

NOTICE OF REGULATORY EXCEPTION FOR INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY HISTORIC STORMS IN DISASTER DESIGNATED COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA

The emergency conditions in certain areas of California resulting from severe winter storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides beginning on **March 9, 2023**, and continuing, were of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration. President Joe Biden issued a **Major Disaster Declaration, FEMA-3592-EM on March 10, 2023**.

The USDA Rural Development California State Office received approval for the following exceptions to support residents in California rural areas:

1. An allowance to pay for cost of moving a manufactured home and off-site improvements except for the installation for utilities, which revises 7 CFR 3550, 3550.102(e)(3) (4), Grant and Loan Purposes.
2. To allow the Section 504 maximum lifetime grant assistance for applicants in the Presidentially declared disaster areas to increase to 10 percent of the national average area loan limit for specific counties in California affected by these storms. This revises 7 CFR 3550, 3550.112(c) Section 504, Maximum Loan and Grant Rural Development.
3. The following areas of California have been designated as adversely affected by this declared emergency:

Amador, Butte, El Dorado, Fresno, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Lake, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Mateo, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sierra, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba Counties for emergency protective measures.

Currently, this exception is subject to the availability of Section 504 funds and is valid for one year from the date of the storms, which included 2023 events.

Please refer to this site for more information: [Rural Disaster Home Repair Grant Program](#)

To be eligible:

- Applicants must have household incomes that do not exceed the [low-limits](#) based on their household size and county.
- Homes must be located in an [eligible rural area](#).
- Homes must be located in a presidentially declared disaster area.

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