

Yuba County Supervisors Accept \$97K Grant for Fire Victims

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Victims of last year's Cascade Fire who were displaced due to their homes being destroyed or damaged may be eligible for up to \$2,500 in financial assistance thanks to a \$96,805 grant provided by the Golden State Finance Authority.

Yuba County supervisors accepted the grant funding at their meeting on April 24. The county's Office of Emergency Services will be in charge of disbursing the funding to eligible residents.

This continues to show the capacity of support from outside entities like the Golden State Finance Authority to help those counties and individuals that need that support the most," said Randy Fletcher, county supervisor whose district includes the Loma Rica area that was ravaged by the wildfire.

The authority provides housing down payment assistance, energy efficiency and other financing programs. GSFA serves 33 rural county members throughout California – Yuba County being one of them. Following last year's wildfires, the authority is dividing the sum of \$837,000 between counties like Butte, Mendocino, Napa, Nevada and Yuba according to the number of residences destroyed.

Yuba County lost 147 homes and about 50 additional outbuildings and other structures, said Russ Brown, public information officer with the county.

"Due to the number of homes and residents' income lost as a result of the aforementioned fire, GSFA is providing grant funding for the purpose of assisting GSFA member county residents who have lost their homes or have experienced financial loss that impairs their ability to maintain housing in the state and federally declared disaster area," according to the April 24 agreement struck between the county and the public entity.

Fletcher said the county is forming a committee to review applications and make selections, though the details haven't been worked out yet.

“The role of the county is to make sure the grant funds are used to provide safe, sanitary and stable housing to individuals and families impacted by the Cascade Fire,” Brown said. “...The residents must first meet the qualifications. Then, up to \$2,500 per household will be granted on a first come, first served basis, until all funds are distributed.”

Yuba County has a list of residents impacted by the fire and will send instruction on how to apply for the funding to those that are eligible, Brown said.

“Yuba County is grateful for this very generous assistance provided through the Golden State Finance Authority grant. Each dollar helps in the very long process of recovery,” Brown said.

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