

Community Development Block Grant

Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)



The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is the grantee of CDBG-MIT funds allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in response to the 2017 and 2018 disasters. HUD appropriated \$88 million for 2017 and \$65 million for 2018 for a combined total of \$153 million for preparedness and mitigation needs (CDBG-MIT).

What are CDBG and CDBG-MIT Funds?

The CDBG Program is used by HUD to providing grants to states, cities, and counties in a variety of forms. The CDBG-Disaster Recovery (DR) and CDBG-Mitigation (MIT) are one time appropriations made after natural disasters to assist communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. CDBG-MIT funds are a new source of CDBG funds intended to fund mitigation projects that lessen the impact of future disasters.

How does HUD define mitigation?

HUD defines mitigation as those activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters. This is different from the CDBG-DR funds as CDBG-MIT projects take a preventative approach and do not need to demonstrate a direct connection, or “tie-back,” to the impacts or recovery needs to the disaster.

What is the timeline for receiving CDBG-MIT funds?

CDBG-MIT funds follow a similar process to the CDBG-DR funds. The following chart includes critical dates and milestones for the CDBG-MIT Action Plan. Federal regulations require an Action Plan that provides key details on mitigation needs and the State’s approach to using the CDBG-MIT funds. Once HUD approves an Action Plan, grantees have authority to begin implementation.

Funding Allocation	Funds Issued Date	Due Date for Action Plan	HUD Approval Date	50% of Funds Expended	100% of Funds Expended
2017	August 30, 2019	April 6, 2020	June 5, 2020	6 years (June 2026)	12 years (June 2032)
2018	January 6, 2021	July 9, 2021	August 27, 2021	6 years (September 2027)	12 years (September 2033)

How can CDBG-MIT funds be used?

CDBG-MIT activities must increase resilience and reduce or eliminate risk, per HUD’s definition of mitigation. Like prior CDBG-DR funds, 50% of CDBG-MIT funds must also be used to benefit low-to-moderate income (LMI) areas.

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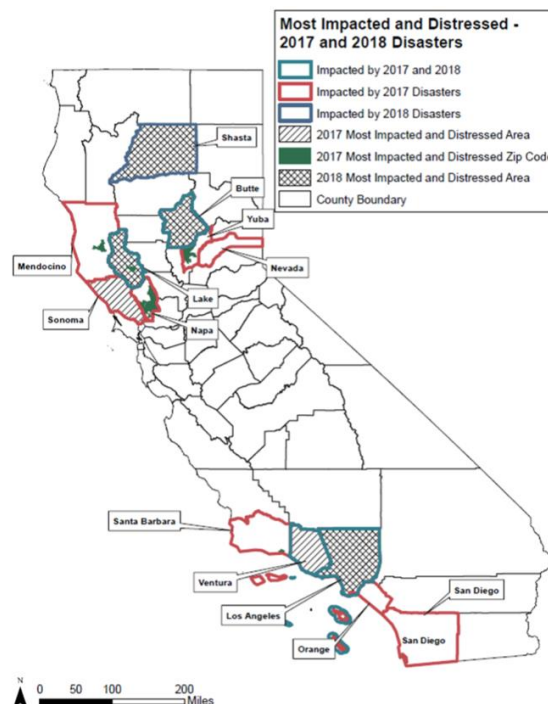
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CDBG-MIT funds are split between the Resilient Infrastructure and Planning and Public Services Programs to address the most essential needs of Californians. Resilient Infrastructure projects can be Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Match projects or Stand-Alone projects. Planning and Public Service funds can be local governments and nonprofits seeking projects or activities that address risks to community lifelines and mitigate future disasters. HUD also expects programs and projects provide to be supported with other sources of funds, also known as “leverage.”

Where can CDBG-MIT funds be used?

CDBG-MIT funds can only be expended to implement mitigation activities in, or benefitting, the areas designated as the Most Impacted and Distress (MID) areas from the 2017 and 2018 fires. The 2017 designated MID areas apply to specific area codes; however, for 2018 funding HUD extended the MID’s to include entire counties. The table and map below identify the 2017 MID area



Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Areas

2017 Disasters	2018 Disasters
Sonoma County, Ventura County, 95422 (Clearlake City, Lake County), 93108 (Montecito, Santa Barbara County), 95470 (Mendocino County), 95901 (Yuba County), 94558 (Napa County)	Shasta County, Lake County, Butte County

2017 Federally Declared Disaster Impacted Counties

DR-4344	DR-4354
Butte County, Lake County, Mendocino County, Napa County, Nevada County, Orange County, Sonoma County, Yuba County	Los Angeles County, San Diego County, Santa Barbara County, Ventura County

2018 Federally Declared Disaster Impacted Counties

DR-4382	DR-4407
Shasta County, Trinity County, Lake County, Colusa County, Mendocino County, Glenn County	Butte County, Los Angeles County, Ventura County

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