

Award Announcement

2024 Edison International Recovery Program

\$144,000.00

Funding two (2) projects in the Southern California Edison service area.

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Funding provided by Edison International, the Parent
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Funding Summary

\$144,000.00 | 2 Grants Awarded



Award Announcement

California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) is pleased to announce the grant awards for the 2024 Edison International Recovery Program. Funding for this program is provided by CFSC from Edison International.

The Edison International Recovery program will support CFSC in its efforts to provide direct relief, recovery support, and build capacity for local Fire Safe Councils and Community Based Organizations in areas impacted by the January 2025 wildfires. This will be accomplished through subgrants to Fire Safe Councils and Community Based Organizations in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties to support their direct wildfire relief and recovery efforts.

CFSC awarded a combined total of \$144,000.00 in grant funds to Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Council (SMMFSC) and Safe Community Project (MySafe:LA Division) to educate, empower, and mobilize individuals in Los Angeles and Ventura counties on post fire recovery and capacity building activities

Goals and Strategy

The California Fire Safe Council seeks to increase local capacity and recovery in areas impacted by the January 2025 wildfires.

The Edison International Recovery Program serves as a mechanism to help strengthen wildfire impacted communities' resilience and recovery efforts through:

- Capacity building by providing local organizations with financial support to expand their current capacity for delivering recovery services.
- Strengthening community recovery efforts by providing immediate financial support for relief and recovery initiatives.
- Supporting programs that build community readiness for future wildfires through education, training, and community-wide risk reduction initiatives.
- Working to scale up mitigation, preparedness, and outreach activities to prepare for future wildfires.



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Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Council

Award Amount: \$72,000.00



The Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Council (SMMFSC) recovery project is designed to fill gaps in wildfire recovery in two major ways.

The first is by closing financial gaps for homeowners in need of vent retrofits. Wildfire experts agree that vents on a home not equipped with proper screening are one of the most common vulnerabilities seen throughout LA's WUI communities. However, many homeowners are not in the financial position to retrofit all the vents on their house and are often confused on who to trust to execute the work. The program offers both financial aid and the expert guidance that these homeowners are lacking to accomplish this work.



The second is a gap in the community's ability to gather and process the emotional and mental burden these wildfires have put on community members. The recovery project will provide two spaces, one in person and one virtual, for the affected community members to talk, grieve, and process as a collective. The trauma of losing a home, loved one, or a community to wildfire can only be truly understood by those who have experienced it first-hand. It is imperative to allocate resources to create shared safe spaces specifically for these communities to gather and heal together.



The in-person meet up is planned to happen locally to the Palisades area, ideally in a beautiful open space so that people can connect to nature as well as to each other. There will be an experienced facilitator who will offer prompts for discussion.

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Safe Community Project (MySafe:LA Division)

Award Amount: \$72,000

The MySafe:LA Wildfire Recovery and Resilience Initiative serves communities directly impacted by the January 2025 Palisades Fire and the January 2025 Eaton Fire. The Initiative includes five interconnected activity areas, supported by a team of experienced project staff, agency partners, and community organizations.

- Rebuild trust and connection among wildfire-affected residents by providing clear, culturally responsive recovery information and direct access to resources.
- Support emotional recovery through storytelling and creative reflection. Facilitated sessions and the REBUILD:LA podcast platform will document survivor experiences, promote healing, and strengthen community identity post-fire.
- Strengthen existing and emerging Fire Safe Councils (FSCs) in the Palisades and Eaton fire regions by providing mentorship, organizational tools, and support for home hardening efforts to sustain local recovery capacity.
- Develop and publish a bilingual, community-driven recovery guide to support residents through rebuilding and emotional recovery. The toolkit will combine practical information with accessible mental health and financial recovery resources.
- Assist wildfire-impacted homeowners in improving home safety by replacing fire-damaged or non-compliant vents with ember-resistant models. This activity directly contributes to home hardening and future risk reduction.



Photos provided by MySafe:LA

Through this program, MySafe:LA acts as both a connector and capacity-builder, ensuring that community-based organizations and residents are not left behind during the shift from disaster response to sustainable recovery.



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Since 2018, the California Fire Safe Council has partnered with Edison International to provide more than \$1,600,000 in grants to 44 organizations in the Southern California Edison service territory.

These programs have helped to build wildfire resilience by increasing the capacity for local Fire Safe Councils and others to lead, staff, plan, organize, and implement wildfire recovery within their communities.



Helping Californians to live safely with wildfire.