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Final Distribution will Complete Disaster Assistance Fund Program for Pajaro Residents

County of Monterey has compiled an update on overall state recovery fund spending

PAJARO, CA — The County of Monterey is providing a detailed update on recovery programs funded by California Assembly Bill 102 (AB 102) and is announcing a final phase of the County of Monterey's Pajaro Unmet Needs Disaster Assistance Program, which allocated \$10 million to support flood-impacted Pajaro residents and business.

Administered by the County of Monterey Department of Emergency Management and Workforce Development Board, this program has provided Pajaro families and businesses financial support to address critical recovery needs.

Pajaro Unmet Needs Disaster Assistance

The Pajaro Individuals and Households Disaster Assistance Program allocated \$5.4 million to support flood-impacted Pajaro residents. Phase 1 focused on direct payments to all impacted by the floods, while Phase 2 delivered financial assistance for flood recovery expenses. Phase 2 is almost complete with just 6 cases pending.

Phase	Assistance Type	Community Bridges		Catholic Charities	
		Amount Distributed	# of Households	Amount Distributed	# of Households
Phase 1	Evacuation Assistance, Round 1	\$469,773	687		
	Evacuation Assistance, Round 2	\$473,015	664		
Phase 2	Housing Assistance	\$2,093	1	\$27,096	12
	Personal Property Assistance	\$848,765	116	\$1,983,330	188
	Vehicle Assistance	\$33,519	24	\$229,779	36
	Home Repair Assistance			\$618,018	37
Total		\$1,827,165		\$2,858,223	

Phase 3, Community Resilience funding, will launch in October and be managed by Community Bridges. Phase 3 will focus on providing additional direct assistance to those affected by flooding, while ensuring all funding allocated to the community goes directly to the community. The size of Phase 3 payments will depend on household size. Those who received assistance in Phases 1 and 2 are eligible for these additional funds.

Here is important information about the Phase 3 distribution for Pajaro residents:

- Families who previously received assistance in Phases 1 or 2 do not need to apply again.
- Residents will be contacted by Community Bridges staff regarding Phase 3 assistance.
- If your contact information has changed since last receiving aid, please contact Community Bridges directly at 831-724-2997.



“Two years after the devastating floods, Pajaro families are still rebuilding their lives. This final phase ensures that residents who were impacted receive every last available dollar afforded to them through AB 102,” says Community Bridges CEO Raymon Cancino. “Our staff will be proactively reaching out to households who qualified before, but we encourage anyone who has changed their contact information or relocated to let us know right away.”

Also, during Phase 3, the Workforce Development Board will be using contingency funds to ensure that businesses who had delays completing their applications for disaster assistance are funded, along with additional monies for local business beautification work.

Update on AB 102 Pajaro Recovery Funds

More than 3,000 Pajaro residents were displaced by the Pajaro Levee Breach in March 2023. Thanks to our state representatives, the California Legislature included dedicated recovery funding for Pajaro: AB 102, which secured \$20 million in state funding. Half was earmarked for direct support for residents, the other half for community improvements.

Here is a snapshot of the status of that funding. The complete AB102 progress report is attached separately.

Focus Area	Project	Project Partner	Budgeted	Obligated	Expended
Individual & Economic Recovery	Individuals and Households Disaster Assistance	Catholic Charities, Community Bridges	\$6,000,000	\$846,071	\$5,153,929
	Small Business Disaster Assistance	Workforce Development Board	\$4,000,000	\$226,091	\$3,778,134
Community Resources	Pajaro Community Grant Program	Community Foundation for Monterey County	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
Infrastructure	Safe Streets	Public Works- Roads and Bridges	\$2,000,000	\$495,000	\$1,504,213
Natural & Cultural Resources	Pajaro Library	Public Works- Facilities	\$3,500,000	\$2,153,150	\$1,346,850
	Pajaro Parks	Public Works- Parks, Pajaro Sunny Mesa CSD	\$1,200,000	\$1,070,000	\$0
Emergency Preparedness & Response	Emergency Response & Flood Fighting	North County Fire Protection District	\$500,000	\$168,884	\$336,116
	Digital Message Board	Department of Emergency Management	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
	Emergency Preparedness & Recovery Planning	Department of Emergency Management	\$300,000	\$41,243	\$111,956
Contingency	Small Business Disaster Assistance	Workforce Development Board	\$400,000	\$350,000	\$0
	Pajaro Library	Public Works- Facilities		\$50,000	\$0
			\$20,000,000	\$5,400,439	\$14,231,198