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## Up to \$350,000 in Homebuyer Assistance Available through 2017 Fire Recovery Funds

**Sonoma County, CA** – Eligible low- to moderate-income California households who lived in Sonoma County in 2017 may qualify for up to \$350,000 in homebuyer assistance through the [ReCoverCA Homebuyer Assistance \(HBA\) Program](#), administered by the Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA).

The [2017 Fire Recovery allocation](#) helps qualifying individuals and families purchase homes in areas with lower wildfire risk by providing down payment and closing cost assistance, up to \$350,000 per household. For many families this assistance may bridge the affordability gap between what a household can afford and the total cost of homeownership. The assistance is offered as a deferred-payment loan that accrues no interest, has no monthly payments, and is forgiven after five years of continued ownership and occupancy.

To be eligible, applicants must have been residing in a primary residence located in a [High or Very High Fire Severity Zone](#) within a qualifying disaster area in 2017, such as Sonoma County, and meet income requirements of generally up to 80 percent of Area Median Income, based on household size. There is no requirement to be a first-time homebuyer, and perfect credit is not necessary to qualify. Applicants are not required to show direct impact from the disaster.

### 2017 Qualifying Disaster Areas:

- Sonoma County
- Ventura County
- Zip Code 95470 (Mendocino County)
- Zip Code 95901 (predominantly Yuba County)
- Zip Code 94558 (predominantly Napa County)
- Zip Code 95422 (City of Clearlake, Lake County)
- Zip Code 93108 (Montecito, Santa Barbara County)

“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.

The program is provided by the California Department of Housing and Community Development as part of California's Disaster Recovery Action Plan and funded by a Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). GSFA, a public agency with more than 33 years of experience in implementing affordable housing programs, manages and administers the program.

For more information, full program policies, eligibility, and application information, visit [www.gsfahome.org/recoverca-hba](http://www.gsfahome.org/recoverca-hba).

**About Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA)**

GSFA is a local government entity and public agency, established in 1993, with a mission to provide affordable housing finance programs that support homeownership and strengthen California communities. GSFA has helped more than 87,000 individuals and families purchase homes, providing over \$683.3 million in down payment assistance.

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