



## **News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (1/13/2023)**

### **Shelters Available for Residents Impacted by Winter Storm**

[Cal OES News reports](#) several counties have activated county shelters and locations related to the current winter storm. For a full list of the locations, [visit the full article](#).

### **Large-Scale Prepositioned Event Covers Dozens of Counties Statewide in Response to Ongoing Winter Storms**

[Cal OES News reports](#) in one of the largest prepositioned events for a winter storm in state history, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is strategically deploying swift water resources and firefighting personnel to dozens of counties across the state. In addition, Cal OES also has prepositioned resources at eight fire departments statewide in advance of potential major flooding or debris flow.

To view the full list of prepositioned resources, [visit the full article](#).

### **President Authorizes Help for Additional Counties in California**

[FEMA announced](#) an Amendment to the Emergency Declaration today authorizing FEMA to extend Direct Federal Assistance to 14 additional counties in California.

This provides help with emergency protective measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe as the state and tribal nations endure waves of bad weather.

The amendment now makes federal help available for Colusa, Glenn, Humboldt, Marin, Orange, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, and Yuba counties.

This amendment was a result of ongoing damage assessments conducted at the request of the state, which continue in most of the state's counties, with results provided to the governor.

Colusa, Glenn, Humboldt, Marin, Orange, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, and Yuba join El Dorado, Los Angeles, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Stanislaus, and Ventura as counties receiving Emergency Declaration support as winter storms continue to impact California.

The Emergency Declaration authorizes FEMA to identify and task federal agencies to mobilize federal equipment, supplies and resources requested by the state to perform emergency protective measures in identified counties.

### **Governor Newsom Requests Presidential Emergency Declaration to Support California's Response to Deadly Storms**

[The Office of Governor Newsom announced](#) that he submitted a request to the White House for a Presidential Emergency Declaration to support ongoing storm response and recovery efforts.

If approved, the declaration will activate the full weight of the federal government behind California's storm response and allow the state to immediately access federal resources and personnel. The Governor's request to President Biden and the Federal Emergency Management Agency can be found [here](#).

Also Sunday, Governor Newsom visited two sites along Deer Creek in Sacramento County to highlight the state's work to repair damage from earlier storms and prepare for incoming severe weather. The Governor also announced \$202 million in new investments for long-term flood prevention proposed in the upcoming state budget.

Since late December, 12 Californians have died from storm-related impacts, including flooding – more than the number of civilians who lost their lives to wildfires in the past two years combined.

“We are in the middle of a deadly barrage of winter storms – and California is using every resource at its disposal to protect lives and limit damage,” said Governor Newsom. “We are taking the threat from these storms seriously, and want to make sure that Californians stay vigilant as more storms head our way.”

### **Houston Disaster Relief Group Plans to Deploy Resources to California After Deadly Storms**

[KHOU 11 reports](#) at least 18 people have died in [catastrophic storms](#) that have swept through California for weeks now, leading to landslides, sinkholes and raging floodwaters.

Houstonians know all too well the heartbreak that many Californians are facing right now.

In just the past two weeks, most of California received up to 600% of its normal rainfall, leading to deadly and damaging flooding.

Montecito, the home to many celebrities, including Prince Harry and Oprah Winfrey, was told to evacuate, but some, like Ellen DeGeneres, are sheltering in place.

Watching from afar is not easy for Houstonians, who five years ago were dealing with a similar nightmare.

“I think when it hits home and we've experienced it and gone through it and know what I was needing at that moment, that I can provide that to somebody else - it's just very fulfilling,” [NACC Disaster Services](#) volunteer coordinator Liliana Lopez said.

Lopez had several feet of water enter her home during Hurricane Harvey and now she's a volunteer coordinator for Houston's NACC Disaster Services. The organization is standing by ready to deploy supplies and resources out to California.

The nonprofit said they are coordinating with emergency officials in California to find out what they need. They plan to send a semi-truck full of cleaning supplies and are ready to deploy their mobile kitchen and showers if needed.

"The whole team, there's a cooking team, there's a disasters team, and we all get deployed. We take everything with us," Lopez said.

Lopez said she too will be packing up and heading west, hoping to help someone pick up the pieces that Mother Nature left behind.

"Just hands-on whatever is needed at the moment, at the time, then, we're on it," Lopez said.

NACC said they were ready to send the supplies out Thursday, but say emergency leaders in California say they're not quite ready to receive them. The nonprofit hopes to ship them out early next week.

## **Death Toll Rises to 19 in California as New Storms Hit Battered Communities**

[\*The San Diego Union-Tribune\* reports](#) from the Pacific coast to the Central Valley, California communities battered by days of destructive flooding began repair and cleanup efforts Wednesday as the weather-weary state found itself in the path of yet another in a parade of storms.

The latest system — the seventh atmospheric river storm to train its eye on the state since Christmas — further swamped a state already reeling from widespread flooding, mudslides, washed-out roads, and downed trees and power lines.

"I guess it's about time we had this kind of notoriety," said Alan Vidunas, as he walked in the devastated seaside town of Capitola with his 10-year-old dog, Seabass. "I always call my friends in Florida after they've been hit by hurricanes. They're now calling me."

Capitola, in Santa Cruz County, is but one of many California communities trying to get its arms around the damage wrought by recent storms — which showered sheets of rain across the state, causing roadways to flood, hillsides to crumble, and rivers and creeks to crest their banks. A tornado also briefly touched down in Calaveras County on Tuesday morning, causing extensive tree damage, [according to the National Weather Service](#).

The death toll from the sudden and powerful storms rose Wednesday after Sonoma County sheriff's officials announced a person had been found dead in a car submerged in 8 to 10 feet of water. The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office also confirmed Wednesday that a 33-year-old man was found dead in the American River on Jan. 3, bringing the total of confirmed storm-related fatalities to 19.

And a 5-year-old boy who was swept away by floodwaters in San Luis Obispo County on Monday was still missing Wednesday night as more than 100 members of the California National Guard joined the search effort.

While officials in many parts of the state were turning toward recovery and repair Wednesday, others were still in crisis as swollen rivers spilled over.

Late Wednesday night, almost all areas along the Salinas River in Monterey County were under evacuation orders or warnings, as were parts of the Carmel Valley.

The Salinas River at the town of Spreckels could enter flood stage as soon as Thursday afternoon and peak Friday night, with the potential for the second-highest flood level on record, said Jeremy Arrich, manager of the Division of Flood Management with the California Department of Water Resources.

Flooding on the river could close Highways 1 and 68 as well as Blanco Road, which would sever access between Salinas, the county's most populous city, and the Monterey Peninsula.

"Residents both on the peninsula and in the Salinas area should expect to be cut off for two to three days," Monterey County officials said in a [statement](#).

Sheriff Tina Nieto urged residents and businesses to prepare "for what could be the 'Monterey Peninsula Island,' as we call it," she [said](#) at a news conference. "Monterey Peninsula may become an island again like it did in the '95 floods."

Widespread flooding also forced the evacuation of the community of Planada, a town of about 4,000 people just east of Merced. Though water levels have started to recede, the Merced County Sheriff's Office [said](#) Wednesday morning that it was "unsafe to go back into flooded areas" and the evacuation order was still in place.

For further details on how communities across the state have been impacted, [visit the full article](#).

### **Search Continues for 5-Year-Old Boy Swept Away by Floodwaters in Storm-Hit California**

[ABC News reports](#) more than 100 National Guard troops are helping [search](#) for a young boy who was swept away by raging floodwaters in central California several days ago.

The "first wave" of troops arrived on Wednesday "to assist with the search as conditions permit," according to the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office, which is leading the efforts to find 5-year-old Kyle Doan. By Thursday, there were approximately 120 members of the California National Guard assisting with the massive search operations, in addition to the search and rescue teams and divers from the sheriff's offices of San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County, Ventura County, Sacramento County, Santa Clara County, and Kern County.

There were also six K9 teams along with members of the California Rescue Dog Association, three hand crews from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, air operations from the California Highway Patrol, drone teams from both the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office and Grover Beach Police Department as well as members of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

In total, some 200 personnel were involved in the search operations that day.

"The search is being conducted in extremely challenging conditions with mud and debris hampering the efforts," San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office said in a statement Thursday. "But this is a comprehensive effort to search every brush pile and area of debris."

Kyle Doan was traveling in a truck with his mother when their vehicle became stranded in floodwaters on Monday just before 8 a.m. local time near San Miguel, a small town inland from California's central coastline. Bystanders were able to rescue the mother but floodwaters swept the little boy out of the truck and downstream, authorities said. There was no evacuation order in the area at that time.

Later that day, at approximately 3 p.m. local time, an underwater search and rescue team was forced to call off their efforts after several hours "because the extreme weather conditions became too unsafe for first responders," according to San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Tony Cipolla.

For more information, [visit the full article](#).

### **California Weather Leaves Over 200k Without Power, Floods Union Station, Closes Beach Due to Sewage**

[Fox Business reports](#) more than 200,000 California homes and businesses are without power Tuesday as a series of storms bringing torrential rainfall are continuing to slam the state.

The severe weather is also causing disruptions to travel and tourism, with flooding reported at Los Angeles' Union Station, roads being closed due to mud flows and officials in Santa Barbara shutting down a beach after around 5,000 gallons of sewage entered waters there.

Pacific Gas and Electric, which is dealing with the majority of the ongoing power outages across California, according to the website Poweroutage.us, says it observed "wind gusts exceeding 70 mph and more than 100 cloud to ground lightning strikes" in storm activity from last night into this morning.

"PG&E crews will continue working to restore power safely and as quickly as possible in our hometowns," the company said in a statement Tuesday morning. "In some areas, access to damaged equipment has been difficult, impacting restoration efforts."

Real-time traffic data from Google is showing road closures throughout the state because of the storms, including large stretches of highway west of Los Angeles around Santa Barbara.

County officials closed West Beach on Monday after a "spill involved a release of at least 5,000 gallons of sewage to a storm drain discharging to Mission Creek, near Vernon Road and Serena Road in Santa Barbara.

"The affected area has been posted with signs warning the public to avoid contact with the water until sample results indicate the water is safe for recreational use," the county's public health department said. "Contact with sewage contaminated water increases the risk for certain types of illnesses."

Just east in Fillmore, the California Highway Patrol captured an image of a tractor trailer truck stuck in mud that flowed across a highway.

"Those were the 126 traffic lanes. Now it is 3 feet deep with mud and rocks," the CHP's Moorpark area office wrote on Twitter around midnight Monday. "No ETA on reopening."

Additionally, in Los Angeles, flooding has been reported at its Union Station.

"Due to flooding at Los Angeles Union Station please be advised that passengers may use the Red Line entrances to move from one side of the station to the other," the Metrolink Commuter Rail Service wrote on Twitter.

[FOX Weather is reporting](#) that Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties have been hit especially hard by rain, with more than 15 inches falling in higher elevations.

California also says 85 of its state parks are either closed or partially closed because of the weather.

### **Map Shows Exactly Where 289 Trees Fell Down in San Francisco During Recent Storms**

[The San Francisco Chronicle reports](#) a wave of recent storms brought heavy winds and rainfall to the Bay Area, causing flood damage and power outages. Data shows that San Franciscans are also dealing with a huge spike in fallen trees as a result of recent inclement weather.

Extreme winds from the atmospheric river storm last Wednesday downed numerous trees, disrupting traffic and disabling electrical lines. A total of 289 reports were made to 311 about fallen trees in the first seven days of 2023, city data shows. In comparison, there were only 27 fallen tree reports made in the entire month of January in 2022.

The data from the city's [311 database](#) shows that the highest number of reports were made on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 109. The following day, 79 reports about fallen trees were called in.

The Mission was the neighborhood with the most 311 calls about fallen trees, with a total of 15 reports so far this month. The Outer Sunset followed with 12 and the Golden Gate Heights and Western Addition neighborhoods followed with 11 calls each.

The Department of Public Works is the agency typically responsible for responding to these reports. So far this year, 27 cases have been closed and considered "resolved." A total of 456 cases were resolved in 2022 and of those, about 46% were resolved within a day.

To view the map, [click here](#).

### **Staying Prepared for Power Outages**

[PG&E has released](#) tips to minimize the safety risks and inconvenience caused by a power outage. During the winter storm season, when outages may occur, their crews and emergency response teams do everything they can to keep the lights on.

After an outage, their crews' first task is to assess damage. In the case of major outages, this assessment can take days. During this phase, you may see our trucks in your neighborhood as you continue to experience an outage. The information they gather helps us plan our work.

To review the full list of tips to prepare, [click here](#).

## **Are Sacramento Utilities Responsible for Food Loss During a Storm-Related Power Outage?**

[The Sacramento Bee reports](#) storms and dangerous winds in Northern California are wreaking havoc across the region, flooding streets, reeling power from thousands of homes and toppling trees that mangle cars in the process.

Sacramento Bee reader Elizabeth Kaestner asked the service journalism team if utilities would be responsible for loss of food or need to find temporary housing due to power outages. Generally, utilities are not responsible for issues beyond their control, such as power outages caused by weather, according to Pacific Gas & Electric and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District websites.

That doesn't mean you're completely out of luck.

CalFresh recipients can request to replace their benefits if they experienced a power outage that resulted in spoiled food.

Requests must be made up to 10 days after food loss, according to CalFresh. To make a request, you need to contact your local CalFresh office and complete a form, which includes your contact information and brief description of how and when your food was lost.

Depending on your homeowner or renter's insurance policy, you may be able to get coverage for food spoilage during a weather event, according to Money Geek, a personal finance website.

You should check with your insurance company and file a claim for damages to your home, if it is covered in your policy.

If your home or business was damaged due to recent storms, you can report it to Sacramento County online.

This will help the county identify when and where they need to create a Local Assistance Center, according to the county's email reply, which will help "(provide) recovery direction, assistance and resources to residents when recovering from a disaster."

If you are unable to stay in your home, you can call 3-1-1 to ask about city and county services. Shelter information can be found through the county's 2-1-1 number or online. The city and county opened Hart Senior Center in James Marshall Park (915 27th St.) for those needing to evacuate due to the storm.

If you want to help others in need, GoFundMe organized a central hub of verified fundraisers in the area.

After a state of emergency was issued in California on Jan. 8 due to flooding and storms, the company is holding verified donations to help people who need to rebuild and pay for medical and memorial costs.

You can see the fundraisers online for individuals and communities affected by the recent weather.

### **Thousands of Californians Under Evacuation Orders as Flood Threats Continue and Death Toll of Recent Storms Climbs to 17**

[CNN reports](#) thousands of Californians remained under evacuation orders as heavy rainfall continued in parts of the state, threatening more flooding as part of a series of storms that have left at least 17 dead in recent weeks.

Thunderstorms were drenching northern California Tuesday afternoon with more rain expected Wednesday and Thursday. Across the state, more than 20 million people are under [flood alerts](#) as the risk of mudslides also spreads to the Los Angeles and San Diego areas.

“Scattered to widespread instances of flash flooding will be possible, especially near steep terrain and burn scars,” the Weather Prediction Center [said](#) Tuesday afternoon.

Roughly 34,000 remained under evacuation orders statewide, California Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a Tuesday afternoon news conference.

The rain is part of a wave of [atmospheric rivers](#) – long, narrow regions in the atmosphere that can transport moisture thousands of miles – that have thrashed the West Coast in the last several weeks. The storms have led to dangerous flooding and mudslides and prompted evacuations across the state, with much of California getting rainfall totals that [are 400% to 600% above average](#) in that time.

The rain is largely over for southern California until the end of the week, but California is not out of the woods: Four more atmospheric river events are expected in the next 10 days. Northern California’s severe weather Wednesday and Thursday will be followed by a weekend storm, another weather event early next week and another just days after.

From north to south in the Golden State this week, flooding, mudslides or threats thereof have led to evacuations, road closures and desperate rescues. On Monday, trees crashed down, homes lost power and major roadways were turned into rivers or otherwise closed as storms unleashed powerful winds and heavy downpours.

In Santa Cruz County just southwest of San Jose, Rachel Oliveria stayed home Monday as water from a nearby river rose and flooded her residence.

“Within a matter of minutes, it was from across the street all the way into our yard, and it went really fast,” Oliveira said.

To review a wrap of recent developments, [visit the full article](#).



## **COVID in California: WHO Calls XBB.1.5 Among the Most Resistant Variants Yet**

[The San Francisco Chronicle reports](#) in a sobering assessment, WHO officials now say that COVID-19 “is here to stay as a disease.” The WHO, like other public health organizations, is pushing vaccination as crucial to curb the virus’ spread and urges airplane passengers on international flights to wear masks, but U.S. military troops no longer have to get a coronavirus vaccination, although foregoing it potentially could affect their deployment.

The brunt of COVID mortality continues to fall on older adults, a new analysis confirms.

The World Health Organization on Wednesday released its XBB.1.5 [risk assessment report](#), saying the omicron offshoot is among the “most antibody-resistant variants to date.”

Maria Van Kerkhove, the WHO’s COVID-19 technical lead said [during a briefing](#) that the lineage is one of more than 500 coronavirus subvariants that the WHO is currently tracking worldwide but is notable for its rapid increase in proportion in the U.S. and “growth advantage compared to other sublineages of omicron.”

The U.N. health agency said it is working with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to determine if XBB.1.5 is deadlier than previous strains or if it is “associated with potential changes in severity.”

WHO officials also lamented a global decline in virus surveillance, which has made it hard to keep track of the true impact of COVID-19.

“Since the peak of the omicron wave, the number of sequences being shared has dropped by more than 90%, and the number of countries sharing sequences has fallen by a third,” WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

“The world cannot close its eyes and hope this virus will go away. It won’t. Sequencing remains vital to detect and track the emergence and spread of new variants, such as XBB.1.5.”

### **Will Omicron XBB.1.5, the Latest Omicron Subvariant, Fuel Another California COVID Surge? What We Know**

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) the latest Omicron subvariant — perhaps the most infectious yet — has gained a foothold in California, a potentially problematic development given the possibility of a post-holiday spike.

However, it’s unclear whether the circulation of this latest strain, XBB.1.5, will alter the trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A slew of alphanumerically designated coronavirus subvariants, each more easily spread than the last, surfaced last year. Those emergent strains, while disruptive, did not come close to spawning the same sort of devastation seen in earlier waves.

But much remains unknown how — or if — XBB.1.5 may affect disease severity or whether generally waning immunity from vaccines or a previous brush with the coronavirus will leave the population more exposed to infection.

XBB.1.5 “is the most transmissible subvariant that has been detected yet,” said Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove, the World Health Organization’s technical lead on COVID-19.

“We are concerned about its growth advantage, in particular in some countries in Europe and in North America, particularly the Northeast part of the United States where XBB.1.5 has rapidly replaced other circulating variants,” she said during a [news conference](#) last week.

In the Northeast, where the subvariant is the dominant circulating version of the coronavirus, COVID-19-positive hospital admissions have risen in recent weeks and now surpass levels from last summer’s wave, according [to data](#) from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“New York — where the XBB.1.5 variant was first detected, and the U.S. bellwether for its growth — still shows signs of increasing hospitalizations, particularly for those age 70+,” Dr. Eric Topol, director of the Scripps Research Translational Institute in La Jolla, wrote [on Twitter](#) Friday.

Topol said in a commentary published Sunday in the Washington Post that the emergence of XBB.1.5 shows the [coronavirus still isn’t done with us](#).

It’s not yet clear whether XBB.1.5 is fueling a hospital rise. Several factors, including increased transmission stemming from travel and gatherings over the winter holidays, are likely at play.

But given the subvariant’s growth advantage, officials say the trend warrants a close examination.

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

## **Why Hospitals are Struggling to Meet Earthquakes Safety Deadline**

[CalMatters reports](#) Jerold Phelps Community Hospital in Garberville, California is one of the smallest in the country. Its mere nine acute-care beds serve a community of about 10,000 people in southern Humboldt County. The next closest emergency room is about an hour’s drive north.

Despite its small size, the hospital is facing a hefty price tag to meet the 2030 retrofit deadline required under the state’s seismic safety standards — about \$50 million for a new single story hospital that would replace its 1960s building.

Although it’s been decades since California implemented its strict seismic safety requirements, paying for those upgrades continues to be a tough task, especially for smaller facilities with limited resources and funding, according to hospital officials across the state. Like Jerold Phelps Community Hospital, two-thirds of California hospitals have yet to meet the looming state seismic deadline that requires hospital buildings to be updated to ensure they can keep operating after an earthquake.

The 6.4 magnitude quake that [struck the Humboldt area on Dec. 20](#) was a stark reminder of California’s vulnerability to seismic activity. Hospitals in the county reported minimal damage and no threat to patients. Two hospitals, in Eureka and Fortuna, lost power and needed generators, according to the California Office of Emergency Services.

Hospital administrators acknowledge their buildings need to remain safe and available for emergency services following a quake, but they say they need more time to complete their upgrades and construction projects, especially as many are still reeling from the financial strains of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Officials at smaller hospitals say that in addition to time, they need funding. They also want more flexibility. The Legislature, they say, should revisit the rules and grant them more leeway for buildings that provide non-emergency services.

“Everyone wants to make our hospitals safe — that’s not the issue. It’s just a tremendous amount of capital that is being poured into this,” said Debi Stebbins, executive director at the City of Alameda Health Care District, which oversees Alameda Hospital.

The seismic safety standards debate is a familiar one in Sacramento, and one that hospital administrators expect will come up again during this new legislative term. Officials at the California Hospital Association said their immediate goal is to educate the large new class of lawmakers about the state’s seismic safety laws and the challenges hospitals face.

Labor groups, however, have strongly opposed hospitals’ ongoing requests for deadline extensions and amendments. They argue that hospitals have had plenty of time — about 30 years — to bring their buildings up to the required standards.

“They have had many, many, many years to do this, and to now say they need an extension is just not appropriate,” said Cathy Kennedy, president of the California Nurses Association. “I think they can do it.” For more information, [visit the full article](#).

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

- **Emergency Medical Services Intermediary Program Year 2022-23;** *disadvantaged communities; employment, labor & training; health & human services; law, justice, and legal services*
  - Funded by: Employment Development Department
  - Deadline: **Tuesday, January 17, 2023**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$8 million
  - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
- **Trauma Recovery Center Grant Fiscal Year 23/24;** *disadvantaged communities; health & human services*
  - Funded by: Victim Compensation Board
  - Deadline: **Tuesday, January 17, 2023**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$4,223,825.67
  - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
- **California Youth Opioid Response (YOR California) YOR 3;** *health & human services*
  - Funded by: Department of Health Care Services
  - Deadline: **Thursday, January 19, 2023**
  - Total Estimated Funding: see notes
  - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)

## **Funding Opportunities**

### **Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative Evidence-Based and Community-Defined Evidence Practices Round 1: Parent and Caregiver Programs and Practices Grants**

[The Department of Health Care Services](#) released a Request for Application (RFA) on December 1, 2022 seeking proposals for the first round of grant funding totaling \$30 million to scale throughout the state specified evidence-based practices (EBPs) and community-defined evidence practices (CDEPs). For the first round of EBP and CDEP grant funding, DHCS seeks proposals from various individuals, organizations, and agencies to scale parent and caregiver support and training services to parents, caregivers, and children and youth with emerging or existing mental health and/or substance use disorders.

Authorized as part of the 2021 Budget Act, CYBHI is a multi-year, multi-department package of investments that reimagines the systems that support behavioral health (BH) and wellness for all California's children, youth, and their families. Efforts focus on promoting social and emotional well-being, preventing behavioral health challenges, and providing equitable, appropriate, timely, and accessible services for emerging and existing BH needs for children and youth ages 0-25. The \$4.7 billion investment of state General Funds for CYBHI will improve access to, and the quality of, BH services for all children and youth in California, regardless of payer.

As a component of CYBHI, DHCS will scale throughout the state specified EBPs and CDEPs that are based on robust evidence for effectiveness, impact on racial equity, and long-term sustainability. By scaling EBPs and CDEPs throughout the state, DHCS aims to improve access to critical BH interventions, including those focused on prevention, early intervention and resiliency/recovery, for children and youth, with a specific focus on children and youth from Black and Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) and LGBTQIA+ communities.

Eligible entities to submit a proposal may include individual practitioners, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, BH providers, counties, plans, and Tribal entities.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Tuesday, January 31, 2023**. Total estimated available funding is \$30 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

### **FY 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program for Federally-Recognized Tribes in California RFP**

[The Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#) has created this funding to assist federally-recognized tribes in preparing for all hazards. Funds provided under this Program must be used to support activities that effectively contribute to the tribe's capability to prevent, prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters, whether natural or man-made.

The purpose of the EMPG for Federally-Recognized Tribes in California (FY 2022 Tribal EMPG) is to assist federally-recognized tribes in preparing for all hazards. Funds provided under this Program must be used to support activities that effectively contribute to the tribe's capability

to prevent, prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters, whether natural or man-made.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Tuesday, January 31, 2023**. Total estimated available funding is \$218,424. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).

### **CDFA Community Resilience Centers Program**

[The CA Department of Food and Agriculture](#) has created this program to build local resilience across California communities by improving community facilities. It is a priority of the CRC program to fund resilience center projects in disadvantaged communities and disadvantaged unincorporated communities, or sites serving these communities.

Recent and ongoing climate events and public health emergencies impact every part of California. Such events encompass shorter-term events like earthquakes, extreme heat, mudslides, flood, wildfires, power outages, and disruptions; they also include longer-term events like the COVID pandemic, sea level rise, drought, and rising temperatures. Due to historic redlining and cycles of underinvestment, communities across California face differential access to local community resilience opportunities including public health resources, clean energy infrastructure, and emergency response services. Given California's range of geographies and biomes, diverse populations and their needs, and existing infrastructure, building local community resilience offers the most appropriate, comprehensive, and relevant approach for each community to achieve equitable outcomes in the face of climate impacts and disruptions. Since projects developed for and by community residents have greater success and are better designed to meet and effectively respond to unique challenges and opportunities, community resilience center projects and programming must demonstrate robust, inclusive, consistent, and effective engagement with residents throughout the ideation, development, implementation, and feedback processes.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program described here builds on this foundation, in alignment with California's Statewide Adaptation Strategy and other efforts, to build local resilience across California communities. It is a priority of the CRC program to fund resilience center projects in disadvantaged communities and disadvantaged unincorporated communities, or sites serving these communities.

The CRC Program will focus on improving community facilities to enhance the state's emergency preparedness capabilities, particularly in response to climate change. Funding shall be used to support infrastructure for emergency evacuation, shelter, base camps during emergency events, and critical deferred maintenance. Elements for this infrastructure may include cooling and heating centers, clean air centers, and extended emergency evacuation response centers, equipped with community kitchens, shower facilities, broadband, back-up power, and other community needs during an emergency or climate events.

A secondary goal of the CRC Program is to equip facilities to provide long-term, year-round community services and activities to enhance the community's resilience through civic, social, educational, and economic development programming.

The CRC program focuses investment on disadvantaged communities and disadvantaged unincorporated communities. Priority communities will be identified as defined by Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code and identified through CalEnviroScreen 4.0 and by Section 65302.10 of the California Government Code and identified through the Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool for Transformative Climate Communities (TCC).

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Monday, February 27, 2023**. Total estimated available funding is \$38 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).