



FACT SHEET (2018 Fire Recovery)

ReCoverCA Homebuyer Assistance Program

Description and Purpose of Program

The [ReCoverCA Homebuyer Assistance Program](#) is a financial assistance initiative developed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to support low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents—both homeowners and renters—who were impacted by California disasters in recent years. The Program aims to assist these residents in relocating to areas with less fire or flood risk.

The **2018 Fire Recovery** allocation offers up to \$350,000 in homeownership assistance, designed to cover the gap between the First Mortgage Loan amount and the purchase price of a qualifying home.

Source of Funding / Program Management

Funding is provided through a Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery grant from HUD. The program is managed by the Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA), a public agency with over 33 years of experience in managing and implementing affordable housing programs.

The Homebuyer Assistance (HBA) Loan

The HBA Loan is provided as a deferred Second Mortgage Loan with a 0% interest rate. It can be used to cover the applicant's down payment and closing costs. The HBA Loan requires no monthly payments and is fully forgiven after 5 years of ownership and occupancy, with 20% forgiven each year on a pro-rata basis.

The HBA Loan amount is determined by factors such as family size, the maximum qualifying First Mortgage Loan amount, and the purchase price of the home. The HBA Loan is reduced by any additional assistance the applicant received from other sources for the same purpose, with the total amount capped at \$350,000.

Additional Program policies and eligibility criteria apply. For more information, visit www.gsfahome.org or call toll-free at (855) 740-8422.



Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility for the Program is limited to Low- to moderate-income (LMI) households (renters or previous homeowners) whose primary residence was in High or Very High Fire Severity Zone during the qualifying disasters.

2018 Qualifying Disaster Areas:

- Butte County
- Lake County
- Los Angeles County
- Shasta County

Properties eligible for financing through the Program must be located outside of [High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones](#).

- Single-family homes (1 unit only)
- Townhomes
- Agency-approved condominiums
- Planned unit developments (PUDs)
- Manufactured housing (on a permanent foundation)

Note: For the latest funding availability and updates, please visit the GSFA website, which is regularly updated.