



## **News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (9/9/22)**

### **As Record Heat Wave Intensifies, Governor Newsom Extends Emergency Response to Increase Energy Supplies and Reduce Demand**

[The Office of Governor Newsom announced](#) Tuesday the extension of emergency actions taken [last week](#) to bring more energy online and reduce demand on the grid during the record-setting heat wave across the western U.S. The prolonged heat wave is on track to be California's hottest and longest for September and is projected to set a new record high for demand on the state's energy grid with a load forecast of 51,276 megawatts today.

[Watch a video message from the Governor here.](#)

The [state's emergency response](#) and efforts by large energy users, energy producers and California residents has helped to prevent outages during this extreme heat event, and even greater action will be needed in the days ahead as the state faces peak temperatures. Californians' action to conserve energy during the Flex Alert yesterday saved 1,000 megawatts of power. We need an additional 2,000 megawatts of savings today given higher forecasts, and everyone needs to play a part. Many state buildings will power down lights and air conditioning beginning at 4:00 p.m. to save energy. The state has also taken other urgent actions to bring more power onto the grid, including importing energy from out-of-state, installing emergency generators and creating a Strategic Reliability Reserve.

The executive order extends provisions of the Governor's earlier [emergency proclamation](#) and [executive order](#) through this Friday to increase energy production, reduce strain on the grid and provide additional flexibility to state agencies, energy users and utility operators. The text of [the executive order can be found here](#).

Governor Newsom today also signed [AB 2645](#) by Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez (D-Pomona), which requires counties to ensure community resilience centers can serve as community-wide assets to mitigate public health impacts during disasters, including extreme heat events, and integrate these centers into their local emergency plans.

For further information and tips to stay safe during extreme heat, [visit the full press release](#).

### **2022 Cooling Centers**

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services has provided an interactive map to find cooling centers near you. [Click here](#) to access the map and view further information.

## **Flex Alerts Extended by Two Hours as California Enters Ninth Day of Heat Wave**

[MSN reports](#) as Southern California enters a ninth straight day of record-setting heat Thursday, the state's power regulators are hoping to continue their streak of avoiding rolling blackouts, asking all residents to conserve electricity during the hours of 3 to 10 p.m., extending the [previous Flex Alerts](#) by two hours.

The Flex Alert issued by the [California Independent System Operator](#), which manages the state's power grid, took effect at 4 p.m. Wednesday and remained in effect until 9 p.m., urging residents to eliminate unnecessary power usage and prevent strain on the system.

There were no rotating outages, the California Independent System Operator reported.

The agency also moved to an Energy Emergency Alert 2, working to secure all available power resources to meet demand while also warning utilities that demand could outpace supply absent significant conservation efforts.

During the Flex Alert, residents are asked to save power by:

- setting thermostats to 78 degrees or higher;
- avoiding the use of major appliances;
- turning off unnecessary lights; and
- avoid charging electric vehicles.

Residents were also advised to pre-cool their homes as much as possible and close blinds and drapes to keep interiors cool.

The voluntary conservation measures have worked so far, as the power stayed on Tuesday despite record demand for electricity. Just before 6 p.m. Tuesday, the state moved into an Energy Emergency Alert 3, calling for maximum conservation efforts while warning that blackouts could be imminent without reduced demand.

To drive home the situation, alerts were sent to cell phones across the state urging people to “conserve energy now to protect public health and safety,” and warning that “power interruptions may occur unless you take action.”

“As the state faces the hottest day in this prolonged, record-breaking heat wave, grid conditions are expected to worsen,” the power-grid manager warned Tuesday evening. “If needed, ISO could order utilities to begin rotating power outages to maintain the stability of the electric grid. If that occurs, consumers should expect communications — either phone, text or email — from their utilities notifying them of outage areas and likely durations.”

But with residents responding to the conservation call, officials ended Energy Emergency Alert 3 at 8 p.m. Tuesday, declaring “consumer conservation played a big part in protecting electric grid reliability.”

Late Tuesday afternoon, statewide electricity demand reached 52,061 megawatts, breaking the record of 50,270 MW set in 2006, according to Cal-ISO.

Consumer and commercial demand response, including Flex Alerts, has been helping to extend tight resources over the past week, with a load reduction of around 1,000 MW for each of the past several days.

Southern California has seen temperatures soar above 100 degrees every day since Wednesday of last week, with little relief in sight until this weekend. A record high temperature was reported in Sandberg on Wednesday. It was 99, breaking the record of 97 set in 2018.

It was 103 in Anaheim on Wednesday, breaking a record high of 100 for the day set in 2011.

A number of high minimum temperatures were set throughout Orange County on Wednesday. The minimum temperature was 75 in Anaheim, tying a mark set in 2020. It was 73 in Santa Ana, breaking the mark of 71 set in 2020.

“The prolonged heat wave will finally break this weekend as weakening tropical cyclone Kay stalls offshore,” according to the National Weather Service. “Kay will bring showers and a chance of showers and thunderstorms late Friday into Saturday, then decreasing chances Sunday with slightly warmer temperatures. Temperatures will remain near or slightly below normal next week.”

Excessive heat warnings will be in effect through 8 p.m. Friday for the inland coastal area including downtown Los Angeles, the Santa Monica Mountains and the San Gabriel, San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys. The warnings are in place until 8 p.m. Thursday in the Los Angeles County mountains and Antelope Valley. Los Angeles County beaches and the Malibu coast will be under excessive heat warnings only on Friday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., according to the NWS.

The excessive heat warning was extended until at least 8 p.m. Friday for Orange County coastal and inland areas, including valleys in San Bernardino and Riverside, and the Santa Ana mountains and foothills.

“A prolonged period of very hot conditions with minimal coastal clouds is expected through much of this week as high pressure aloft remains anchored over the West,” according to the National Weather Service. “Triple-digit heat will be common for many valley and mountain locations with a very high risk of heat illness.

“Drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun, and check up on relatives and neighbors,” the NWS urged. “Young children and pets should never be left unattended in vehicles under any circumstances.”

Forecasters also urged residents to be aware of the signs of heat stroke and to take precautions.

Cooling centers for Los Angeles County can be found [here](#). Cooling centers for Los Angeles can be found [here](#), or by calling 311.

### **How to Stay Safe During Extreme Heat**

[The Office of Governor Newsom announced](#) the western United States is experiencing extreme heat [that has now continued longer than expected].

Across the state, temperatures are 10 to 20 degrees hotter than normal, with temperatures expected to climb this weekend. Extreme heat endangers vulnerable Californians, including our elderly and those with health concerns.

State agencies and departments have gathered resources and information to help the public stay safe, cool, and connected during this heat wave:

### Public Service Announcements:

- Secretary Natalie Palugyai, LWDA: [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- [Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna](#), CDPH Office of Health Equity (English and Spanish)
- Secretary Amy Tong, GovOps: [Mandarin](#) and [Cantonese](#)
- CalOES: [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

### Helpful Resources:

#### General Public:

- [CalOES Extreme Heat page](#)
- [CalOES Cooling Center GIS Map](#)
- [CDPH Extreme Heat page](#)

#### Workers:

- [Steps for Preventing Heat Illness Amongst Workers](#)
- [Heat Illness Prevention](#)
- [Health Illness Prevention e-tool](#)

#### Tips to stay safe during extreme heat:

- If you don't have an air conditioner, go to a shopping mall or public building for a few hours. If you must be outdoors, wear lightweight clothing and sunscreen, avoid the hottest parts of the day, and avoid strenuous activities.
- Sweating removes needed salt and minerals from the body. Avoid drinks with caffeine (tea, coffee, and soda) and alcohol.
- Check on friends and family and have someone do the same for you. If you know someone who is elderly or has a health condition, check on them twice a day. Watch for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Know the [symptoms of heat-related illness](#) and be ready to help.
- Find cooling centers in your area by contacting your county or calling your local health department, or find one at [Cooling Centers | California Governor's Office of Emergency Management](#)
- Employers who have questions or need assistance with workplace health and safety programs can call Cal/OSHA's Consultation Services Branch at 800-963-9424. Complaints about workplace safety and health hazards can be filed confidentially with Cal/OSHA district office. Cal/OSHA's Heat Illness Prevention program includes enforcement of the heat regulation as well as multilingual outreach and training programs for California's employers and workers. Cal/OSHA inspectors will be conducting unannounced inspections checking for compliance at worksites throughout the state.

### How to Keep Cool When There's No Power

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) California's grid is being pushed to its limit.

On Tuesday, as triple-digit heat broke records around the state, the grid operator warned that power usage was the highest it had ever been. In addition to a Flex Alert, the state sent an emergency text in the late afternoon asking people in certain areas to conserve power as much as possible. If usage didn't come down enough, there could be rolling blackouts.

Californians answered the call: Power usage came down enough to avert widespread outages. But there's always a risk of grid failures when there's so much demand, and the heat hasn't let up yet. There are lots of tips to stay cool, but a lot of them involve using some electricity.

Here's what you can do to stay cool without power before and during an outage.

If you have advance notice of a [rolling blackout](#), try to cool your home as much as possible beforehand and do whatever you can to keep it that way, said Joseph Riser, a public information officer for the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department. During a Flex Alert, you want to keep your AC at 78 or higher or turn it off entirely. But before the alert goes into effect, it's OK to crank it so that the system will have to work less when you should be conserving power. Close blinds, curtains and doors to contain the cooler air.

A battery-operated or rechargeable fan will come in handy. Even a little handheld one will help you feel more comfortable. Consider adding one to your emergency kit. If you get one that can be recharged via USB, you could use power from a charged laptop or power bank to keep the fan running during a protracted outage.

Stay hydrated. Tap water will still be accessible — power outages usually don't affect whether the plumbing works — and is perfectly safe to drink in L.A., Riser said. If you prefer water from your fridge filter, consider filling up a few extra bottles ahead of time.

Sign up for alerts from your electricity provider and bookmark the page with the outage map for the latest information. In a lot of Southern California, that's going to be Southern California Edison, which has an [outage map here](#) and lets you [sign up for alerts by email, text and phone here](#). In the city of Los Angeles, you can check the [L.A. Department of Water and Power outage map here](#) and [click here to sign up for alerts](#). Here's the [outage map for San Diego Gas & Electric](#) and [how to download the app with alerts](#). And here's where to find [the outage map for Pacific Gas & Electric](#), which serves much of the rest of California, and [where to sign up for those alerts](#).

When the power is out, hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. With one big caveat: Freezing-cold water will actually make your body work harder, causing you to heat up, Riser said. Stick to cool or cold drinks, not ones that are a degree or two off glacial. And don't forget to offer plenty to your pets.

Cold compresses on your head and the back of your neck, and cold showers or baths are other good ways to regulate your body temperature, with the same clause about erring on the side of "cool" over "frigid." Sticking your feet in a bucket of cold water will help cool you down if you don't want to spend all day in the tub. If you have a spray bottle, you can fill it with cool water and mist yourself.

"Knowing your house" can help you avoid overheating, Riser said. Depending on how long the outage lasts and which way your windows face, you might want to move to rooms with cooler areas as time goes on. Not many people in California have basements, but if you do, it's probably not as warm down there. If your house has multiple stories, the ground floor will be a better bet than the upper floors. If you know there's a specific time of day that a breeze kicks up, open your window at that point to let it cool your house. If you have a shady area or even a pool in your backyard, it might be cooler out there than indoors.

For further tips, [visit the full article](#).

## **Cal/OSHA Reminds Employers to Prepare for Hazards from Power Outages During Heat Wave**

[Cal/OSHA is reminding employers](#) to protect workers by being prepared for the hazards of power outages during the heat wave.

Employers in California have to maintain an Emergency Action Plan to keep workers safe during a fire, power outages and other emergencies that can impact worksites.

To protect workers, employers have to take steps to prepare worksites for power outages, including:

- Lighting – emergency backup power is required for lights needed during an emergency.
- Doors – All powered doors must be able to be opened manually in a power outage.
- Ventilation – Stop work that requires electrically powered ventilation until power is restored.
- Machinery and equipment – Shut off electrically powered equipment during an outage and stay clear of moving parts when the power returns.
- Generators – Ensure generators are used safely, including only using generators outdoors and ensuring they are properly grounded.

Read more on Cal/OSHA's webpage [Protecting Workers When there are Power Outages](#).

## **A Hurricane will Make its Closest Pass to Southern California in 25 Years, Adding to the State's Weather Woes**

[CNN reports](#) more extreme weather -- including sweltering heat, intense wind and potentially a year's worth of rain -- is forecast for Southern California this week as a hurricane spins in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Mexico.

As it moves north, Hurricane Kay's winds -- far from providing immediate relief from [California's climate crisis-driven heat wave](#) -- actually could push already record temperatures higher in some places. Then, the storm could threaten flash flooding and drop over just two days the volume of rain parts of Southern California would usually get in a year.

Flood watches are in effect for parts of Southern California and western Arizona.

Kay is expected to remain at hurricane strength until it's around 250 miles from San Diego -- something only four other storms have done since 1950, according to the National Weather Service -- before weakening as it moves toward the US West Coast.

But the storm doesn't need to be strong "for this to be a major concern for Southern California," said Brandt Maxwell, a National Weather Service meteorologist in San Diego.

Kay is forecast to track parallel to the Baja California peninsula through Friday, pushing what could be record-breaking amount of moisture into Southern California and Arizona. Then just shy of the US-Mexican border, it will turn westward -- away from the coast -- as it makes the closest pass to Southern California for a hurricane since 1997's Hurricane Nora.

Winds could gust to more than 60 mph as the system interacts with Southern California's mountainous terrain. And those winds will be coming from the east, which means they will have

a warming effect on coastal cities; as air travels down mountains, it is compressed, and its temperature rises.

It will be similar to the [Santa Ana wind phenomenon](#), which typically occurs in the fall and winter. "We are not calling it Santa Ana winds, but they will have characteristics of them as they pass through canyons and the sloped terrain," Maxwell told CNN.

The warm, dry winds from the east will increase the region's [already considerable fire risk](#). Temperatures could reach 100 degrees Friday in coastal parts of San Diego and Orange counties.

"This happened in 1984 as a Category 1 Hurricane Marie well southwest of San Diego County forced temperatures to reach 100 in San Diego," Maxwell said.

Lows could remain in the 80s overnight Thursday and into Friday morning, making sleeping uncomfortable, especially for those without air conditioning.

Then, the relentless heat will "end abruptly and unusually" late Friday, weather service in Los Angeles said, as the tropical system's cloud cover and rainfall move in, drastically reducing temperatures but creating new hazards: heavy rainfall and a flash flood threat.

Even as the Southwest has been mired in a [multi-year megadrought](#), Kay's rainfall could pose a significant flood danger.

"Confidence remains high for a significant rainfall event across this region," the Weather Prediction Center said Thursday morning. Models suggest moisture over this normally dry area will be well above the 99th percentile for this time of year going into the weekend.

Even though rainfall is desperately needed across parched Southern California, this much rain over a short period can cause creeks and rivers to rise rapidly.

Rainfall of 2 to 4 inches, possibly up to around 6 inches, is expected throughout the mountainous terrain of Southern California, especially on the eastern slopes.

A warning of moderate risk of excessive rainfall -- Level 3 of 4 -- is in effect for Friday over portions of Southern California and far southwest Arizona, with a slight risk -- Level 2 of 4 -- in effect by Saturday across more of Southern California, western Arizona and far southern Nevada.

The National Weather Service forecasts 2 to 4 inches of rain over 36 hours Friday and Saturday at Imperial County Airport in southeastern California; the spot gets 2.38 inches of rain on average each year. If Imperial receives more than 3 inches of rain, it would make this month its wettest September, breaking a record set in 1976.

In Palm Springs, California, 2 to 4 inches is forecast through the weekend, pushing toward the typical annual rainfall tally of 4.61 inches. Three inches in Palm Springs would put this month in the top three wettest Septembers for the city and make it the wettest since 1976, when it got 4.17 inches; its average September rainfall is 0.24 inches.

Yuma could see 1.5 inches of rain through the weekend, which would make this month the wettest September there since 2009. The city's average September rainfall is 0.68 inches.

## **Governor Newsom Proclaims State of Emergency in Riverside, El Dorado and Placer Counties Due to Fires**

[The Office of Governor Newsom proclaimed](#) a state of emergency for Riverside County due to the Fairview Fire and for El Dorado and Placer counties due to the Mosquito Fire. The Fairview Fire has burned more than 19,000 acres and caused civilian fatalities. Both fires are threatening multiple communities and critical infrastructure, forcing the evacuation of tens of thousands of residents.

Earlier this week, California [secured](#) a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help ensure the availability of vital resources to suppress the Fairview Fire. Governor Newsom last week proclaimed a state of emergency for Siskiyou County due to the [Mill Fire](#), and announced that the state secured an FMAG to support the response to the fire.

The text of today's emergency proclamation can be found [here](#).

## **Southern California's Fairview Fire Has Exploded in Size, Burning Nearly 20k Acres and Forcing Evacuations**

[KION 46 reports](#) the deadly Fairview Fire burning in Southern California has upended the lives of many Riverside County residents who said they felt blindsided by the flames that have been spreading rapidly since Monday.

As of Thursday afternoon, the fire has burned 18,657 acres and is only 5% contained, said Cal Fire, formally known as the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This comes as the region battles a scorching heat wave, authorities said.

The cause of the fire, believed to have started Monday afternoon, is under investigation, Cal Fire [said](#).

The blaze, which [killed two people](#) in a vehicle earlier this week, forced a string of new evacuation orders and warnings in the area that Cal Fire announced early Thursday. Details about how many people were affected by orders weren't immediately available.

A Red Cross shelter in Hemet opened Monday for evacuees, said shelter supervisor Ken Rieger.

The blaze was "burning in all directions, on all flanks" Wednesday morning, Cal Fire Battalion Chief Josh Janssen said then.

The rapidly growing fire comes as California and many states on the West Coast swelter in a brutal heat wave, which is setting record high temperatures, fueling destructive wildfires and threatening rolling power shutoffs in California. The heat wave could last even longer because of the effects of a strengthening hurricane along Mexico's Pacific coast.

Schools in the Hemet Unified School District were closed because of the fire; it wasn't clear when they would reopen.

Circuit activity occurred "close in time" to when the blaze started, Southern California Edison said in a filing Monday, but the company said it is "not conceding that its equipment caused the wildfire."

That notification is intended to make California Public Utilities Commission aware of the incident so the agency can conduct an investigation, according to another document filed in coordination with the report.

As a result of the Fairview Fire, Riverside County [declared an emergency](#). The proclamation has to go before the board of supervisors within seven days to be officially ratified, according to the county's website. The next board meeting is Tuesday.

### **California Secures Federal Assistance to Support Response to Fairview Fire in Riverside**

[The Office of Governor Newsom announced](#) Tuesday that California has secured a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help ensure the availability of vital resources to suppress the Fairview Fire burning in Riverside County.

Driven by temperatures in excess of 110 degrees, wind gusts and drought conditions, the Fairview Fire has burned more than 2,700 acres to date and is currently 5% contained.

The FMAG, which is provided through the President's Disaster Relief Fund on a cost-share basis, will enable local, state and tribal agencies responding to the fire to apply for 75-percent reimbursement of their eligible fire suppression costs. The program, which is administered through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), provides rapid financial assistance to communities impacted by fires.

Cal OES Fire and Rescue and CAL FIRE personnel are working in concert with state and local agencies in response to the rapidly-moving fire. The State Operations Center is actively coordinating the state's fire response, dispatching mutual aid and addressing emergency management needs.

### **COVID in California: US Dedicates \$300 million to Next-Generation Tests**

[The San Francisco Chronicle reports](#) The White House has allocated \$300 million for the accelerated development of next-generation coronavirus tests, the National Institutes of Health [announced Thursday](#).

Two new funding opportunities are available for diagnostic test manufacturers as part of the incentive program. The first opportunity is to develop accessible over-the-counter tests that can be used by people with disabilities, while the second seeks to improve the performance of over-the-counter tests to ensure ease of use.

"Tests should aim to minimize or eliminate the need for serial testing and performance should be unaffected by variants," the agency said in a release. It expects the products will be ready for commercial use within two to three years.

### **California's First Potential Monkeypox Death Investigated in LA**

[The San Francisco Chronicle reports](#) Los Angeles County health officials said a person diagnosed with monkeypox has died in what may be the first known fatality from the virus in California and second in the U.S.

"We are early in the investigation and do not have additional details available at this time," Dr. Rita Singhal, chief medical officer for the county's department of public health, said at a

Thursday [briefing](#). “As soon as details become available, we will share them while maintaining confidentiality and privacy.”

The death is one of two monkeypox-related fatalities under investigation in the United States, including one reported last week in Texas. In the current outbreak, there have been eight confirmed monkeypox deaths worldwide in countries where the disease is non-endemic.

The California Department of Public Health, which now refers to monkeypox as MPX, said it is assisting Los Angeles County health officials with the investigation.

“While fatalities from MPX remain rare across the globe, this case investigation is a somber reminder that more progress is needed to curtail the outbreak of MPX,” the state health department said in a statement Thursday to The Chronicle.

It noted that the risk of monkeypox to the general public remains low, and those at-risk can schedule a vaccination appointment through the state’s [MyTurn](#) system.

Singhal said her office has reached out to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention “to determine if there are any changes needed in the guidelines they have put out regarding how we treat persons with monkeypox, especially if they’re getting severely ill.”

The county is conducting an autopsy on the person who died, but Singhal did not know when the results would come back: “It may be as soon as a few days, or it may take a few weeks.”

To date, there have been at least 4,140 confirmed or probable cases in California, including 1,640 in Los Angeles County, according to [state data](#). San Francisco has the second highest case count at 748.

Monkeypox usually causes flu-like symptoms, along with a rash and dense, fluid-filled lesions. The virus is spread by intimate personal contact, including sexual acts and kissing. It can also be spread by sharing bedding or clothes, or potentially, breathing in close proximity.

Although many cases resolve on their own, monkeypox can be quite painful and, in rare instances, can cause severe illness.

Also on Thursday, the CDC sent a letter to state and local health departments that said federal funds for HIV and STD prevention can also now be used against monkeypox. Growth in cases in the U.S. appears to be abating, officials say.

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

- **Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP);** *transportation*
  - Funded by: Department of Transportation
  - Deadline: **Monday, September 12, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$210 million
  - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
    - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)
- **2022-23 Domestic Violence Mobile Health Care Services (FO);** *disaster prevention & relief; health & human services; law, justice, and legal services*
  - Funded by: Governor’s Office of Emergency Services
  - Deadline: **Tuesday, September 13, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$34,505,575

- **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
- **2022-23 Effectiveness Monitoring Committee Request for Research Proposals to Test the Efficacy of the California Forest Practice Rules and Related Regulations; agriculture; environment & water; science, technology, and research & development**
  - Funded by: Board of Forestry
  - Deadline: **Wednesday, September 14, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: Dependent
  - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)

## Funding Opportunities

### 2022-23 Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (UV) Program

[The Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#) has created the UV Program to increase access to culturally appropriate victim services for unserved/underserved victims/survivors of crime.

Many victims/survivors of crime in California do not receive services and support that meet their physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial needs after victimization. Meeting their needs is far more difficult when their access to services is complicated by factors such as race, ethnicity, geographic isolation, language barriers, cultural intolerance, disability, lack of knowledge of the criminal justice system and their rights, and/or lack of appropriate social support.

There is no single way to meet the needs of all unserved/underserved populations because of the uniqueness of each group. However, programs can improve their response to these victims/survivors by looking carefully at specific populations and asking for feedback.

The purpose of the Program is to increase access to culturally appropriate victim services for unserved/underserved victims/survivors of crime. This can be accomplished by enhancing existing programs to commit staff time to specifically address the needs of the identified unserved/underserved victim/survivor population, hiring staff that reflect the identified population, training all staff on the cultural norms of the population, and increasing outreach efforts.

Unserved/underserved populations can be any victim/survivor population that disproportionately accesses victim services in your service area. Subrecipients must focus on only one specific unserved/underserved victim population. Subrecipients may choose to focus on one victim/survivor population from the following list or identify an additional unserved/underserved victim/survivor.

For a proposal to be eligible to compete for funding (i.e., read and rated) all the following conditions must be met:

- Applicants must be a governmental or non-governmental organization that provides direct services to victims/survivors of crime.
- The Unserved/Underserved Population Certification Form (Attachment A) must be completed and included in the proposal.
- The proposal must be submitted per the instructions in Part I, Subpart C.

To request a match waiver, Applicants must submit the VOCA Match Waiver Request Form (Cal OES Form 2-159) with their proposal. Up to two VOCA fund sources can be entered on one form. An additional VOCA Match Waiver Request Form may be necessary when there are more

than two VOCA fund sources. All sections of the form must be completed and answers to questions 6 and 7 must be specific and unique to the Applicant and Program.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Friday, September 30, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$15,161,782. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).

### **2022-23 California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CSNSGP) RFP**

[The Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#) has created the CSNSGP to provide funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk for violent attacks and hate crimes due to ideology, beliefs, or mission.

The purpose of the CSNSGP is to provide funding support for physical security enhancements and other security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk for violent attacks and hate crimes due to ideology, beliefs, or mission. The CSNSGP seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations with broader state and local preparedness efforts. The CSNSGP also promotes emergency preparedness coordination and collaboration activities between public and private community representatives as well as state and local government agencies.

Restricted to California nonprofit organizations that are described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC) and exempt from tax under Section 501(a) of such code. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not require certain organizations such as churches, mosques, and synagogues to apply for and receive recognition of exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRC.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Friday, October 28, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$47.5 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).

### **Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program 2022**

[The Department of Health Care Access and Information](#) has created the Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMH) is to increase the number of appropriately trained mental healthcare professionals providing direct client care in qualified facility or area in California.

The Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program is a loan repayment program where eligible applicants may receive loan repayments of up to \$30,000 in exchange for a 24-month service obligation practicing and providing direct client care in a qualified facility in California.

To be eligible for an LMHSPEP award, applicants must possess a valid unrestricted professional license and/or certification to practice their profession in California. Applicants must be in good standing with their respective board and/or certifying organization and not have any other existing service obligations with other entities, including HCAI. They must have unpaid educational loans and not be in breach of any other service obligation.

Applicants must be working in a qualifying facility in either an eligible geographic or site designation.

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