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REPORT BACK ON RATIFICATION OF PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY, CURFEW ORDER, AND LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR THE JANUARY 2025 WINDSTORM AND CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS (ITEM NO. 31-A, AGENDA OF JANUARY 14, 2025)

The Eaton and Palisades fires have had devastating impacts on our County's communities. In response, on January 14, 2025, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to: 1) support legislation and pursue funding opportunities at the State and federal levels; 2) develop a plan with a third-party administrator to support the needs of those impacted by the recent windstorm and fire events; 3) provide a list of American Rescue Plan Act enabled funding that could be considered to assist impacted parties; 4) develop recommendations on: the creation of a proposed fire relief and recovery funding portal; how donations will be prioritized and distributed; the feasibility of creating business interruption fund and worker recovery fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO); and 5) ensure that the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) work with affected school districts to coordinate the continuation of education for impacted students. The following is the seven-day report back on these directives.

Summary

- CEO has developed a list of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)-enabled funding and recommends repurposing \$32.2M of this funding to assist those directly impacted by the fire and windstorm events (See pages 2 – 5);



- CEO and DEO have developed a plan to create a fire relief fund for impacted residents, workers, and businesses (to act as an immediate bridge until sufficient recovery resources can be made available by federal, state, and private sector partners) and identified eligibility and prioritization criteria for applicants (See pages 5 – 9);
- The Internal Services Department (ISD), with input from CEO and DEO, has developed a website to connect those seeking to donate to fire and windstorm victims with those foundations [being vetted by Center for Strategic Partnerships (CSP) and Anti-Racism, Diversity, & Inclusion (ARDI)] who are already supporting the victims of the fire and windstorms (See pages 9 - 10);
- CEO – Legislative Affairs is actively advocating for legislation to support our immediate and recovery efforts as well as funding opportunities to support the same (See pages 10 – 11); and
- LACOE reports that it is working with impacted school districts to minimize disruption caused by the fire and wind events (See pages 11 – 12).

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Background on County ARPA Funding

ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) serves as a bridge to long-term recovery from the pandemic (to be distinguished from the Coronavirus Relief Funds which were intended to help individuals and families survive the health threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic). The County received approximately \$1.9 billion in SLFRF through ARPA in two equal tranches of approximately \$975.0 million in May 2021 and June 2022. The Board adopted a [phase one spending plan](#) allocating the first tranche of \$975.0 million in SLFRF on July 27, 2021, and a [phase two spending plan](#) allocating the second tranche of \$975.0 million on September 13, 2022. The spending plans reflected the Board's highest priorities at the time the plans were adopted. Modifications to these plans have subsequently been made either by Board motion or pursuant to the delegated authority granted to my office by the Board, which enables my office to approve reallocations among existing ARPA programs at the request of departments.

ARPA-Enabled Funding

Under the ARPA SLFRF revenue-loss provisions, the County can use SLFRF to support government services in an amount up to the total revenues lost because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, these provisions allow the County to claim SLFRF for government services that would otherwise be paid for with net County cost (NCC) and thereby allows the County to use the NCC, known as "ARPA-enabled funding," to support Board-approved ARPA programs. Of the \$1.9 billion ARPA SLFRF allocation, approximately \$1.0 billion is designated as ARPA-enabled funding.

Allocation of ARPA-Enabled Funding

All ARPA-enabled funds have been allocated per the Board's adopted spending plans. The attached schedule (Attachment I) outlines the \$1.0 billion in ARPA-enabled allocations to departments by program category. Major allocations include CEO capital programs for projects that increase Los Angeles County's capacity to provide public health, health care, alternatives to incarceration, and safety net services (cumulative total of \$357.8 million), Department of Health Services homeless, housing, and capital programs (cumulative total of \$275.3 million), CEO Homeless Initiative and Affordable Housing programs (cumulative total of \$109.0 million), and Department of Public Health programs (cumulative total of \$80.7 million).

Of the approximately \$1.0 billion ARPA-enabled allocation, \$594.3 million has been spent or encumbered. In the context of ARPA, an encumbrance is the commitment of funds via a contract, even though the money has not been spent yet. This ensures that the allocated funds are reserved and available to fund the contractual obligations. The remaining unobligated and unspent balance of \$415.6 million is fully allocated to support specific programs approved in the Board's ARPA spending plan. These are ongoing multi-year programs which primarily consist of capital and/or housing projects that represent investments to create housing for people experiencing homelessness and low-income families; capital investments to increase the County's ability to address our most pressing issues like mental health care and alternatives to incarceration; funding for services that help people experiencing homelessness find and keep housing; and investments for small businesses, community-based organizations, immigrants, and survivors of trauma, as well as substantial investments to support the Departments of Public Health and Health Services preserve local efforts to combat the health impacts of COVID-19.

Repurposing Previously Allocated ARPA Funding

While all ARPA-enabled funds are allocated, my office has identified approximately \$32.2 million in ARPA-enabled funding that the Board could be readily repurposed to serve as a bridge to intermediate and longer-term recovery efforts. In essence, these funds can be redeployed to meet immediate needs of those impacted by the fire and windstorms. An itemization of the \$32.2 million is below.

- CEO Capital Programs Contingency (\$2.0 million): There is currently \$9.2 million in contingency that is not allocated to a capital project. These funds likely will be needed at some point in the future to address cost overruns on ARPA-funded projects in the development pipeline. However, given the urgency of disaster recovery, we recommended taking \$2.0 million from the contingency which will support critical relief today.

- Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' (DCBA) Grants to Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) Focused on Financial Wellbeing and Wealth Building in Low-Income and Immigrant Communities program (**\$1.0 million**): DCBA identified a \$1.0 million program balance that could be reallocated to support the County's fire response and recovery efforts.
- Internal Services Department's (ISD) Delete the Divide (**\$1.2 million**): ISD indicated it can return \$1.2 million, which includes funds set aside for Tech Empowerment Day and an unprogrammed balance.
- Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA): Funding New Private Sector Affordable Housing Developments (**\$28 million**): LACDA can return \$28 million which were allocated to supplement a Notice of Funding of Availability (NOFA) for affordable housing projects. These funds remain available because projects applying for the NOFA were unable to secure funding or found other funding sources, and no new projects have been identified.

As we learn more about the timing to implement federal and State efforts (as detailed later in this email) to provide economic assistance for intermediate and long-term recovery needs, it may be necessary to reallocate additional unspent program funds. Identifying this funding would require additional time to assess potential disruptions to ongoing initiatives and services and divert resources from existing, primarily multi-year programs currently supported by ARPA funds (i.e., combatting homelessness, keeping people housed, creating jobs).

Windstorm and Critical Fire Relief Funds

Efforts to raise funding to support fire response and recovery, including but not limited to, direct cash aid to impacted residents, workers, and/or business owners, are already underway. Well-established philanthropic organizations, foundations, and nonprofits have stood up various funds to receive and distribute donations and have raised significant funding. My office, working with several other departments, has developed a plan with multiple options for receiving and distributing funds to support those directly impacted by the recent windstorm and fire events. This plan includes various options for donors to give depending on the type of donor and their specific interests as highlighted below.

County-Funded Cash Aid for Impacted Residents

As explained above, we have identified \$32.2 million in ARPA-enabled funding that could be reallocated to support those impacted by the recent fire and windstorm events. These funds could support an "LA County Relief Fund" that provides direct cash aid to homeowners, renters, business owners, workers, and other impacted

community members in the fire zone. The goal is to provide immediate, temporary assistance to impacted residents until longer term State and federal recovery resources become available. This pathway would also be able to accommodate large unrestricted cash donations or those where the only restriction is designating its use for a particular fire area.

Use Existing County Fiscal Intermediary – Southern California Grantmakers

Southern California Grantmakers (SCG), under the guidance of the CSP, is one option for distributing the funding to existing funds vetted by Philanthropy California (see discussion at pages 8 to 9, below), to the County Departmental Foundations, to identified Departmental or Board-identified needs, and/or others, as appropriate. The CEO would need Board authority to move this option forward. Additionally, while SCG does not charge a fiscal agent fee for philanthropic funds, it does charge a negotiated fee for government funds.

Contract With a Known Third-Party Administrator with Proven Experience

Another option is to use a third-party administrator with a proven ability to distribute funds directly to eligible applicants in the most efficient way possible, considering the ways residents receive and consume information, and also have the ability to track and report how funds are distributed. Ideally, this administrator would have pre-existing experience working with the County, experience working with communities/residents, and as such has a proven track record. Emphasis here would be placed on a simplified application and distribution process – something which proved to be very helpful during COVID-19 and which we should include in all our processes. We are aware that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) might not provide assistance to survivors if they receive aid from other sources for the same purpose, and we will work with the program administrator to address this issue with eligible applicants.

The CEO ARDI developed a robust Equity Explorer Tool during the COVID-19 pandemic to help ensure an equitable distribution of funds. While the tool is not the most appropriate mechanism to use in this case given the particular nature and characteristics of this disaster, ARDI exported key concepts from the tool to develop overarching Impact and Equity Principles that will ensure communities experiencing the greatest burdens due to the emergency receive prioritized support:

- Support those communities directly impacted by the fire and windstorm events by providing assistance to individuals and families who lost their loved ones, their home, and/or their income; or who were physically harmed, or

displaced, or experienced other adverse impacts to their health, safety, and stability.

- Prioritize marginalized populations/communities most vulnerable to housing instability and/or homelessness as a direct result of the fire and windstorm events. These include low-income and fixed-income households, those with limited financial resources (e.g., savings), those previously living in public/affordable housing, and those lacking alternative sources of support and thereby face greater challenges to securing safe and stable housing during this crisis.
- Address needs of vulnerable populations who are more susceptible to the adverse impacts of natural hazards and disasters, including but not limited to, those with disabilities or special health needs, children and youth, older adults, residents with limited English proficiency, those experiencing social isolation, and those who may be ineligible to receive federal or State aid.

Based on these overarching principles, ARDI developed a set of proposed criteria for prioritizing fund distribution (Attachment II) that can be customized by the program administrator (e.g., weighting the criteria differently based on need, etc.).

We continue to develop this concept and, if authorized by your Board, will reallocate ARPA-enabled funding and deploy the LA County Relief Fund by conducting outreach, followed by immediate rounds of application and grant awards.

Relief for Small Businesses and Workers

We worked closely with DEO who studied the feasibility of developing two additional funds for supporting small businesses and workers directly impacted by the recent windstorm and fire events. This work was already underway by DEO. The reported impacts to both groups have been significant. Current data from Cal Fire shows that the number of residential, commercial, and other structures damaged or destroyed by the Palisades fire is 5,703 and the Eaton fire is 10,428¹. This destruction not only negatively impacts these business owners, but the thousands of workers who were employed by them, who now face significant and immediate economic crises that threaten their livelihood and the region's local economy. Therefore, it is recommended that the County create two funds that specifically target these two populations. As such, DEO would stand up and administer two additional grant programs for small businesses and workers directly impacted by the fires:

¹ The data referenced is current as of 1/19/25 at 10:00 am and is available at this link for the Palisades fire: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2025/1/7/palisades-fire> and this link for the Eaton fire: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2025/1/7/eaton-fire>.

- **LA Region Small Business Relief Fund** to support small businesses and nonprofits; and
- **LA Region Worker Relief Fund** to support displaced workers.

The LA Region Small Business and Worker Relief Funds would mobilize available private dollars, leverage the expertise of community-serving organizations, and drive immediate cash assistance to those most impacted. The goal would be to target and address critical needs of the most impacted small businesses and workers in the response phase of the emergency while planning for long-term recovery and resiliency.

The LA Region Small Business and Worker Relief Funds would provide this relief in the form of small businesses and nonprofit grants between \$2,000-\$25,000 (for home-based and brick-and-mortar businesses) and worker cash assistance grants in the amount of \$2,000.

Investments to the two Funds would be managed by SCG as the County's fiscal sponsor and in partnership with the CSP and DEO. The Funds would be administered by community-serving organizations in contract with SCG and in partnership with DEO to offer outreach, technical assistance, grant administration and distribution to workers or businesses, and overall program evaluation.

All programming would be accessible in language and with cultural competency. The Funds would be coordinated in partnership with the City of Los Angeles and other impacted municipalities and DEO's Office of Small Business and Economic Mobility Initiative, LA City's Business Source Centers, and Together for LA partners, including the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation and the LA Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Funds would award eligible small businesses and workers most impacted by the windstorm and wildfires in need of immediate relief. DEO has worked with ARDI to develop baseline eligibility criteria for those small businesses and workers to qualify for grants, as well as a methodology to prioritize awards, were limited by funding availability.

Eligible businesses and nonprofits would include those located in the fire, evacuation order, and warning zones, who are small (under \$6 million in revenue and/or 100 employees), provide goods and services, and plan to re-open in the County, if possible. Award levels and prioritization for awards would be based on level of damage and loss with priority for those businesses fully destroyed in the emergency. There would be considerations for legacy business, lack of insurance, and compounding loss of home after awards have been distributed for those fully lost.

For workers, this includes individuals who experienced loss of wages or employment due to an employer or home lost, damaged, or closed in the fire, evacuation, or warning zones. Prioritization for award would consider level of loss, residence in fire zone, income level, lack of insurance or coverage, and vulnerable community members, including leveraging the LA County Workers' Rights Income and Employment Index,² developed by ARDI.

DEO is actively soliciting investments from philanthropy to support these funds. Impacted workers and businesses would be able to apply for assistance in early February 2025. Application assistance would be available at the County's Local Assistance Centers.

Existing Vetted Philanthropic Funds

Philanthropy California is an initiative of California's three major philanthropy-serving organizations: Catalyst of San Diego and Imperial Counties, Northern California Grantmakers, and SoCal Grantmakers, and they are based within SCG. Their combined membership represents more than 600 foundations, corporate funders, philanthropic individuals and families, giving circles, and government agencies. They have developed robust criteria for which funds to include on their website. Philanthropy California has already done the work to vet wildfire relief funds to help direct the financial resources received to CBOs providing place-based relief. The specific vetting criteria used by Philanthropy California is they must:

1. Be an experienced grantmaking organization;
2. Have:
 - a) Experience working in the affected community;
 - b) Pre-existing relationships with organizations with experience working in the affected community; or
 - c) The ability to transfer all funds to a grant maker with either (a) or (b);
3. Have an anti-discrimination clause in its grantmaking process;
4. If a community foundation, be accredited with National Standard or be recommended by a trusted partner; and
5. If fund does not meet above guidelines, meet an otherwise unmet need.

CSP and ARDI are reviewing Philanthropy California's vetted funds³ currently spotlighted on the Philanthropy California website to make sure these funds align with our County's priorities and provide direct support to survivors or to organizations providing direct support. The County will seek a commitment from

² The LA County Workers' Rights Income and Employment Index was developed in partnership with the DCBA per a September 12, 2023 Board Motion:
<https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/183779.pdf>.

³ Our website may list up to a maximum of 19 vetted funds initially. However, this number is subject to change based on additional vetting.

these funds to engage in a collaborative effort and share information about donations and expenditures.

Other County-Related Fundraising Activities

Various County departments have also established funds or have associated charitable organizations that can receive donations from the public. Examples include the Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, Military and Veterans Affairs, Parks and Recreation, and the Public Library.

Creation of a Single Portal to Streamline Donation Opportunities and Awareness of Available Programs

Donors have many opportunities to provide support for impacted County residents. Dozens of organizations have created relief funds or established programs to help impacted communities. Impacted individuals, families, and businesses often establish *GoFundMe* and other crowdfunding sites seeking financial support to help them stabilize and get back on their feet as they face the long-term impacts of this terrible disaster.

Unfortunately, the volume of donor opportunities has caused confusion, with individual donors and organizational funders unclear about which opportunities best align with their philanthropic objectives and which funds will provide the greatest relief to residents and organizations supporting them. Concerns also abound about the potential that some donation requests are fraudulent.

We believe the County has an opportunity to amplify the work of Philanthropy California by ensuring donors are aware of the vetted funds and the benefits they provide to County residents through the creation of a single funding portal that will explain the various opportunities to donors and link directly to destination funds' webpages, allowing donors to evaluate funding opportunities and donate with a minimal number of clicks.

The funding portal will also be leveraged to spotlight County- and philanthropic-funded grant programs and donee organizations, including the LA Region Small Business and Worker Funds and the LA County Relief Fund, and department-affiliated funds and foundations.

Attachment III is a map illustrating the process flow for our funding portal. ISD has created a dedicated website to serve as a central portal for existing wildfire recovery funds to facilitate giving opportunities through our multiple pathways. The website has been designed to be user-friendly, with tiles corresponding to potential areas of interest (e.g., housing relief, worker relief, etc.). When a potential donor clicks on a tile, they are directed to the funds that correspond to their area of

interest; from there, they can click on the fund that best meets their interest and be taken to that fund's website, where they can make their donation. This portal is now live and can be accessed at: <https://lacounty.gov/relief/>.

Legislation and Funding Opportunities

The CEO's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (LAIR) has requested support under existing disaster relief programs and is advocating for increased support, resources, and flexibilities in existing programs to assist wildfire victims with interim and long-term housing, health/mental health, business, and other critical needs.

Based on preliminary information provided by Board offices and impacted departments, LAIR is advocating on the following priority matters at the State and federal levels:

- Expansion of low, deferred, or no interest loans for all eligible disaster victims;
- Flexibility in the use of housing vouchers;
- FEMA Disaster Assistance beyond 180 days;
- An accommodation in federal programs to address disparities in the cost of living in the County;
- Health and behavioral health support;
- Consumer protections; and
- Other federal funding or resource needs, as identified, among others.

On January 13, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order to expand the Legislature's Special Session to include the emergency response and initial recovery efforts for the County and proposed providing at least \$2.5 billion in additional funding for ongoing emergency response and recovery efforts. The proposed allocation of the \$2.5 billion is:

- \$1 billion to support the State's emergency response and accelerated cleanup efforts in the County (expected to be administered at the State level by the Office of Emergency Services, California Military Department, CalRecycle, and others);
- \$1.5 billion from the recently enacted Climate Bond (Proposition 4) in support of statewide efforts to enhance wildfire preparedness; and
- An additional, undisclosed amount will be allocated to support the rebuilding of disaster impacted schools from the State School Bond (Proposition 2), which was approved by voters in November 2024.

To date, there have been approximately 13 State bills introduced related to wildfire and windstorm issues, both in direct response to the January fires and on these issues in general. LAIR is working with departments to analyze these bills to determine County impacts, will take advocacy positions on these bills and will advocate for their passage in the Legislature and with the Governor's office.

Continuation of Education

Additionally, LACOE has confirmed that they are working with affected school districts to minimize disruption caused by the emergency events through coordination efforts supporting continuation of education for students whose schools were damaged/destroyed and for students otherwise displaced by this emergency. This work includes coordination and support for transportation needs of displaced students, as needed, and will include, in the longer term, coordination, and support for repairing and rebuilding efforts of impacted schools (Attachment IV).

Further development of this work will aid the County on the pathway towards recovery, in a manner that is swift, but also adaptable to changing conditions. Unless we hear back from the Board within the next three days, we will move forward with implementing the plan for receiving and distributing funds to support those directly impacted by the recent windstorm and fire events.

Next Steps

The urgency of community needs demands that we take decisive steps to establish and launch the relief efforts described in this report. Therefore, we will move forward with the following:

- CEO will reallocate the \$32.2 million in ARPA-enabled funding identified above to the LA County Relief Fund.
- CEO will work with a third-party administrator and/or a County department to stand up the LA County Relief Fund, which will provide direct aid to residents based on the overarching ARDI principles described above and the attached criteria (Attachment II). The CEO Center for Strategic Partnerships will work with institutional and other high-value donors, as needed, to bring additional money directly into the County Relief Fund.
- DEO will launch its LA Region Worker and Small Business Funds, in collaboration with its philanthropic partners, and will work with Board offices to finalize the criteria for eligibility and disbursement of grants.

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The CEO and DEO will work on Board letters to secure, retroactively, if necessary, appropriate authorizations and delegations of authority to ratify the actions described above. Alternatively, your Board can approve such authority and ratifications via Board motion.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me or Carrie D. Miller at (213) 262-7823 or cmiller@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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Attachments

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ATTACHMENT I

**American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
(CLFRF) ARP-Enabled Budget & Expenditures by Program**

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA - Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF))					
ARP-Enabled Budget & Expenditures By Program					
Department	Programs	ARPA-Enabled Allocation	ARPA-Enabled Encumbered/ Spent as of 1/15/2025	ARPA-Enabled Unencumbered/ Unspent as of 1/15/2025	Recommended for Reallocation
Board of Supervisors	Food Distribution	87,000	87,000	-	-
	Subtotal	87,000	87,000		
CEO Board Initiatives and Programs	1) Administrative Costs	10,700,000	9,196,040	1,503,960	-
	2) Guaranteed Basic Income	41,800,000	41,251,274	548,726	-
	3) Ethnic and Hyperlocal Media	1,100,000	1,100,000	-	-
	Subtotal	53,600,000	51,547,314	2,052,686	
CEO Capital Programs	1) Capital Programs - Trans-Inclusive Housing	10,000	10,000	-	-
	2) Capital Programs - Rancho Los Amigos	1,400,000	1,400,000	-	-
	3) Capital Programs - Rail to River	15,000,000	15,000,000	-	-
	4) Capital Programs - North Hollywood Health Center	89,300,000	74,115,000	15,185,000	-
	5) Capital Programs - Project Angel Food	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-
	6) Capital Programs - Victory Boulevard Housing	3,900,000	3,533,000	367,000	-
	7) Capital Programs - Library Improvements	24,300,000	4,103,000	20,197,000	-
	8) Capital Programs - West Hollywood Recovery Center	3,000,000	-	3,000,000	-
	9) Capital Programs - Revitalization of Mother's Beach	4,300,000	4,300,000	-	-
	10) Capital Programs - MacLaren Park	19,200,000	1,131,689	18,068,311	-
	11) Capital Programs - Martin Luther King Campus Improvements	42,200,000	7,636,000	34,564,000	-
	12) Capital Programs - Public Health Lab	800,000	510,000	290,000	-
	13) Capital Programs - Marina del Rey Parking Structure	11,700,000	11,700,000	-	-
	14) Capital Programs - Metropolitan State Hospital - Feasibility Study	200,000	200,000	-	-
	15) Capital Programs - General Hospital	55,000,000	-	55,000,000	-
	16) Capital Programs - EMJ Sports Complex and Park Improvements	12,000,000	185,000	11,815,000	-
	17) Capital Programs - H. Claude Hudson Urgent Care Expansion	3,700,000	59,332	3,640,668	-
	18) Capital Programs - City Housing Projects	18,900,000	-	18,900,000	-
	19) Capital Programs - Long Beach Community Care Campus Fire System Project	1,100,000	-	1,100,000	-
	20) Capital Programs - Pathway Torrance Assistance Center	11,000,000	1,233,000	9,767,000	-
	21) Capital Programs - Contingency	9,200,000	-	9,200,000	2,000,000
	22) County Land Bank	15,000,000	-	15,000,000	-
	23) Alternative Crisis Response - Los Angeles (LA) General Psychiatric Subacute Facility	14,480,000	6,361,858	8,118,142	-
	24) Alternative Crisis Response - State Metro Hospital	1,100,000	222,000	878,000	-
Subtotal	357,790,000	132,699,879	225,090,121	2,000,000	
CEO Homeless Initiative / Affordable Housing	1) Safe Parking	4,400,000	1,100,000	3,300,000	-
	2) Services for People Experiencing Homelessness in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones	500,000	500,000	-	-
	3) Sanitation Services for People Experiencing Homelessness	8,144,000	8,144,000	-	-
	4) Funding New Private Sector Affordable Housing Development	32,070,000	32,070,000	-	28,000,000
	2) Capital Programs - LA County Development Authority (LACDA) Public Housing Capital Improvements	5,300,000	5,300,000	-	-
	3) Conversion of Interim Housing Units to Permanent Housing	47,845,000	47,845,000	-	-
4) Project Homekey	10,734,000	10,734,000	-	-	
Subtotal	108,993,000	105,693,000	3,300,000	28,000,000	
Department of Consumer and Business Affairs	1) Capacity Building for Immigrant-Focused Community Based Organizations (CBOs)	8,000,000	8,000,000	-	-
	2) Grants to CBOs Focused on Financial Wellbeing and Wealth Building in Low-Income and Immigrant Communities	3,500,000	3,500,000	-	1,000,000
	3) Legal Representation for Immigrants at Risk of Removal	7,000,000	7,000,000	-	-
	5) Ethnic and Hyperlocal Media	1,500,000	1,500,000	-	-
	6) Stay Housed	16,701,000	16,701,000	-	-
	Subtotal	36,701,000	36,701,000		1,000,000
Department of Economic Opportunity	1) Fair Chance Campaign	3,000,000	3,000,000	-	-
	2) Street Vending Collaborative	6,987,000	4,109,877	2,877,123	-
	3) High Road Training Partnerships	14,392,000	14,392,000	-	-
	4) Wraparound Services for Critical Employment Initiatives	800,000	800,000	-	-
	5) Keep LA Dining	120,000	120,000	-	-
	6) Childcare Providers Grants Program	50,000	50,000	-	-
	7) Legal Aid for Small Business Owners	260,000	260,000	-	-
	8) "Shop Local" Campaigns	78,000	78,000	-	-
	9) LA Regional COVID-19 Fund: Small and Microbusiness Grants	400,000	400,000	-	-
	10) LA Regional COVID-19 Fund: Nonprofit Grants	419,000	419,000	-	-
	11) Economic Mobility Initiative	11,453,000	11,453,000	-	-
	12) Youth@Work	338,000	-	338,000	-
Subtotal	38,297,000	35,081,877	3,215,123		
Department of Health Services	1) Rental Subsidies for Permanent Supportive Housing	100,500,000	42,160,274	58,339,726	-
	2) Homelessness Prevention	36,000,000	9,000,000	27,000,000	-
	3) Interim Housing Operating Costs for Community-Based Sites	6,000,000	6,000,000	-	-
	4) Intensive Case Mgmt. Services and Tenancy Support Services for Federal Voucher Holders	65,000,000	25,435,845	39,564,155	-
	5) Interim Housing Operating Costs for Safe Landing Site	4,250,000	4,250,000	-	-
	6) Office of Diversion and Reentry's (ODR) Interim Housing Beds	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	-
	7) Disaster Services Workers and Pandemic-Related Costs (Integrated Correctional Health Services)	1,711,000	1,711,000	-	-
	8) Capital Programs - West LA Armory	33,700,000	1,750,000	31,950,000	-
	9) Conversion of Interim Housing Units to Permanent Housing - Willowtree	19,052,000	5,075,910	13,976,090	-
	10) Capital Programs - Victory Boulevard Housing	4,090,000	2,050,000	2,040,000	-
Subtotal	275,303,000	102,433,029	172,869,971		
Department of Mental Health	Alternative Crisis Response	4,020,000	4,020,000	-	-
Subtotal	4,020,000	4,020,000			
Department of Public Health	1) Trauma Prevention Partnerships	25,000,000	25,000,000	-	-
	2) Guaranteed Income for At-Risk Expectant and Parenting Mothers	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	-
	3) Community Testing	19,500,000	19,500,000	-	-
	4) Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO) Subsidy Program	600,000	600,000	-	-
	5) Sustaining Public Health Response and Supports for COVID-19	30,617,000	30,617,000	-	-
Subtotal	80,717,000	80,717,000			
Fire	Advanced Provider Response Units	1,170,000	141,585	1,028,415	-
Subtotal	1,170,000	141,585	1,028,415		
Internal Services Department	1) Accelerate Digital Equity	17,762,000	15,908,967	1,853,033	-
	2) Delete the Divide	1,500,000	753,880	746,120	1,200,000
Subtotal	19,262,000	16,662,847	2,599,153	1,200,000	
Justice Care and Opportunities Department	1) Capacity-Building Grants for Justice Focused CBOs	9,000,000	9,000,000	-	-
	2) Job Programs for Reentry Populations - Fire Camp Expansion	14,500,000	9,423,150	5,076,850	-
Subtotal	23,500,000	18,423,150	5,076,850		
Parks	1) Recreation and Aquatics at LA County Parks	8,800,000	8,800,000	-	-
	2) Recreation Programming at County Parks	1,700,000	1,314,657	385,343	-
Subtotal	10,500,000	10,114,657	385,343		
TOTAL		\$ 1,009,940,000	\$ 594,322,338	\$ 415,617,662	\$ 32,200,000

LA County Relief Fund Grants Proposed Prioritization Criteria

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Loss of Home, Physical Displacement, and Evacuation

Criteria
Household's primary residence has been permanently destroyed or condemned due to fire or windstorm damage.
Household's primary residence is temporarily uninhabitable due to fire or windstorm (e.g., smoke damage, physical access, utility shutoff, etc.).
Household does not have access to temporary housing, including (but not limited to) a secondary residence, staying with family/friends, or insurance subsidies to cover lodging.
Household was residing in public/affordable/Section 8 housing that has been destroyed or made temporarily uninhabitable due to fire or windstorm.
Household's primary residence was designated as high as Evacuation Zone Level 3 (<i>at any point of the emergency</i>).
Household's primary residence was designated as high as Evacuation Zone Level 2 (<i>at any point of the emergency</i>).

Loss of Life and Health Challenges

Criteria
Member(s) of applicant household passed away due to fire or windstorm.
Member(s) of applicant household has an immediate family member who passed away due to fire or windstorm.
Member(s) of household have experienced serious injury and/or medical conditions due to fire or windstorm.
Household lost essential medical equipment and medication due to fire or windstorm.
Household includes individual(s) have disabilities and/or special health needs.

Impacts on Family Safety and Stability

Criteria
Household is eligible for or has a Household Income Level falling within the eligibility limits for certain public benefits.
Household's childcare/dependent care/elder care arrangements have been significantly impacted due to fire or windstorm (e.g., loss of care, significant cost increase, transportation challenges).
Household includes children or adult dependents.
Household includes older adults (i.e., 60 years of age and older).
Household includes foster youth or transition-aged youth.

Loss of Property and Additional Financial Burdens

Criteria
Household experienced significant loss of property and did not have home or renters' insurance.
Household lost vital property due to fire or windstorm, including (but not limited to) primary transportation method, cell phone, or equipment necessary for employment or education (e.g., laptops, supplies, uniforms, tools).
Household is experiencing (and/or anticipates) significant increase in expenses not listed above due to fire or windstorm.

Funding Portal Design Proposal

ATTACHMENT III FIRE RELIEF & RECOVERY FUNDING PORTAL

As an immediate first step, the County has launched a central funding portal connecting donors to existing pre-vetted fire relief and recovery funds, categorized by focus areas like first responder support, housing assistance, and worker relief, for donors to choose from. In the coming weeks, the funding portal will expand its capability to accept general contributions that can be allocated to Board- and Department-identified needs.

Step 1

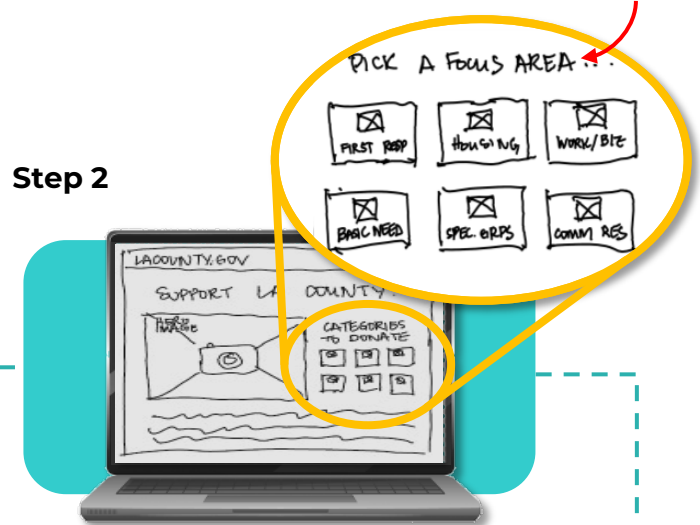
Funding Portal Homepage



Prospective donors arrive to the funding portal homepage, directed by Board offices, County departments, and/or via organic traffic

Step 2

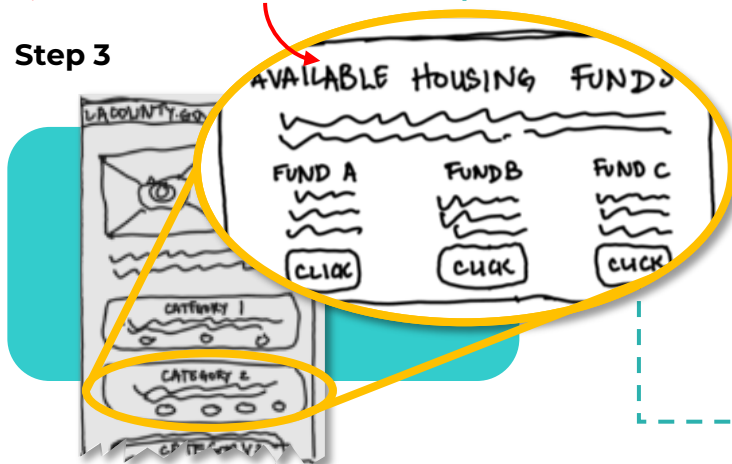
Focus Area Tiles



Donors are immediately presented with a shortlist of [6] focus areas to direct donations

Select Funds by Focus Area

Step 3



Clicking a tile directs donors to a page section with specific funds in that category, including descriptions and a direct link to the fund's donation page

Step 4

*Final Destination:
External Fund's Donation Page*



Donors are taken to the fund's donation page to complete their transaction; once completed, donors can close out of both tabs, or return to the County portal and contribute to other funds

ATTACHMENT IV

LACOE Report – Summary of Actions Taken



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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION (ITEM 31-A) RECOMMENDING SUPPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS IMPACTED BY WILDFIRE AND WINDSTORM CRISIS

This communication provides a summary of the actions taken by the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) in response to the Los Angeles County fires to ensure the continuation of education, provide resources, and support the rebuilding or repair of impacted schools.

As part of this response, LACOE activated its **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**, with the Superintendent and her cabinet meeting daily to address emerging district needs.

Overview of Actions Taken

1. Coordination with School Districts

LACOE has conducted **weekly virtual meetings for all 80 district superintendents and charter leaders** to provide immediate guidance and support on issues related to the crisis, including:

- Facilities recovery and establishment of temporary facilities.
- Applications for state and federal emergency funding.
- Air quality concerns, including the procurement of air filters for affected schools.
- Displacement and enrollment assistance for students.
- Resources for students with disabilities as online-related service providers and additional resources to support students with disabilities while participating in distance learning.
- Transportation services for displaced students.
- Instructional support, including acquisition of instructional materials and securing substitute teachers.

2. Resource Access and Information Dissemination

To centralize information, LACOE has created a **dedicated crisis response website** that lists available resources from local, state, and federal agencies. The website includes:

- **School Closures and Relocations:** Lists of schools temporarily closed or relocated due to fires and weather conditions.
- **Emergency Resources:** Information on available community resources, mental health and wellness support, and guides for educators on talking to children about emergencies.
- **Safety Tips:** Advice on safe clean-up after fires, air quality monitoring, and protective measures to reduce smoke exposure.
- **Evacuation Centers:** Locations of evacuation centers and animal shelters, along with contact information for urgent assistance.
- **Rebuilding and Repairing Schools:** Details on efforts and resources for rebuilding and repairing schools impacted by wildfires and windstorms.

LACOE's communication efforts during the crisis involved regular email updates and targeted text messages to school districts and superintendents. These communications served to alert recipients to critical information, providing timely updates on crisis response and recovery efforts, as well as access to essential resources.

3. Specialized Support for Impacted Districts

LACOE has been in regular communication with impacted districts to provide support. A special meeting was convened with Pasadena Unified School District leadership to assess their unique needs as the most affected district in the county. LACOE has also:

- Assigned content experts to provide direct assistance to impacted districts.
- Provided crucial information and resources to County Board of Education authorized charter schools and other charters that have been affected by the wildfires.
- Identified LACOE certificated management staff who possess active teaching credentials for possible deployment to school districts.
- Made arrangements for short/long term contracted substitute support from Scoot Education and Cross Country Education.

4. Mental Health and Social-Emotional Support

LACOE is scheduling training sessions for district staff on:

- Mental health support for students and staff.
- Social-emotional learning (SEL) strategies for teachers to better support students during recovery.

5. Collaboration with Local, State, and Federal Agencies

LACOE has provided districts with access to resources to facilitate rebuilding efforts, including coordination with city, state, and federal agencies. Three specific meetings were convened for agencies this week:

- California Department of Ed discussed student enrollment and funding impacts, answered questions regarding J13A waivers and Governor's Executive Order.
- Facilities Recovery Supports with California Department of Education's Emergency Services, the Division of State Architect, and the Office of Public School Construction, discussing impact from the Southern California wildfires, and sharing about Project SERV grants and the FEMA process. Additionally, Mr. Tad Alexander, Deputy Superintendent of Butte County Office of Education will share insights on his county's relief efforts.
- LACOE's Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA) team provided guidance on navigating California EXECUTIVE ORDER N-6-25, focusing on displaced students, homelessness, residency requirements, enrollment, interdistrict transfer requests, student records, and transportation

6. Philanthropic Coordination and Support

The Greater Los Angeles Education Foundation (GLAEF) and LACOE have established a dedicated fund to direct vital resources to students, families and educators that have been most affected by the wildfires in Los Angeles County.

- The Los Angeles County Wildfire Relief Fund will be used to support critical recovery efforts through the rebuilding process in the weeks ahead. The fund will complement local strategies, leverage aligned resources and address the most urgent needs facing our communities.
- GLAEF is coordinating with other district foundations including the Pasadena Education Foundation and the foundation for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

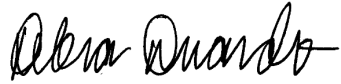
Future Steps

- Continue superintendent meetings to address ongoing challenges and provide updates on resource availability.
- Strengthen partnerships with emergency management agencies to streamline access to funding and materials.
- Monitor the recovery process in all districts and provide targeted interventions as necessary.

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LACOE remains committed to supporting affected districts and ensuring the continuation of high-quality education for all students during this crisis. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra Duardo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Debra Duardo, MSW, Ed.D.

