

Eaton Fire Collaborative

Emergency Housing and Stabilization Committee



2025 IMPACT REPORT

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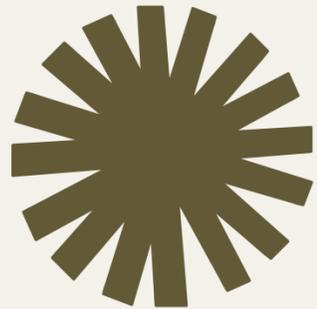
Who We Are

The mission of the Housing Committee of the Eaton Fire Collaborative is to reduce the impacts of displacement caused by the Eaton Fire and restore community stability through a coordinated, community-centered approach that supports a pathway from emergency to permanent housing for both renters and homeowners.



What is a Long Term Recovery Group?

A Long Term Recovery Group is a collaboration of organizations assisting Eaton Fire disaster recovery, connecting survivors to resources, and helping with recovery plans.



Purpose

to provide coordinated management of the long-term recovery to residents and provide additional long-term assistance to individuals affected by the disaster who do not have adequate personal resources for basic needs as result of the disaster.



Shared Values

Anti Displacement

- Preservation of naturally affordable housing
- Tenant Inclusion
- Advocacy and policy
- Invisible density/ gentle and low-impact density

Community Ownership of Land

- Black and Brown home ownership preservation and wealth restoration
- Decommodification of housing
- Land banking and anti-speculative development

Community Health

- Rental housing and standing home remediation and enforcement as a safe return home strategy

Climate Justice

- Harmonious co-existence with the natural world
- Climate resilience strategies that safeguard from disaster gentrification and disaster displacement

Equitable Blueprint for Future Disasters

- Black and Brown home ownership preservation and wealth restoration
- Commitment of community leaders to sharing resources across sectors



The Journey

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- Developed a shared commitment to ongoing recovery and reducing the impacts of displacement
- Through collaborative dialogue, identified key issues hindering post-disaster housing efforts.
- Partnered with industry experts in housing services, community land trusts, legislation and real estate development to establish best practices



Key Findings

- Some providers lacked a complete understanding of their role in the broader recovery efforts.
- State and Local representatives lacked a true picture of recovery needs
- Local efforts were being overshadowed by “household name” organizations

What Are We Doing Now?

1. Convening cross-sector partners
2. Building a unified, anti-displacement strategy
3. Establishing a replicable model for equitable post-disaster recovery
4. Maintaining responsive support through ongoing housing recovery assessments.
5. Aligning post-fire housing policies with survivor-identified needs and evidence-based disaster recovery approaches



What Are We Doing Now?

1. Convening cross-sector partners

- Hosting recurring roundtables with county agencies, housing providers, legal aid groups, insurance advocates, and community leaders to coordinate recovery efforts.
- Facilitating joint briefings with FEMA, CalOES, and local nonprofits to ensure residents receive consistent guidance across systems.
- Establishing a shared communication network to rapidly disseminate updates on aid, deadlines, and housing opportunities.
- Bringing together residents, neighborhood groups, and policy stakeholders to co-identify gaps in support and co-create solutions.



What Are We Doing Now?

2. Building a unified, anti-displacement strategy

- Mapping households affected by the fire to track displacement risk, rental insecurity, and gaps in temporary housing.
- Partnering with legal aid organizations to provide eviction defense, insurance claim support, and tenant protections.
- Collaborating with landlords, property managers, and ADU owners to secure below-market temporary housing placements.
- Advocating for extended moratoriums, rental assistance, and local policies that stabilize fire-impacted households.
- Developing culturally responsive outreach to ensure immigrant, elderly, and low-income families are not overlooked.



What Are We Doing Now?

3. Establishing a replicable model for equitable post-disaster recovery

- Documenting best practices, data, and lessons learned from the current recovery to shape a long-term disaster housing playbook.
- Piloting new initiatives—such as community-led recovery hubs, emergency housing connection network, or universal basic income—that can be used in future crises.
- Sharing findings with regional and state agencies to influence future policy and funding frameworks.
- Developing a monitoring and evaluation plan to track equity outcomes and identify disparities early.



What Are We Doing Now?

4. Maintaining responsive support through ongoing housing recovery assessments.

- Administering a survivor housing recovery survey to track displacement, unmet needs, temporary housing challenges, and barriers to accessing assistance.
- Using real-time data to guide case management and directing resources effectively.
- Identifying emerging trends—such as rent increases, price gouging, or gaps in aid access.



What Are We Doing Now?

5. Aligning post-fire housing policies with survivor-identified needs and evidence-based disaster recovery approaches

- Using insights gathered from convenings, survivor data, and community feedback, the committee helps shape local and county-level housing policies that address emerging realities on the ground.
- Advocating for rental assistance, temporary housing programs, anti-price-gouging enforcement, flexible zoning for interim housing, and extended relief timelines.



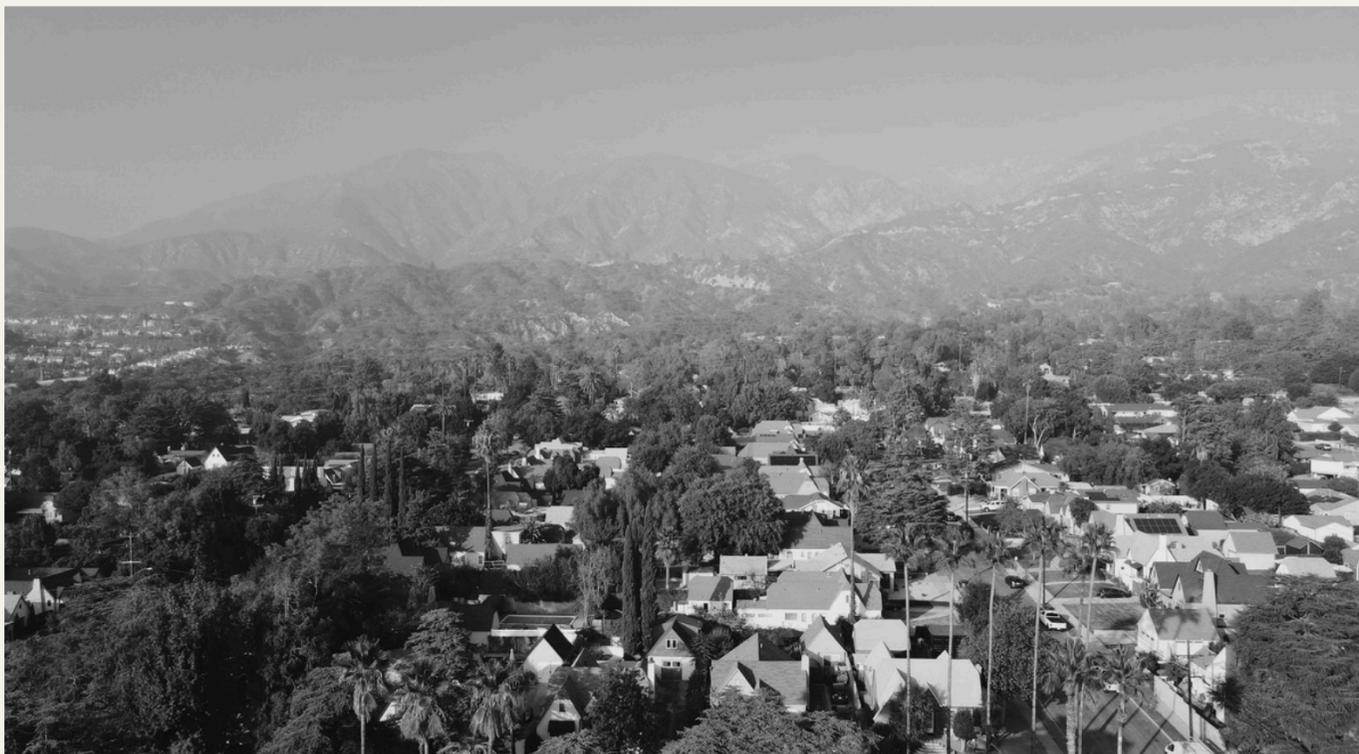
Wins and Impact

Housing Recovery Survey (1&2)

Administered mid-year and one-year post-disaster surveys measuring recovery progress among renters and homeowners.

Anti-Displacement Framework

Developed a Displacement-to-Stability Roadmap that aligns a resident's current displacement status with the housing partners best equipped to meet their immediate needs.



Wins and Impact So Far

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Cross Agency Collaboration

The ability to quickly elevate client needs and identify the right agency partner to step in.

More efficient referrals, clearer communication, and **faster responses to urgent cases**.

Having county departments, housing providers, nonprofit partners, and case management teams all in the same space allowed us to build relationships that made follow-up smoother and more effective.

In several cases, solutions were reached within minutes during a convening.

Improved Survivor Experience

Improved our ability to provide **accurate, timely information to residents** who are already under immense stress.

Created **responsive support** rather than relying on static or outdated assessments.

Land Acquisition and Development

As a result of the EFC convenings, Beacon Housing emerged as the identified purchaser for land in Altadena and intends to develop 14 affordable bungalow-court homes for impacted seniors.