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Flood-Impacted Families May Qualify for Up to \$300,000 — Free Workshop in Santa Cruz County

Program offers forgivable loans to help Californians affected by the 2023 floods buy safer homes

Santa Cruz County, CA, October 1, 2025 – Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) invites individuals and families that were living in Santa Cruz County during the 2023 floods to attend a free Homebuyer Workshop on Monday, October 20, 2025, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Downtown Boulder Creek Rec Center, Gymnasium.

The workshop will introduce the ReCoverCA Homebuyer Assistance (HBA) Program, which offers up to \$300,000 in forgivable home loan assistance for eligible renters and former homeowners affected by recent California floods. The program helps low- to moderate-income households purchase homes in lower-risk areas of the state, specifically outside designated special flood hazard zones and high fire-risk areas.

Attendees will learn about:

- How the ReCoverCA HBA Program works
- Eligibility requirements
- Qualifying property types
- Steps to get started

The event also offers an optional networking session with GSFA representatives and approved ReCoverCA HBA Lenders after the main presentation, giving participants the opportunity to ask questions, gather resources, and set up follow-up appointments for personalized support.

Interpreter services are available in Spanish and American Sign Language upon request when registering. Please indicate your need for services during registration so GSFA can make accommodations.

Who Should Attend:

- Residents who were renters or previous homeowners in Santa Cruz County during the 2023 flood events
- Flood disaster recovery agencies and organizations
- Real estate professionals
- Residential service providers
- Members of the media

“The ReCoverCA HBA Program can open the door to homeownership by removing one of the biggest barriers—affordability,” said Carolyn Sunseri, GSFA Director of Marketing. “This workshop will walk families through the steps they can take to qualify and prepare for buying a home.”

Event Details

- **Date & Time:** Monday, October 20, 2025 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. PDT
- **Location:** Downtown Boulder Creek Rec Center, Gymnasium, 13333 Middleton Avenue, Boulder Creek, CA 95006
- **Cost:** Free
- **Register at:** <https://qrco.de/bgLatB>

The ReCoverCA HBA Program is administered by GSFA and funded by HUD through the California Department of Housing and Community Development. For complete program policies, updates and other upcoming homebuyer workshops, visit www.gsfa-home.org/recoverca-hba.

About Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA)

GSFA is a local government entity and public agency, established in 1993, with a mission to provide affordable housing finance programs that support homeownership and strengthen California communities. GSFA has helped more than 86,600 individuals and families purchase homes, providing over \$677 million in down payment assistance.

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