the two-dose primary series for Pfizer’s and Moderna’s products.

When Pfizer last recommended a booster, FDA officials initially disagreed, but then ultimately changed course and recommended the shot.

US Funeral Assistance for COVID Tops \$2B, More Eligible

[ABC News reports](#) the federal government has provided more than \$2 billion to help cover funeral costs for more than 300,000 families of people who died from COVID-19, the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced Tuesday as it launches a new campaign to raise awareness about the aid to eligible families. More than 965,000 people have died in the U.S. from the virus.

The COVID-19 Funeral Assistance program provides up to \$9,000 per funeral and covers COVID-19 related deaths since January 20, 2020. The average amount awarded per death is \$6,500, according to FEMA.

On Tuesday, the agency is launching a new paid ad campaign in California, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas targeted at areas with large rates of COVID-19 deaths but lower rates of reimbursement requests to help connect people to available assistance. The agency is also reaching out to community groups and local media outlets to help publicize the program.

To be eligible for reimbursement, death certificates for those who died after May 16, 2020, must indicate that the death was attributed to COVID-19.

For deaths that occurred in the early months of the pandemic – from Jan. 20 to May 16, 2020 – death certificates must be accompanied with a signed statement from a medical examiner, coroner, or certifying official listed on the certificate indicating that COVID-19 was the cause or a contributing cause of death.

Expense covered under the FEMA program include funeral services, cremation and interment, as well as the costs for caskets or urns, burial plots or cremation niches, markers or headstones, transportation or transfer of remains, clergy or officiant services, and the use of funeral home equipment or staff.

FEMA is not accepting online applications for the reimbursement program. People eligible are directed to call the agencies helpline 844-684-6333, where they will be prompted to submit the required documentation.

Treasury Shifts \$377 Million Among States as Pandemic Housing Aid Dries Up

[The New York Times reports](#) the Biden Administration has clawed back \$377 million in federal emergency housing aid from states and counties, most of them controlled by Republicans, and redirected the cash to states that have been clamoring for more help, including New York, California, and New Jersey.

The \$46 billion Emergency Rental Assistance Program, first enacted by Congress in 2020, succeeded in preventing a wave of evictions stemming from the downturn caused by the pandemic. But the Treasury Department officials, increasingly concerned that evictions might rise after the program winds down, have tried to ensure that none of the remaining funding goes unspent while pushing states to find other funding sources to assist poor tenants.

In recent months, White House officials have pressured governors in states with unspent funds to turn over the money to local governments within their states. Now they are going one step

further, pulling back cash from states with relatively few tenants – like Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming – or localities that failed to efficiently distribute the aid, including Alabama, Arkansas and several counties in Texas.

The money, in turn, is being diverted to four states that burned through their allotted amounts – with \$136 million in additional aid headed to California, \$119 million to New York, \$47 million to New Jersey and \$15 million to Illinois, according to a spreadsheet provided by a senior administration official.

The four states, home to roughly a third of the nation’s low-income renters, have already spent billions in emergency aid paying back rent for tenants at risk of eviction, and they have requested more funding, citing affordable housing shortages and rising rents. In January, their governors — Gavin Newsom of California, Kathy Hochul of New York, Philip D. Murphy of New Jersey and J.B. Pritzker of Illinois, all Democrats — called on Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen to shift cash from low-spending states into their accounts, saying that tenants were “facing an immediate need now.”

To read more on how funds will be redistributed as well as how other states will be affected, [visit the full article](#).

Governor Newsom Helps Package Emergency Relief Supplies for Shipment to Ukraine

[Governor Newsom visited the state’s disaster logistics warehouse](#) in Solano County to help pack emergency relief supplies for Ukraine. The needed medical aid is being prepared for an upcoming shipment by Direct Relief, a California-based humanitarian aid organization that has been coordinating with the government of Ukraine and on-the-ground partners to provide support during the current crisis.

“California is united in our support for Ukraine,” said Governor Newsom. “Throughout this crisis, the state and non-profits, businesses, the faith community, and individuals across California have stepped up in solidarity with the Ukrainian community, a heartening reminder of our common humanity. We’ll continue to support the brave people of Ukraine and reaffirm our commitment to fundamental rights and freedoms around the world.”

[Click here for b-roll of Governor Newsom packing emergency relief supplies for Ukraine.](#)

The supplies packaged today include:

- A California Medical Station that includes beds, wound and IV kits, a defibrillator, wheelchairs, and other necessary supplies.
- One hundred oxygen concentrators.
- Personal protective equipment to supply refugee camps.

Governor Newsom [earlier this month](#) met with Consul General of Ukraine in San Francisco Dmytro Kushneruk to express California’s solidarity with the Ukrainian community and discuss the state’s current efforts to support the people and government of Ukraine. The Governor has signed an [executive order](#) directing state agencies and departments to ensure their contractors are complying with economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia’s attacks, and [called for](#) state pension funds to halt the flow of money from the state to Russia and to ban the purchase of Russian debt.

The Governor is also urging businesses, non-governmental organizations and public entities in the state to comply with economic sanctions on Russia and take action in support of Ukraine, such as refraining from new investments and financial transactions with Russia and not transferring technology to Russian entities.

Many companies in California have already taken steps to limit economic transactions with Russian entities, combat Russian misinformation and support Ukraine. To date, California companies have contributed over \$85 million to support organizations working to address the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. In addition, several California companies have announced that they are implementing business sanctions against Russia in response to its invasion of Ukraine. More information on the efforts by California companies can be found [here](#).

Russia Makes Limited Gains in its Brutal Invasion of Ukraine

[Courthouse News reports](#) nineteen days after ordering an invasion of Ukraine, Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces continued to appear bogged down in fierce fighting with Ukrainian troops on Monday.

Ceasefire talks also resumed on Monday with the two sides talking via video, but there were no breakthroughs. Negotiation though were set to continue.

Ukraine's leadership is pleading for the West's help to defeat Putin, but so far the United States and its NATO allies remain unwilling to send in troops and airplanes in the defense of Ukraine, but they are supplying Ukraine with weapons.

“To those abroad scared of being ‘dragged into WWII.’ Ukraine fights back successfully. We need you to help us fight,” said Dmytro Kuleba, Ukraine's foreign minister, on Twitter. “Provide us with the necessary weapons. Apply more sanctions on Russia and isolate it fully. Help Ukraine force Putin into failure and you will avert a larger war.”

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy will make similar pleas when he is scheduled to make a speech to Congress on Wednesday via video.

On Sunday, Russia struck a NATO military training center in Yavoriv, a western Ukraine town about 15 miles from the Polish border where foreign volunteers are being prepared to fight. The strike, reportedly carried out by warplanes, killed at least 35 people and wounded 134 others, Ukraine said. About 1,000 foreign volunteers, including Americans, Brits, and Danes, were at the center, according to a [report](#) from BuzzFeed. The Independent [reported](#) that three former British special forces troops were among those killed.

The strike on the International Center for Peacekeeping and Security was yet another signal from the Kremlin that it considers the flow of weapons and volunteer fighters from the West “legitimate” targets. The U.S. and its allies are funneling hundreds of millions of dollars in military support to Ukraine, but getting those supplies into Ukraine is tricky and must be done with stealth.

In another sign that Russia is moving westward in its attacks, a television tower near Rivne was struck on Monday, killing at least nine people and wounding nine others, according to Ukrinform, a Ukrainian state news agency. Rivne is in northwestern Ukraine about 107 miles from Lviv, a western city near the Polish border where the U.S. evacuated its embassy staff ahead of the invasion. Air raid sirens are being heard much more frequently in Lviv.

The risk of the war spilling over into NATO territories is growing. Last Thursday, a Soviet-era drone carrying explosives, apparently belonging to Ukraine's military, somehow ended up in Croatia and exploded in Zagreb, without causing any injuries. On Monday, Romania reported that another drone, possibly operated by Russia, was found in a field. Croatia and Romania are part of NATO.

To read further details on the various Russian attacks that are now moving closer to NATO territories, [visit the full article](#).

Humanitarian Aid in Ukraine Alleviates Poverty During War

[Borgen Magazine reports](#) Ukraine has a long history of political turmoil and foreign interference since it achieved independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. From the annexation of Crimea in 2014 to Russia's covert war in the Donbas, Russia's actions undermine the territorial and political integrity of Ukraine. Remaining in line with these actions, Russian President Vladimir Putin gave authorization for a military invasion, or what Putin dubs a "special military operation," against Ukraine on February 24, 2022. During the first week of invasion, about 1 million refugees fled the destruction and warfare occurring in Ukraine.

Ukraine is suffering a critical shortage of medical supplies and Russian missiles have leveled civilian residences and infrastructure, prompting the need for humanitarian aid in Ukraine. In light of the destruction caused by the Russian invasion, humanitarian aid organizations in Ukraine are prioritizing the funneling of much-needed aid from international donors.

To read further details on the aid being provided from the United States, the UN, and other donors, [visit the full article](#).

Major Emergency Brush Fire Knocked Down Near Hansen Dam

[Patch reports](#) Los Angeles firefighters mounted an aggressive campaign to stop a major emergency brush fire in the Hansen Dam Recreation Area overnight.

The fire was reported around 9:30 p.m. Sunday night in the 10400 block of North Glenoaks Boulevard, said Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Brian Humphrey. By 10:10 p.m., it escalated to greater-alarm status, although no structures were threatened and no evacuations were ordered, he said.

At 10:55 p.m., Humphrey reported the blaze had grown to major emergency status, having consumed brush on two fronts including three acres on the north and ¼ acre on the south, near but not involving the recreation center's golf course.

It took an air and ground attack by 124 firefighters to hold the blaze to just four acres, according to Humphrey. No injuries were reported, Humphrey added.

The blaze was driven by light to moderate winds amid dense, dry brush. The area has been the site of multiple brush fires in recent years, including a small brush fire in October and at least two brush fires in 2020.

Hollister Fire Containment Grows to 90%

[KSBY 6 reports](#) crews are nearing full containment on the Hollister Fire that broke out over the weekend near Gaviota.

The latest update from the Santa Barbara County Fire Department Tuesday afternoon shows the fire to be 120 acres and 90 percent contained.

Fire officials say hand crews on Wednesday will be supported by two engines and two water tenders as they work to establish full containment by Thursday morning.

The fire broke out Saturday around 11:30 a.m. in Alegria Canyon near Hollister Ranch and Alegria roads.

Two firefighters were reported to have been injured or become ill while battling the blaze.

Fire investigators have not announced a possible cause.

Heritage Fire in Oro Grande 75% Contained, Evacuations Lifted, Power Restored

[Yahoo! reports](#) firefighters made significant gains against an Oro Grande vegetation fire overnight Tuesday, containing nearly three-quarters of the 500-acre fire by Wednesday morning and allowing residents in the Mojave River area to return home after two days.

The blaze, dubbed the Heritage Fire, began around midday Monday in the 14700 block of Heritage Way, west of National Trails Highway, according to San Bernardino County Fire. It had grown to about 350 acres by 10 p.m. Monday night, then 500 acres by Tuesday morning, SBC Fire spokesperson Eric Sherwin previously said.

A far rosier picture in the battle came Wednesday.

Firefighters had contained nearly 75% of the Heritage Fire as of about 10 a.m. Wednesday, SBC Fire said in an update on Twitter, far greater than the 10% containment it had previously reported through the first two days. The flames hadn't grown for more than 24 hours and remained at 500 acres.

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

Magnitude 4.1 Earthquake Felt in Monterey County

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) a magnitude 4.1 earthquake was reported Sunday at 1:51 p.m. Pacific time 11 miles from Soledad, Calif., according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The earthquake occurred 17 miles from Greenfield, 18 miles from Hollister, 22 miles from Salinas and 24 miles from King City.

In the last 10 days, there has been one earthquake of magnitude 3.0 or greater centered nearby.

An average of 25 earthquakes with magnitudes between 4.0 and 5.0 occur per year in California and Nevada, according to a recent three-year data sample.

The earthquake occurred at a depth of 3.8 miles. Did you feel this earthquake? Consider [reporting what you felt](#) to the USGS.

Magnitude 3.1 Earthquake Hits Near Palm Springs

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) a magnitude 3.1 earthquake was reported Monday afternoon at 12:16 p.m. less than a mile from Palm Springs,, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The earthquake occurred less than a mile from Desert Hot Springs, Calif., eight miles from Cathedral City, Calif., 10 miles from Banning, Calif. and 13 miles from Yucca Valley, Calif..

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.

The earthquake occurred at a depth of 6.8 miles. Did you feel this earthquake?
Consider [reporting what you felt](#) to the USGS.

California's U.S. Senator Alex Padilla Secures Over \$5 Million for Projects across Wine Country, Increased Funding to Research Wildfire Smoke Taint

[The Sierra Sun Times reports](#) last week, U.S. Senator Alex Padilla announced that he secured over \$5.4 million in federal funding for four projects across Wine Country. These projects were included in the bipartisan FY 2022 appropriations package that passed the Senate yesterday. The bill is now headed to President Biden to be signed into law.

Padilla also advocated for increased federal funding to research the impact of wildfire smoke taint on wine grapes and help develop mitigation methods. A total of \$4.5 million to support this research was included in the FY 2022 appropriations package, an increase of \$1 million from the previous fiscal year.

“I am proud to have secured funding for projects throughout California’s Wine Country to improve our emergency preparedness, support health care services, and make our communities safer,” Senator Padilla said. “This funding will go to the local governments and community organizations that are directly serving our neighborhoods. Federal dollars will support projects to respond to the effects of recent wildfires and better prepare for future natural disasters. We are also investing in a healthier California by supporting projects that will increase California’s capacity to treat patients and deliver mental health services.”

Projects in and around Wine Country that will receive federal funding include:

- \$1.8 million to Upgrade Napa Countywide Public Safety Radio and Communication Infrastructure: This funding will support an upgrade of public safety radio and communication systems in Napa to meet federal standards.
- \$1.052 million for the Santa Rosa Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program: This funding will help establish the Santa Rosa Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, a mobile crisis response program focused on vulnerable communities, specifically those with individuals experiencing homelessness, substance abuse, and mental health challenges. The program would address mental health related calls, including conflict resolution, welfare checks, substance abuse, suicide threats, and also handle non-emergency medical issues, avoiding costly ambulance transport and emergency room treatment.
- \$1.6 million to Expand the Accessing Coordinated Care and Empowering Self Sufficiency (ACCESS) Sonoma Initiative: This funding will help expand Accessing Coordinated Care and Empowering Self Sufficiency (ACCESS) Sonoma Initiative cohorts to respond to and address the community impact resulting from repeated wildfires, flood, and power shut off events. These cohorts are staffed by clinicians, social

workers, Adult Protective Services workers, probation officers, housing specialists, and eligibility workers who work to collaboratively coordinate care.

• \$1 million for Construction of the City of Santa Rosa’s Emergency Operations Center: This funding will support construction of a permanent Emergency Operations Center to expand and ensure continuity of operations and communications during wildfires and natural disaster events.

A full summary of the FY 2022 Appropriations Omnibus package is available [here](#).

Newsom Administration Boosts State Funding for Drought Emergency

[The Office of Governor Newsom announced](#) after California recorded its driest January and February in more than 100 years of records in the Sierra Nevada, their administration is spending an additional \$22.5 million to respond to the immediate drought emergency.

The additional \$22.5 million allocation includes more funding for the Department of Water Resources, State Water Resources Control Board and the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

More than a third of the money – \$8.25 million – will be used to increase outreach efforts to educate Californians on water conservation measures and practices.

“These investments continue to provide crucial drought support to communities impacted around the state,” wrote Chief Deputy Finance Director Erika Li in a letter to the Legislative budget and appropriation leaders.

The funds requested are part of a comprehensive effort by the Newsom Administration to increase water conservation. Earlier this month, the state launched new video ads to encourage Californians to reduce outdoor watering.

On March 1, the survey of the state’s snowpack showed levels were dropping sharply after robust storms in December. Current snowpack readings are [about one-third below average](#). The Department of Water Resources is analyzing the latest snowpack data and has indicated it may revise its current forecast for State Water Project deliveries in 2022.

With the infusion of additional state budget funds, the [Save Our Water](#) campaign is gearing up to reach Californians with water-saving tips via social media and other digital advertising, geo-targeting counties with high water use. The campaign is also securing partnerships with retailers and other organizations to urge Californians to reduce water use in the immediate term and also make permanent changes to landscaping to build resilience in the long-term.

ICYMI: Funding Opportunities Ending Soon

- **Toxicology Driving Under the Influence/Driving Under the Influence of Drugs: Crime Laboratories;** *science, technology, and research & development*
 - Funded by: California Highway Patrol
 - Deadline: **Friday, March 18, 2022**
 - Total Estimated Funding: \$6 million
 - Full Grant Guidelines: [linked here](#)
 - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)

- **2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) For Federally-Recognized Tribes in California RFP**; *disaster prevention & relief*
 - Funded by: Governor’s Office of Emergency Services
 - Deadline: **Monday, March 21, 2022**
 - Total Estimated Funding: \$650k
 - **Full Grant Guidelines**: [linked here](#)
- **Delta Flood Emergency Response Grant – Round 3**; *disaster prevention & relief; environment & water*
 - Funded by: Department of Water Resources
 - Deadline: **Wednesday, March 23, 2022**
 - Total Estimated Funding: \$5 million
 - **Full Grant Guidelines**: [linked here](#)
 - **Online Application**: [linked here](#)
- **2021-22 Electronic Suspected Child Abuse Reporting System (ES) Program RFP (2nd Release)**; *consumer protection; education; law, justice, and legal services*
 - Funded by: Governor’s Office of Emergency Services
 - Deadline: **Wednesday, March 23, 2022**
 - Total Estimated Funding: \$400k
 - **Full Grant Guidelines**: [linked here](#)

Funding Opportunities

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Post Fire 2021

[The Governor’s Office of Emergency Services](#) has created the HMGP Post Fire funding as a result of Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declarations. California received 10 FMAG declarations in Federal Fiscal Year 2020, resulting in \$7,787,780 for HMGP.

Cal OES is prioritizing funding for communities immediately impacted by the wildfires. Immediately impacted is defined as a community, or special district located in a county where one of these fires burned.

1. Wildfire and Post Fire Mitigation Projects within the FMAG Declared Burn Areas (Impacted Counties):

- Defensible Space Measures
- Ignition Resistant Construction
- Hazardous Fuels Reduction
- Erosion Control Measures
- Flash Flood Reduction Measures

2. HMGP Eligible Projects (and Plans) benefitting communities and Tribal Lands within the FMAG Declared Burn Areas (Impacted Counties)

3. Hazard Mitigation Planning (Non-Impacted Counties)

4. Wildfire and Post Fire Mitigation Activities (Non-Impacted Counties)

Notice of Interest (NOI) and Subapplication Process:

Submission of a Notice of Interest (NOI) is required prior to submitting a subapplication for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). NOIs may be submitted at any time. NOIs will be reviewed and considered for the next available funding opportunity. When a specific funding opportunity has been identified with a specific due date, all NOIs must be submitted by the posted deadline and will be considered for that funding opportunity. NOIs submitted after this date will be considered for the next available funding opportunity.

NOIs will be reviewed for eligibility and eligible submissions will be invited to submit full grant subapplications. Eligible subapplications that are not initially selected for submission to FEMA will be retained for future consideration when funding becomes available.

Eligible Subapplicants:

The NOI is intended to provide an opportunity to propose well-defined mitigation actions that reduce risk to life and property from future natural hazards. Eligible Subapplicants include state agencies, local governments, special districts, and Federally-recognized tribes. Sub-applicants must have a FEMA-approved and locally adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) to be eligible for project grants.

If your agency or jurisdiction does not have a LHMP, you may apply for grant funding to develop one. Single jurisdiction plans are limited to a maximum federal share of \$150,000; Multi-jurisdiction plans are limited to a maximum federal share of \$250,000.

NOI Submission:

For helpful tips and a list of questions and information needed to submit your NOI, please see the NOI User Guide

Using Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge as your browser, [click this link](#) to access the NOI Submission portal.

Eligible Subapplicants include state agencies, local governments, special districts, and Federally-recognized tribes. Sub-applicants must have a FEMA-approved and locally adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) to be eligible for project grants.

Some private nonprofit organizations are eligible for HMGP funding, consistent with 44 CFR §206.221 and 206.434.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Thursday, March 31, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$7,787,780. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

Alcohol Policing Partnership Program 2022

[The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control](#) provides funding up to \$75,000 for local Police Departments and Sheriff's Departments to reduce alcohol-related harm in California.

This funding is only available for Police Departments of Sheriff's Departments within California.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Thursday, March 31, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$75k. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).

Wildfire Resilience Block Grants

[The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection](#) has created the Wildfire Resilience Block Grant to meet goals 1.09 – 1.15 of the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Action Plan by providing grant funding to regional applicants who serve as aggregators who provide technical and financial assistance to groups of nonindustrial forestland owners ranging in size from 3 to 5000 acres in a specific region.

Under this grant, the grantee will serve as a sub granting entity to deliver a program offering technical and financial assistance to nonindustrial forestland owners.

Eligible Practices: Forest Management Planning, Technical Assistance, RPF Supervision, Site Preparation, Tree Planting, Tree Protection, Timber Stand Improvement, Pruning, Follow Up Slash Treatment

Ineligible Practices: Minor Road Upgrading, New Road or Bridge Construction, Fencing, Christmas Tree Planting, Costs for land, water, irrigation or purchase of tools or equipment, projects designed solely for fuel wood production

Applicants are limited to counties, resource conservation districts, special districts, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that have the capacity to deliver a forestry based technical and financial assistance program to non-industrial forest landowners. Tribal Government - depending on nature of how land is held in ownership.

Projects may only be funded on individual nonindustrial landownerships encompassing 3 to 5000 acres of forest land. Forested lands shall be defined as having more than 10% tree canopy cover of any native tree species. Only for California.

Projects that take place within disadvantaged communities or low-income communities receive scoring preference in this grant program.

Higher cost share percentage will receive higher points for grant scoring, but is not required.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Friday, April 1, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$10 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

Adult Reentry Grant Program

The Board of State and Community Corrections has created the ARG Program to provide funding for community-based organizations to deliver reentry services for people formerly incarcerated in state prison.

The Adult Reentry Grant (ARG) Program provides funding for community-based organizations to deliver reentry services for people formerly incarcerated in state prison.

The Budget Act of 2021 (Assembly Bill 128, Chapter 21, Statutes of 2021) appropriated \$67,000,000 to award competitive grants for community-based organizations (CBOs) to support individuals formerly incarcerated in state prison.

The \$67,000,000 is to be allocated as follows:

- \$31,825,000 shall be available for rental assistance. Priority shall be given to individuals released to state parole.
- \$31,825,000 shall be available to support the warm handoff and reentry of offenders transitioning from state prison to communities. Priority shall be given to individuals released to state parole.

Successful proposals will be under contract from October 1, 2022 to April 30, 2026.

Eligibility is limited to CBOs located in the State of California that have been determined by the IRS to have 501(c)(3) status (i.e., nonprofit).

The target population identified in AB 128 are people, 18 and over, who have been formerly incarcerated in state prison with priority being given to those recently released and/or on state parole.

Welfare and Institutions Code sections 8255-8257.2 (Appendix C) requires a state agency that funds, implements, or administers a state program that provides housing or housing-related services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, to adopt guidelines and regulations to include Housing First policies. As such, this will require applicants proposing projects that include housing or housing-related services to incorporate the core components of Housing First in their proposed program design.

The statutory language authorizing the Adult Reentry Grant Program does not specify the types of Rental Assistance and Warm Handoff and Reentry Services to be funded. Applicants should select programs that best fit the needs of the community.

The ESC has defined Rental Assistance activities to be those intended to help eligible people establish or maintain affordable, permanent housing.

The ESC has defined Warm Handoff and Reentry Service activities as those that place a priority on services that lead to permanent housing and the provision of critical-time intervention that meets the immediate needs of individuals upon their release from prison or placement by parole.

Examples of eligible rental related services include, but are not limited to: short-term emergency housing assistance, landlord incentives, permanent supportive housing, rent subsidies, transitional housing, stipends to friends and families who provide housing directly to a person who is eligible for ARG services, vouchers, move in costs, credit repair, coverage of back rent, or other activities as necessary.

Examples of eligible warm handoff and reentry services include, but are not limited to: reach-in services, case management services, housing navigation, transportation, food, emergency services, employment/vocational, social services, behavioral health care, mentors, transitional services, system navigation, 24-hour response, or short-term or emergency housing support (up to 90 days).

Eligibility is limited to Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) located in the State of California that have been determined by the IRS to have 501(c)(3) status (i.e., nonprofit).

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Friday, April 8, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$63.65 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).