



A Message from Anne Reynolds, Executive Director California Wildfire and Debris Flow Recovery Program

The 2017 California wildfire season was exhausting and heartbreaking for affected residents. For months on end, relentless, unprecedented blazes impacted communities across the state, causing tragic losses and forever changing lives. The American Red Cross was there, delivering relief and comfort to thousands of Californians. This vital aid was made possible through the extraordinary generosity of the public and the tireless efforts of thousands of Red Cross volunteers and employees. Together, their compassionate contributions provided safe shelter, food, water, and essential relief supplies to people in need, along with health services, and emotional support.

As our respective communities repair, rebuild, and recover, the Red Cross has offered its ongoing support. Over the last seven months, we have been providing financial assistance to households whose homes experienced major damage or were destroyed. To date, the Red Cross has assisted some 3,700 households with more than \$5 million in financial assistance.

As we are nearing our financial distribution goal to individuals and families impacted by the 2017 California Wildfires and 2018 Debris Flow, **the American Red Cross will no longer accept new inquiries for individual financial assistance after December 31, 2018.** While this phase of assistance will end, we remain committed to supporting recovery efforts. We are awarding grants to partners doing important community recovery work such as rebuilding, repair, and providing mental health resources. We are also participating in local Long-Term Recovery Committees to help identify and address residents' unmet needs.

Those who still have needs can work with their local disaster case management agency to seek assistance in their community. Agencies that may be able to assist include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ In San Diego County, Regional Community Recovery Team 888-450-8564 or WWW.CRTSD.ORG○ In Sonoma County, 707-535-3349 https://rocsonomacounty.org○ In Lake County, Fire Recovery Center, 707-994-2910 GetFireHelp@SRCharities.org○ In Napa County, Napa Fire Recovery Center, 707-363-8390 https://www.napaefa.org○ In Mendocino County, Mendocino Fire Recovery Center, 707-621-8817 mendorecovery@gmail.com | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ In Ventura County, dial 2-1-1 or 800-339-9597 (from outside Ventura County or visit http://www.211ventura.org/disaster-info/ Look under "Case Management")○ In Santa Barbara County, dial 2-1-1 or 800-400-1572 (from outside Santa Barbara County or visit http://www.211santabarbaracounty.org)○ In Butte, Calaveras, Nevada, Yuba, Trinity Counties, 844-236-0153 |
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Individuals with questions regarding the status of their assistance payment from Red Cross, may call 1-800-REDCROSS, and select option 5. They should be ready to provide their 8-digit case number, or the phone number associated with the case to the agent.

For questions about assistance available for the 2018 California Wildfires, please call 1-800-REDCROSS, option 4.

The Red Cross delivers help to those in need regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation or citizenship status. The Red Cross is a charity, not a government agency. Red Cross financial assistance is not a loan, will not need to be repaid, and will not conflict with another agency's support.

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