



DISASTER AID RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANTS



Among those who are hardest hit during natural disasters are undocumented families and workers. ILRC has compiled a list of information and resources that may be available to help. National Immigration Law Center (NILC) and the California Governor's Office have also contributed. Disaster resources listed on immigrantinfo.org are put together by Franci Collins.

IMMIGRANTINFO.ORG DISASTER PAGES

The Emergency/Disaster Section contains local, state and federal resource links to multi-language, multi-cultural information about health, safety, and emergency preparation and response.

<http://www.immigrantinfo.org/immigrant-info/emergency-disaster/>

DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (D-SNAP)

- Gives food assistance to low-income households with food loss or damage caused by a natural disaster
- Available regardless of immigration status
- For more information
 - D-SNAP Program Overview: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/get-assistance/forms-of-assistance/5769>
 - D-SNAP Guidance: https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/D-SNAP_handbook_0.pdf
- **In general, short-term non-cash disaster assistance is available regardless of status**

FEMA LONGER TERM ASSISTANCE (E.G. INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLD PROGRAM)

- Provides financial and direct services to eligible individuals and households affected by a disaster who have uninsured or underinsured necessary expenses and serious needs
- **Available if at least one household member is a U.S. citizen or a "qualified" immigrant. For example, undocumented individuals can apply on behalf of a minor child who is a citizen and has a social security number.** FEMA can provide information about obtaining a social security number for a minor child. The minor child must live with the parent/guardian applying on his/her behalf.
- For more information
 - FEMA Citizenship/Immigration Requirements FAQ (December 2, 2015): <https://www.fema.gov/faq-details/FEMA-Citizenship-Immigration-requirements-1370032118159>
 - FEMA Individuals and Households Program Fact Sheet <https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1502371943459-711a17671708a7ded53f0b22315f2597/FACTSHEETIndividualsandHouseholdIHP.pdf>

DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

- **Requires that a person be work authorized** (and have been work authorized or PRUCOL during the base period)
- For more information

- National Employment Law Project (NELP) DUA FAQ: <http://www.nelp.org/publication/how-workers-access-dua-after-hurricane-irma/>

OTHER MAJOR BENEFITS PROGRAMS

- Major benefit programs tend to be more flexible about requiring documentation immediately after a disaster – but may require applicants to declare that they have an eligible status – so applicants need to be careful.
- For more information about current California eligibility
 - NILC Major Benefits Programs chart: <https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/programs-available-to-immigrants-in-calif/>

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES

- California's [AB 2327](#) (among other things) requires that public employees provide assistance to survivors of disaster without eliciting any information or documentation not strictly necessary to determine eligibility

NILC'S DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

- NILC will be updating these shortly
 - [Food, Shelter, Cash Payments, Loans, and Other Help for Victims of Major Disasters](#)
 - [Immigrant Eligibility for Disaster Assistance](#)

FUNDS AND SERVICES ON THE GROUND COMPILED BY GRANTMAKERS CONCERNED WITH IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES (GCIR)

- Links to funds available and organizations in the region to support
 - <https://www.gcir.org/initiatives/natural-disaster-response>

REPLACING VITAL RECORDS AND OTHER DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND RECOVERY LINKS FROM LAWHELP

- Information on how to replace identification, birth, marriage and death certificates, etc.
- Guide to insurance legal rights, claim guidance and more
- For more information
 - <http://www.lawhelpca.org/subtopics/disaster-assistance-and-recovery>

EVACUATION CENTERS/SHELTERS

- Several local officials have made public statements to make clear that these shelters are open to everyone regardless of immigration status
- The list includes many churches and schools that are hopefully seen as trusted spaces
- For more information including a list of evacuation centers
 - <http://www.caloes.ca.gov/ICESite/Pages/October-2017-Northern-California-Fires.aspx>

CAMPSITE EVACUATION SPACES

- Although these campsites in Sonoma and Mendocino counties are not official evacuation sites, they will be open to meet the temporary immediate needs of displaced residents.
- They only accommodate those who are self-contained. Those who need food, bedding and personal services should contact a designated evacuation center.
- For more information
 - http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=29743