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Urgent and Revised Fiscal Request
Los Angeles Recovery, January 2025 Firestorms

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Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Chairwoman Collins, and Vice Chair Murray,

Nearly two years after the devastating January 2025 firestorms in Los Angeles, the State of California continues to request a Supplemental Appropriation for disaster funding to help the affected communities recover. Many survivors remain displaced and face mounting costs as they work to rebuild. They need additional federal support to return home and put their lives back together.

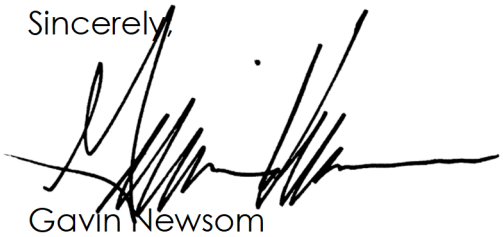
Survivors have spent months navigating insurance claims, finding temporary housing, and making difficult decisions about whether they can afford to rebuild. They have shown extraordinary strength. They should not have to face the next stage of recovery without the help they need.

With the election behind us and a new Congress ahead, we have an opportunity to act before this Congress adjourns. Californians are not alone. Families in North Carolina, West Virginia, Hawaii and other disaster-stricken communities have waited too long for additional recovery assistance. Whatever our political differences, we share a responsibility to help Americans whose lives have been upended by disaster. They should not have to wait for another Congress to begin its work.

The updated requests below, totaling $12.98 billion, focus on helping communities rebuild homes, restore essential services, and recover local jobs and businesses. I ask you to fund these needs alongside those of other communities still recovering from disaster. We cannot undo these losses, but we can help families move forward.

For these reasons, I urge you to include supplemental disaster recovery funding in the final appropriations bill Congress acts on this December.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom
Governor of California

Enclosure: Breakdown of Supplemental Funding Request by Federal Agency

cc: Members, California Congressional Delegation

California Immediate Federal Aid Request for LA Fire Recovery
(Updated November 2026)

The numbers below reflect revised estimates, based on current circumstances and close coordination with local stakeholders, for a targeted set of **the highest priority federal programs.** LA needs more support, but they cannot continue to wait. California is requesting **immediate** advancement of aid for a select set of federal programs, with a focus on the largest and most urgent unmet needs, based on where we sit in recovery today.

This request reflects strong alignment with local priorities and incorporates specific projects and needs identified by local governments and residents.

Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery: $8.4 billion

- **Unmet Housing Needs:** Approximately $5.3 billion estimated construction and rehabilitation funding gap for single family, mobile, and multifamily homes. Includes funding for home hardening materials, smoke damage and other repairs, and soil remediation. Backs out estimates for updated data on construction taking place, and other funding sources including SBA loans, FEMA Individual Assistance, USDA 504, and insurance.
- **Unmet Infrastructure Needs:** Approximately $3.1 billion in disaster infrastructure and mitigation projects not covered by other programs such as FEMA programs preliminarily determined to meet CBDG-DR requirements. Includes critical infrastructure projects impacted by the disaster that are necessary for communities to recover, such as hillside stabilization projects in LA city, reconstruction of roadways and sidewalks in LA county, bulkhead repairs in LA city, and power distribution system upgrades in LA city. Approximately $800 million for FEMA PA and HMGP local match.

Economic Development Administration Business Grants: $179 million

- $50 million for an Economic Development Trust Fund to disburse capital for a range of economic and real estate recovery, revitalization, and sustainability activities; $10 million for cluster investments in five economic sectors experiencing most severe economic loss (Hospitality and Tourism, Construction, Healthcare and Social Assistance, Early Care and Education, and Arts and Entertainment)
- $10 million for post-disaster targeted utility resilience and capacity building to support resilient commercial corridor return; $19 million for economic mobility hubs for training, education, access to capital and legal services for small businesses.

Child Care Development Block Grant: $240 million

- Child Care Development Block Grant for new construction and major repair of childcare facilities (7 damaged, 42 destroyed).

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: $432 million

- Low-interest loans and principal forgiveness for drinking water infrastructure. Includes a waiver of disadvantaged community status and median household income requirements for additional subsidy (principal forgiveness).
- This cost estimate includes rebuilding and repairing 4 drinking water systems damaged or destroyed by the fires: Las Flores Water Co. ($65.9 million), Lincoln Avenue Water Co. ($200.2 million), Rubio Canyon Land & Water Assoc. ($139.8 million), Kinneloa Irrigation Dist. ($26.4 million). Includes upgrades to the systems to better respond to future fires (e.g., piping improvements, more storage tanks) beyond what insurance or FEMA would cover and necessary for potential consolidation.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund: $327 million

- Low -interest loans and principal forgiveness for projects for wastewater treatment works/water quality infrastructure. Includes a waiver of disadvantaged community status and median household income requirements for additional subsidy (principal forgiveness).
- $100 million to rebuild and restore stormwater infrastructure
- $227 million for septic-to-sewer conversion to improve the resilience of wastewater treatment systems ($72 million to LA County, $30 million for the City of LA $125 million to Malibu)

Transportation Infrastructure: $160.97 million

- DOT Emergency Relief Program, Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program, and other DOT programs for actual costs to repair and rebuild federal-aid highways and roads, and for costs of emergency signal work to support resident evacuation and safe return.

SBA Loans: Flexible Disbursement Rules and Increased Loan Caps

- Increase property loan limit to $2 million and personal property loan limit to $200,000, and create flexible disbursement and repayment rules to support residents throughout reconstruction.

Public Assistance: $2.5 billion in Eligible PA Projects, Plus $750M+ in Hazard Mitigation

- Projects include LADWP undergrounding, replacing destroyed schools, fire hydrant repairs, and repairs to damaged and destroyed community centers including the Altadena Senior Center, Palisades Branch Library, Palisades Recreation Center, and several state, county, and city parks.