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EXPANDED GRANT ELIGIBILITY HELPS HOMEOWNERS AFFECTED BY CZU FIRE REBUILD

November 26, 2024 – Santa Cruz, CA – The County of Santa Cruz Department of Community Development & Infrastructure (CDI) announces that more homeowners affected by the 2020 CZU Lightning Complex Fire may now qualify for up to \$500,000 in grants to rebuild their homes, thanks to changes in the ReCoverCA Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (OOR) Program.

The State of California recently raised the income limits for the ReCoverCA OOR Program from 80% to 120% of the Area Median Income. This increase allows more residents to qualify for financial assistance to repair or reconstruct homes damaged or destroyed during the fires. More CZU-affected homeowners are likely to qualify for the OOR program under the new limits, below. Homeowners whose gross annual household incomes are at or below the amounts shown below, for their household size, may qualify for the OOR program, provided they also meet the program’s other eligibility criteria.

2020 Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (OOR) and Owner-Occupied Wildfire Mitigation Retrofits (OOM) Programs								
# of Persons in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Santa Cruz County: 120% Area Median Income Limit	\$152,100	\$173,850	\$195,600	\$217,300	\$234,700	\$252,100	\$269,500	\$286,850

CDI has been instrumental in supporting fire survivors through rebuilding efforts, including permitting assistance and connecting residents with recovery resources. Sharing information about the ReCoverCA OOR Program is part of the County’s ongoing commitment to help affected residents with their recovery efforts.

Santa Cruz County residents who previously applied to the ReCoverCA OOR Program but were deemed ineligible because their income was too high—or those who hesitated to apply due to income uncertainty—are encouraged to revisit their eligibility under the new income limits.

To check eligibility, view updated income limits, and apply, visit www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/recoverca or call (916) 202-1764. *Se habla español.*

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