

## Obtaining FEMA Funding for Temporary Relocation, Repair, and Replacement of Damaged or Destroyed Facilities

### California Wildfires (DR-4344, FM-5224, FM-5225, FM 5226, FM-5227, FM-5228, EM-3396)

In the wake of disasters, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides Public Assistance funding to health centers and other public entities to help cover the cost of relocation, emergency repair, and permanent restoration of facilities. **If your health center suffered damage from the California Wildfires, here is what you should know about FEMA's Public Assistance Program:**

- FEMA made Fire Management Assistance declarations on December 5, 2017 (FM-5224 & FM-5225, FM-5226), December 6, 2017 (FM-5227), and December 7, 2017 (FM-5228). FEMA made an Emergency Management declaration for the California Wildfires (EM-3396) on December 8, 2017. Health centers located in the following areas may be eligible for assistance:
  - FM-5224 (Thomas Fire) threatening the communities of Santa Paula and Ventura
  - FM-5225 (Creek Fire) threatening the communities of Lakeview Terrace, Little Tunga, Sylmar, Kagel Canyon, and Lopez Canyon
  - FM-5226 (Rye) threatening the communities of Santa Clarita, Valencia, Fillmore, and Piru
  - FM- 5228 (Lilac) threatening the communities of Bonsal, San Louis Rey, Vista, and Oceanside
  - EM-3396 declares federal emergency aid be available to the counties of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura. Emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance, will be provided at 75 percent federal funding.
- Applicant's Briefings will take place **December 19-December 21 9am-1pm** to provide information regarding the affected counties, available assistance, and deadlines specific to the October 2017 California Wildfires, FEMA-4344-DR-CA. For more information, visit: <http://wildfirerecovery.org/deadlines/>

#### Critical Contact Information

##### California Office of the Governor

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##### Vital Dates and Deadlines:

<http://wildfirerecovery.org/deadlines/>

##### California Office of Emergency Services

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#### FEMA Updates:

FM-5224:

<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/5224>

FM-5226:

<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/5226>

FM-5225:

<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/5225>

FM-5227:

<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/5227>

DR-4344:

<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4344>

FM-5228:

<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/5228>

EM-3396:

<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/3396>

FEMA has not announced dates for applicant briefings for the most recent fires. However, it is important that health centers attend FEMA's applicant briefings to express interest in applying for Public Assistance. Contact the relevant office immediately, listed above, to learn when the applicant briefings are scheduled.

Capital Link has a resource available to health centers that suffered damage from natural disasters. The resource explains the FEMA assistance application process and what health centers should expect from working with the agency. Also included in the guide are links to specific forms, which are necessary when applying for assistance, and other FEMA resources to help health centers through the rebuilding process. To access the complete resource, [click here](#).

Capital Link will update this document and our website ([www.caplink.org/resources/disaster-relief](http://www.caplink.org/resources/disaster-relief)) with information specific to health centers that suffered damage from the California Wildfires as it becomes available.

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