

# California Wildfire Recovery Resources

## Disaster-Related Webinars and Resources

### Webinars

#### Navigating FEMA for the Entertainment Industry

Get your questions answered about FEMA applications, learn troubleshooting tips and understand common myths about FEMA by watching the webinar ***Navigating FEMA for the Entertainment Industry*** hosted by the Entertainment Community Fund. [Click to watch](#). For resources mentioned in the webinar, [click here](#).

#### Understanding Disaster Unemployment

Watch the webinar ***Understanding Disaster Unemployment*** to learn crucial information regarding filing for Disaster Unemployment. Hosted by the Entertainment Community Fund, the session features various speakers from the team of Employment Development Department (EDD). [Click to watch](#). For resources mentioned in the webinar, [click here](#).

#### When the Smoke Clears: Understanding Your Rights as a Tenant after the LA Fires

Tune in to a webinar hosted by the Entertainment Community Fund and joined by nonprofit public interest law firm Public Counsel which goes over information on renters' and tenants' rights. [Click here](#) to watch the webinar recording. For information and resources mentioned in the webinar, [click here](#).

#### Managing Debt after a Disaster

Hosted by the Entertainment Community Fund and featuring panelists from the nonprofit public interest law firm Public Counsel, the webinar discusses ways of creating a strategy to navigate your debt after a disaster. [Click here](#) to watch the recording. For information and resources mentioned in the webinar, [click here](#).

#### Wildfire Relief: Next Steps and Next Next Steps

A webinar hosted by the Motion Picture & Television Fund which features guest speakers who offered guidance on how to navigate insurance claims, property taxes, tax payments and other topics. The webinar recording and other resources can be found on their [website](#).

### Resources

#### Recovering Together—A Community Gathering

Join a drop-in supportive community led by Entertainment Community Fund social workers for California-based entertainment professionals impacted by the California wildfires. For more information, visit: [entertainmentcommunity.org/CAFires](https://entertainmentcommunity.org/CAFires).

## Hope Crisis Response Network–LA Fires Cleanup/Repair Assistance

Free of cost clean up and repair assistance for those that are severely under-insured or have no insurance at all. Assistance is available at primary residences only, not second homes or vacation properties. For more information and to complete the form, visit: [hcrn.info/la-fire-assistance](https://hcrn.info/la-fire-assistance).

## Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Free workshops and clinics are offered covering topics including FEMA appeals and tenant rights. To register for a workshop, please visit their web page at: [lafla.org/los-angeles-fire-emergency](https://lafla.org/los-angeles-fire-emergency). Legal Aid has also created a [Guide to Applying for FEMA Disaster Assistance](#).

## YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles

The YMCA offers immediate services and support for families and community members impacted by the LA wildfires. If your primary residence was destroyed or rendered uninhabitable, you can receive free membership with full access to all LA Y centers at no cost for the remainder of 2025. For more information, visit: [ymcala.org/hereforyou](https://ymcala.org/hereforyou).

## Artadia

Artadia has compiled a list of resources and opportunities for financial assistance for those affected by the Los Angeles wildfires. The Emergency Artist Resources for Los Angeles 2025 can be found here: [artadia.org/emergency-artist-resources-for-los-angeles-2025](https://artadia.org/emergency-artist-resources-for-los-angeles-2025).

## Mutual Aid Los Angeles Network (MALAN)

A resource catalogue for food, shelter and other emergency resources. Website: [mutualaid.la/resources](https://mutualaid.la/resources)

## Counseling Support

### Mental Health and Crisis Support

- **Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH):** Emergency Outreach and Triage Division (EOTD) offers on-scene consultation and crisis intervention services to survivors, families, first responders and the community. [Department of Mental Health](#) Access Center Helpline: Available 24/7 for mental health support and referrals at **800.854.7771**. **LACDMH staff are also available for in-person mental health services at LA County Disaster Recovery Centers (see Disaster Recovery Centers).**
  - **iPrevail:** offered by LACDMH for access to free mental health services, support, and resources online for residents of LA County. Access personalized programs, assessments, peer coaching, support groups and more through iPrevail. **Website:** [lacounty.iprevail.com](https://lacounty.iprevail.com)
  - [Mental Health and Stress after an Emergency](#): a resource sheet by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and LACDMH.
- **Disaster Distress Helpline:** SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline provides 24/7 crisis counseling and support for individuals experiencing emotional distress related to natural

disasters. Call **1.800.985.5990** or text "TalkWithUs" to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor. [California Department of Social Services](#)

- **California HOPE Crisis Support:** Offers free mental health support for individuals affected by the wildfires. Call **1.833.317.4673** or visit their website at [CalHOPE.org](#).
- **Deaf Counseling Center** is offering a free support group for deaf survivors of California wildfires. Email [info@deafcounseling.com](mailto:info@deafcounseling.com) or text **240.701.5155** for info.
- **Soluna:** An app that offers free and confidential support for California teens and young adults (13–25 years old). Connect with Soluna's Care Navigation Team to find a therapist, get connected to local resources, access community services and find peer support spaces. Download the app on the Google Play or App Store or visit their website: [solunaapp.com](#).
- **Airport Marina Counseling Services** is offering free therapy sessions to those impacted by the fire. To receive assistance, call **310.670.1410**.
- **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:** Provides 24/7 support for anyone experiencing mental health crises or having thoughts of suicide. Call or text 988, or chat online at [988lifeline.org](#).
- **Crisis Text Line:** text LA to **741741**
- **Los Angeles Regional Fire Safe Council:** Provides emotional support resources to those affected by the wildfire. Visit at [wildfirela.org](#).
- **Pro Bono Therapy for Los Angeles Wildfires:** A curated list for those seeking therapy due to having been affected by the wildfires. [Click here to access](#).

## Insurance Support

### California Department of Insurance

Information on insurance and resources are available. You can also find outreach events by going onto their event calendar. For more information, visit [insurance.ca.gov](#) or call **800.927.4357**.

### Insurance Tips for the California Wildfires

The Department of Insurance has issued a mandatory one-year moratorium on insurance non-renewals and cancellations. This shields those within the perimeters or adjoining ZIP Codes of the Palisades and Eaton fires in Los Angeles County for one year from the Governor's January 7 emergency declaration regardless of whether they suffered a loss. You can go to the [Department of Insurance website](#) to see if your ZIP Code is included in the moratorium.

## Resources

- **California Department of Insurance: Guide to Filing a Claim:** [insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/105-type/95-guides/03-res/res-prop-claim.cfm](#)

- **California Department of Insurance: Don't Get Scammed After a Disaster:**  
[insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/105-type/95-guides/03-res/Dont-Get-Scammed-After-a-Disaster.cfm](https://insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/105-type/95-guides/03-res/Dont-Get-Scammed-After-a-Disaster.cfm)
- Consumers can contact the Department of Insurance at 800.927.4357, or via chat or email at [insurance.ca.gov](https://insurance.ca.gov) if they believe their insurance company is in violation of any law, or have additional claims-related questions.

## Legal Resources

### California Lawyers for the Arts

Weekly workshops are available and cover a variety of legal and business topics. Additional essential information and resources on wildfire relief can be found on their website at [calawyersforthearts.org](https://calawyersforthearts.org).

### Public Counsel

Public Counsel's Fire Relief and Recovery Services for LA County provides free legal services for individuals, families and small businesses related to recovery. Resources are available on their website at [publiccounsel.org/fire-relief-recovery-services-los-angeles](https://publiccounsel.org/fire-relief-recovery-services-los-angeles).

## Family Support

### Resources for Parents and Children

- [Helping Children Cope with Disaster](#) is a booklet that is obtainable through FEMA and Red Cross that shares useful tips to help children recover and cope with a disaster.
- **The National Child Traumatic Stress Network** offers useful resource handouts to provide parents and caregivers with common reactions and examples on how to respond to disasters with their children.
  - [Parent Tips for Helping Infants and Toddlers After Disasters](#)
  - [Parent Tips for Helping Preschool-Age Children After Disasters](#)
  - [Parent Tips for Helping School-Age Children After Disasters](#)
  - [Parent Tips for Helping Adolescents](#)
  - [Simple Activities for Children and Adolescents](#)
  - [Parent Guidelines for Helping Children Impacted by Wildfires](#)
  - [Wildfires: Tips for Parents on Media Coverage](#)
- [Children & Recovery from Wildfires](#): A guide to help children and families respond to the psychological impact of wildfires.

## Entertainment Industry Resources

### Entertainment Community Fund

A national human services organization for entertainment and performing arts professionals. Services include social services and emergency financial assistance in times of unexpected critical need, health insurance resource center, counseling and crisis support, and more.

**Website:** [entertainmentcommunity.org/am-i-eligible-help](https://entertainmentcommunity.org/am-i-eligible-help)

**Email:** [western@entertainmentcommunity.org](mailto:western@entertainmentcommunity.org) | **Phone:** 323.330.2455

### **SAG-AFTRA Foundation**

The SAG-AFTRA Foundation Disaster Relief Fund is a program designed to provide urgent financial assistance to SAG-AFTRA members who have been affected by a natural disaster.

**Natural Disaster Relief Fund**

**Website:** [sagaftra.foundation](https://sagaftra.foundation)

### **IATSE—Walsh/Di Tolla/Spivak Foundation (Disaster Relief)**

Funds from the foundation can help pay for food, clothing, shelter and other necessities for IATSE members affected by natural disasters.

Additionally, Local 80 has opened their stage at [2520 West Olive Avenue, Burbank, CA 91505](#) to distribute emergency supplies. Please call **818.526.0700** for additional information.

**Website:** [iatse.net/take-action/disasterresponse](https://iatse.net/take-action/disasterresponse)

### **Writers Guild of America West**

Administered by the Entertainment Community Fund, the Writers Guild Member Fund provides emergency financial assistance to WGA members, Current and Post-Current status, impacted by the Southern California wildfires. Please create an account on the [Entertainment Community Fund Portal](#) to apply.

**Website:** [entertainmentcommunity.org/disaster-emergency-financial-assistance](https://entertainmentcommunity.org/disaster-emergency-financial-assistance)

### **Producers Guild of America**

Administered by the Entertainment Community Fund, the Producers Guild of America Members Fund provides emergency financial assistance to members who lost their homes or had to evacuate and are now indefinitely displaced. Please create an account on the [Entertainment Community Fund Portal](#) to apply.

**Website:** [entertainmentcommunity.org/disaster-emergency-financial-assistance](https://entertainmentcommunity.org/disaster-emergency-financial-assistance)

### **Motion Picture & Television Fund (MPTF)**

The Motion Picture & Television Fund (MPTF) offers a variety of services that can provide emotional and financial relief to industry members and their families during times of need. Services include counseling services, supportive services and community resources, and financial assistance.

**Website:** [mptf.com](https://mptf.com)

**Phone:** 323.634.3888 (under 65) | 323.634.3866 (over 65)

## MusiCares

MusiCares is here to help music professionals affected by the California Wildfires.

**Website:** [musicares.org](https://musicares.org)

**Email:** [MusiCaresRelief@musicares.org](mailto:MusiCaresRelief@musicares.org) | **Phone:** 800.687.4227

## NCAPER—National Coalition for Arts Preparedness

The Coalition helps ensure that artists, arts/cultural organizations, cultural funders and arts businesses have the capacity and ability to respond effectively to disasters and emergencies affecting the arts and culture sector. A national resource list of organizations that provide emergency financial assistance is available.

**Website:** [ncaper.org/generalresources](https://ncaper.org/generalresources)

## Sweet Relief Musicians Fund

Immediate financial assistance is available to music industry professionals impacted by natural disasters.

**Website:** [sweetrelief.org/naturaldisasterfund.html](https://sweetrelief.org/naturaldisasterfund.html)

## National Association of Voice Actors (NAVA)

NAVA has set up a California Wildfire Emergency Relief Fund for voice actors and those working in the voice over industry who have suffered property damage or equipment loss due to the wildfires. To apply, please complete an online application on their website.

**Website:** [navavoices.org/cal-fire-request-fund/#cal-fire-form](https://navavoices.org/cal-fire-request-fund/#cal-fire-form)

## Inevitable Foundation

Emergency Relief Fund is available to support disabled writers and filmmakers impacted by the LA wildfires.

**Website:** [inevitable.foundation/erf](https://inevitable.foundation/erf)

## Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF+)

CERF+ offers emergency relief grants to craft artists who experienced a recent and substantially disruptive emergency or disaster.

**Website:** [cerfplus.org/grants/emergency-relief](https://cerfplus.org/grants/emergency-relief)

## We are Moving the Needle

A MicroGrants Fund for Wildfire Relief is available to provide targeted support for producers, engineers and creators who are affected by the Greater Los Angeles Wildfires. Grants will be available on a sliding scale from \$100 to \$1,000 based on demonstrated needs. For more information and to apply, visit [wearemovingtheneedle.org/firefundapp2025](https://wearemovingtheneedle.org/firefundapp2025).

## Additional Things to Know

### Be Wary of Fraud

Criminals often exploit those who are most vulnerable during times of emergencies. Common scam tactics that fraudsters may utilize in these instances include:

- Impersonation of disaster relief agencies and organizations
- Phishing scams
- Fake charities
- Fake insurance or utility representatives

Please be diligent to ensure that you do not fall for these schemes. Avoid clicking links in emails or messages sent to you by someone you do not know. Be suspicious if something doesn't seem right or is too good to be true.

In addition:

- Beware of contractors going door-to-door offering unsolicited assistance or using high-pressure tactics to force you to make a snap decision. They may say they're with your insurance company—do not believe them. Do not sign a contract, put down a large deposit or a cash deposit.
- If you get a phone call about an insurance claim or policy, don't provide any personal information or agree to any payment until you can independently verify that the call is legitimate. If the caller says they're from your insurance company, hang up and contact your agent or the company directly using the number on your account statement.
- Check any licenses before you sign anything. You should make sure any insurance agent or public adjuster offering their services has a valid license by checking online with the [Department of Insurance](#).
- Be cautious of anyone promising to expedite your FEMA or other government assistance for a fee.