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Where is FEMA?

Ask Gov. Newsom to push for FEMA help at: **<u>bit.ly/42DWU9s</u>**. This act may result in more resources for the community than any fundraising effort.

Traducción

Si necesita esto traducido in Mixteco o Triqui, por favor llame a la línea de información: 831-440-3556

To ensure that we can provide aid to as many affected families as possible, we kindly request that families do not duplicate their applications for assistance. Doing so may reduce the number of families we can support and limit opportunities for other households in need. Please note that only one grant per household will be awarded in each wave.

Pajaro Valley Flood Recovery Plan

Community Bridges and partner agencies plan to provide economic relief to flood-impacted families in the Pajaro Valley according to a three-wave plan based on need, equity, and availability.

Wave

INITIAL OUTREACH

Wave

Underway

The first wave of financial assistance has already begun. Households who completed the Damage Assessment Form have or will soon receive a \$500 grant. Completing the Damage Assessment Form is needed to receive future assistance. You can complete the Damage Assessment Form online, or by visiting one of the following locations or calling one of the numbers:

- La Manzana Community Resources
 - Visit: 521 Main St., Suite Y, Watsonville
- Live Oak Community Resources
 - Visit: 1740 17th Ave., Santa Cruz
- Mountain Community Resource
 - Visit: 6134 Hwy 9, Felton
- Community Action Board
 Call: 831-204-7575
 - Scan to fill out Damage Assessment Form
- Monarch Services
- Call: 888-900-4232
- Catholic Charities
- Call: 831-316-9122
- Online: <u>bit.ly/3JxUSyO</u>

Dates, times, and times for future grant distributions are still to be announced.

Next 4 months

RETURNING HOME

The second wave of financial assistance will be prioritized by need and be made available as philanthropic donations and government assistance allow. Grants will range between \$1,000-2,000 based on disaster assessment and need. To qualify for wave 2, a household must:

- Complete the Damage Assessment Form
- Show proof of damages/lost wages
- Show proof of address (lease, paystub, utility bill, license, school documents)
- Show proof that they have applied for federal assistance and insurance claims (if they qualify and is available)
- Fall at or below 80% of Area Median Income

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Next 2 years

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LONG-TERM

RECOVERY

The third and final wave will be for extreme cases assisted by case managers through Community Bridges and Catholic Charities. There is no range for grant funding as money will be distributed as needed to help with the following:

- Permitting costs
- Building materials
- Contractor
- Insurance deductible
- Loss of tools of trade, including transportation
- Potential loss of home, gentrification or displacemen
- Insurance coverage stop gap support for vehicles and homes

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FAQS

Whom should I contact if I need help applying for assistance? Staff at Community Bridges' Family Resource Collective locations across Santa Cruz County can help walk you through the process to access local assistance and provide case management. People can also visit or contact our partners at Catholic Charities:

| La Manzana Community Resources | Live Oak Community Resources | Mountain Community Resources | Catholic Charities |
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| 521 Main St suite y, Watsonville | 1740 17th Ave, Santa Cruz | 6134 Hwy 9, Felton | 831-316-9122 |
| 831-724-2997 | 831-476-7284 | 831-335-6600 | |

Where do the funds for these grants come from? The funds for the three-wave distribution come from private philanthropic donations to the community foundations of Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. Additional funds are also provided by donations to Community Bridges and from the local, state, and federal governments.

How do you define a "household"? For this program, a household is a group of one or more parents and their children living together as a unit. This means that multiple family units living under one home or at one address will be considered their own household and will each be eligible to receive a grant during each wave.

I don't live in Pajaro, but the floods have impacted my ability to work. Should I complete the Damage Assessment Form and seek your assistance? Yes. Although we are prioritizing households whose homes have been damaged, we encourage everyone to complete the form to receive resources as they are made available.

Is there other financial assistance available? Yes. There are mutual aid groups giving direct assistance to farm workers via social media. The USDA is also distributing \$600 grants through local organizations, but that money is for COVID-19 Pandemic relief and solely for farm working families. Details of those financial distributions are to be announced. In addition, federal assistance might soon become available if the Federal Emergency Management Agency is activated.

When/if FEMA assistance is made available by the federal government, will I qualify if I am a renter? Yes. Renters may apply for disaster assistance with FEMA. If you have renter's insurance, you should call your insurance provider to file a claim. If you are insured, you must provide information from your insurance which may include a settlement or denial.

Do non-citizens, undocumented individuals, and mixed-status families qualify for FEMA assistance? It depends. FEMA assists U.S. citizens, nationals, and qualified non-citizens, such as lawful permanent residents ("Green Card" holders), asylees, refugees, or non-citizens whose deportation status is being withheld. In addition, a household may qualify for assistance if a household member, including a minor child, meets the eligibility criteria during the registration process. The parent or guardian of a minor living in the same household may apply for assistance on behalf of the minor child who is a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified non-citizen. For information, visit *bit.ly/3weJce6.*

