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ReCoverCA Homebuyer Assistance Workshop in Santa Rosa: Up to \$350,000 in Homebuyer Assistance for Qualifying Households Impacted by 2017 Wildfires

Sonoma County, CA, February 10, 2025 – A key homebuyer workshop for the ReCoverCA Homebuyer Assistance (HBA) Program will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, in Santa Rosa, California. The free workshop will provide valuable information about the program, which offers up to \$350,000 in financial assistance per household to help qualifying individuals and families purchase homes in lower-fire-risk areas of California.

To apply for assistance through the program, applicants must have owned or rented a primary residence in Sonoma County in 2017, within a High or Very High Fire Severity Zone. Additionally, applicants must meet the low-to-moderate income eligibility requirements, typically capped at 80% of the area median income.

“This assistance is more than just financial—it’s about restoring stability and hope for families who may have lost jobs, had to relocate, or were generally impacted by living in high fire zone areas during the 2017 wildfires. When one family can stabilize their living situation, it’s a win for the whole community,” says Sonoma County Supervisor James Gore.

Potential applicants and community stakeholders—including wildfire recovery agencies, organizations, real estate professionals, residential service providers, and media members—are encouraged to attend the upcoming workshop and help raise awareness about this valuable resource.

Event Details:

Date: February 25, 2025

Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

Location: Finley Community Center: Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks, 2060 W College Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95401

RSVP Today!

Space is limited, so attendees are encouraged to register early to guarantee their spot. Pre-register for this free event at <https://qrco.de/bfg3J4>. Interpreter services in Spanish and American Sign Language can be requested during registration.

Why Attend?

- Learn how applicants can qualify for up to \$350,000 in forgivable assistance to purchase a home in California outside High or Very High Fire Severity Zones.
- Understand the program policies and eligibility requirements.
- Get step-by-step guidance on the application process from experts in the field.

- Help raise awareness about the program and contribute to community recovery efforts.

The ReCoverCA HBA Program is provided by the California Department of Housing and Community Development and funded by HUD. The Program is a vital part of California's ongoing recovery efforts to support individuals and families impacted by wildfires. Since launching in June 2024, the Program has helped over 80 families become homeowners, with an average grant of \$300,000 per household.

Program Details

- Up to \$350,000 in homebuyer assistance available.
- The assistance is fully forgiven after five years of homeownership and occupancy.
- No first-time homebuyer requirement.
- Perfect credit is not needed to qualify.

Complete program policies, eligibility requirements, loan applications, interest rates, and APRs, are available through ReCoverCA HBA Lenders published on the GSFA website at www.gsfahome.org.

To pre-register for the homebuyer workshop in Santa Rosa on February 25, 2025, please visit <https://qrco.de/bfg3J4>.

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