

Community Development Block Grant Disaster Response

Mitigation Programs

ICARP Meeting
August 19, 2021





Agenda

- Introductions
- Background
- CDBG - MIT Funding Sequence
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 - Program Funding
- Next Steps



California Department of Housing and Community Development

- Mission: Provides leadership, policies, and programs to preserve and expand safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote strong communities for all Californians.
 - Grants and funding
 - Mobile home registration
 - Building standards
 - Planning and community development
 - Policy and research
- Administrative agency for the California's Building Code. Regulatory body for Housing Elements and State Housing Policy Lead.
- Lead State Agency for the Housing Recovery Support function under California Disaster Recovery Framework.



CDBG-MIT Funding Overview

CDBG Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) is a new source of funding through HUD

- Different from CDBG-DR unmet recovery needs grant

What is Mitigation?

- Activities that increase resilience to disasters
- Reduce or eliminate long-term risk
- Lessen the impact of future disasters.

CDBG-MIT is preventative measures instead of recovery.

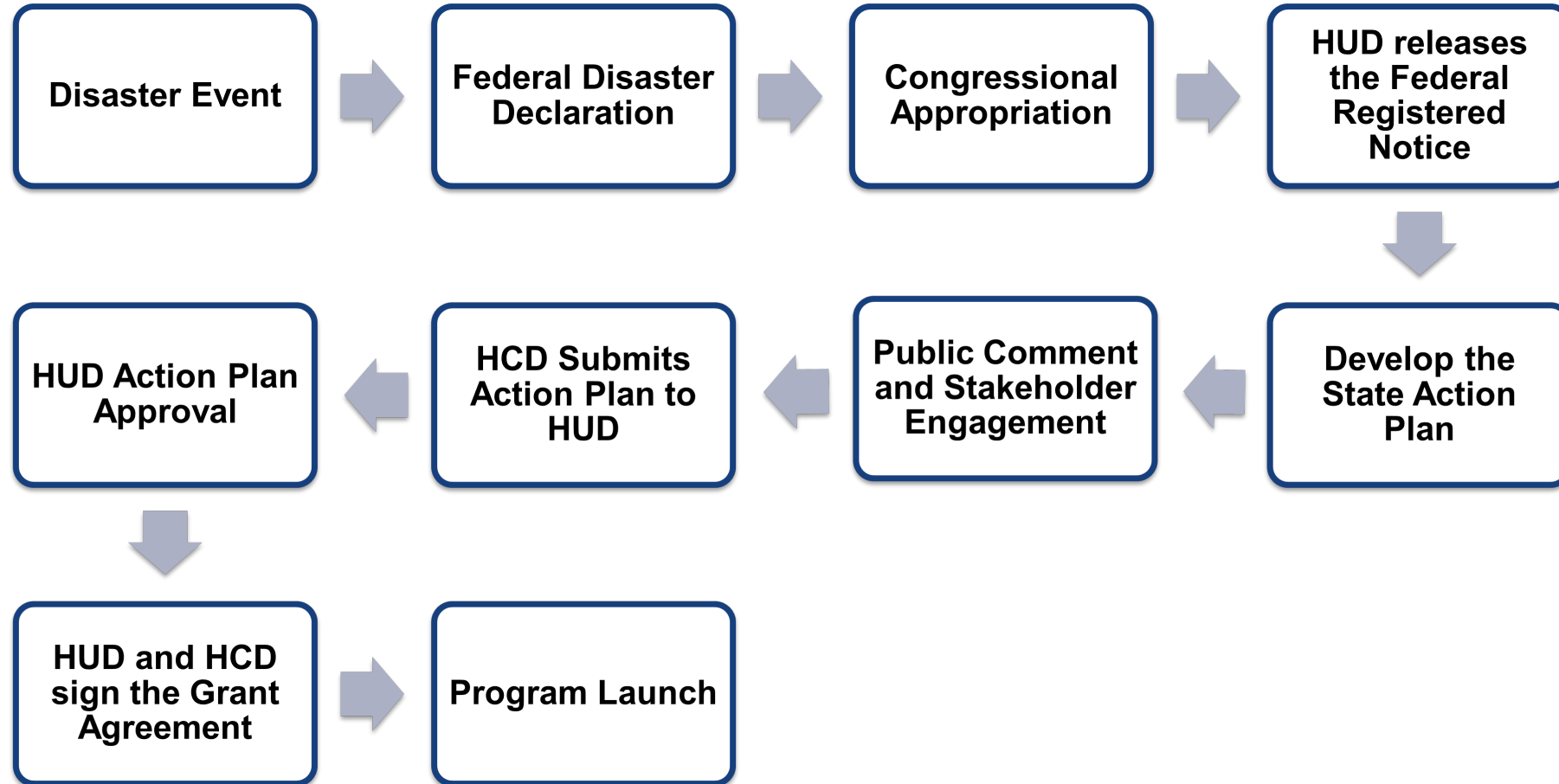


How Does the State Access MIT Funds?

- The state submits an Action Plan to HUD.
- The Action Plan identifies the following information:
 - Detailed analysis of the unmet recovery needs.
 - Overview of the proposed recovery programs and how the funds will be managed.
- HUD reviews and approves the Action Plan.
- Once approved, a Grant Agreement is signed and a line of credit is established.
- HCD does not have access to funding until the above steps are completed.



CDBG-DR Mitigation Fund Sequence





CDBG-DR Mitigation Funding – Needs Assessment

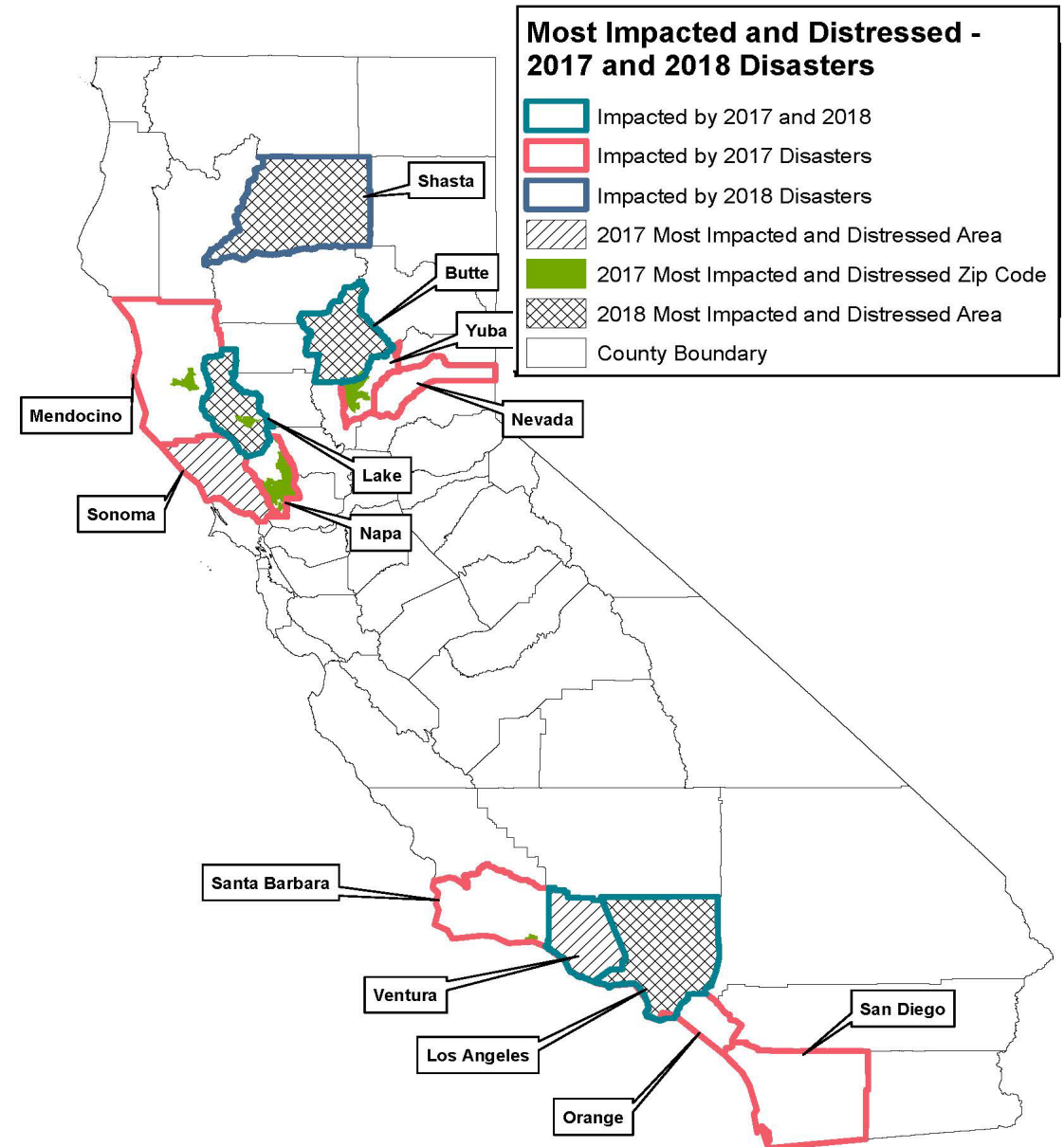
The CDBG-MIT Mitigation Needs Assessment relies on:

- State and local Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Other county/municipal data from the 2017 disasters
- Cities and Counties impacted by disasters
- Consultations from state and local agencies
e.g., CAL FIRE, Cal OES, OPR, Sierra Nevada Conservancy



MIT Funds Cover the 2017 and 2018 Disasters

Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Areas			
2017		2018	
Sonoma County		Shasta County	
Ventura County		Lake County	
95422 (Clearlake City, Lake County)		Butte County	
93108 (Montecito, Santa Barbara County)			
95470 (Mendocino County)			
95901 (Yuba County)			
94558 (Napa County)			
2017 Federally Declared Disaster Impacted Counties		2018 Federally Declared Disaster Impacted Counties	
DR-4344	DR-4354	DR-4382	DR-4407
Butte County	Los Angeles County	Shasta County	Butte County
Lake County	San Diego County	Trinity County	Los Angeles County
Mendocino County	Santa Barbara County	Lake County	Venture County
Napa County	Ventura County	Colusa County	
Nevada County		Mendocino County	
Orange County		Glenn County	
Sonoma County			
Yuba County			





CDBG-MIT Action Plan – Engagement

Local Stakeholder Sessions

Round 1 Public Meetings (1/8 – 1/22)

- Ukiah – 25 attendees
- Santa Rosa – 46 attendees
- Marysville – 17 attendees
- Alhambra – 32 attendees
- Ventura – 61 attendees

Round 2 Public Meetings (3/4 – 3/23)

- Ventura – 32 attendees
- Santa Barbara – 18 attendees
- Napa – 4 attendees
- Santa Rosa/Sonoma County – 25 attendees
- Nevada, Butte, Yuba Counties – 17 attendees



CDBG-MIT Action Plan - Consultations

Stakeholder Engagement

- Impacted local governments
- California Fire Safe Council – Statewide
- Fire Safe Councils
- Local offices for CAL FIRE – review project list
- Other state agencies



County Fire Safe Council	Program Suggestions
Butte Fire Safe Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biomass infrastructure for biowaste • Forest Health Restoration projects
Mendocino Fire Safe Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chipper program • Projects targeting Low- and Moderate-income Individuals (LMI)
Sonoma Fire Safe Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for fulltime and part time staff • Fund projects with Safety, Environment, and Property in mind
Napa County Fire Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel breaks around Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)
Yuba Fire Safe Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defensible space • Chipping program
Ventura Fire Safe Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home ignition Zone assessments
San Diego Fire Safe Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Hardening Cost share
Orange Fire Safe Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Education • Defensible Space

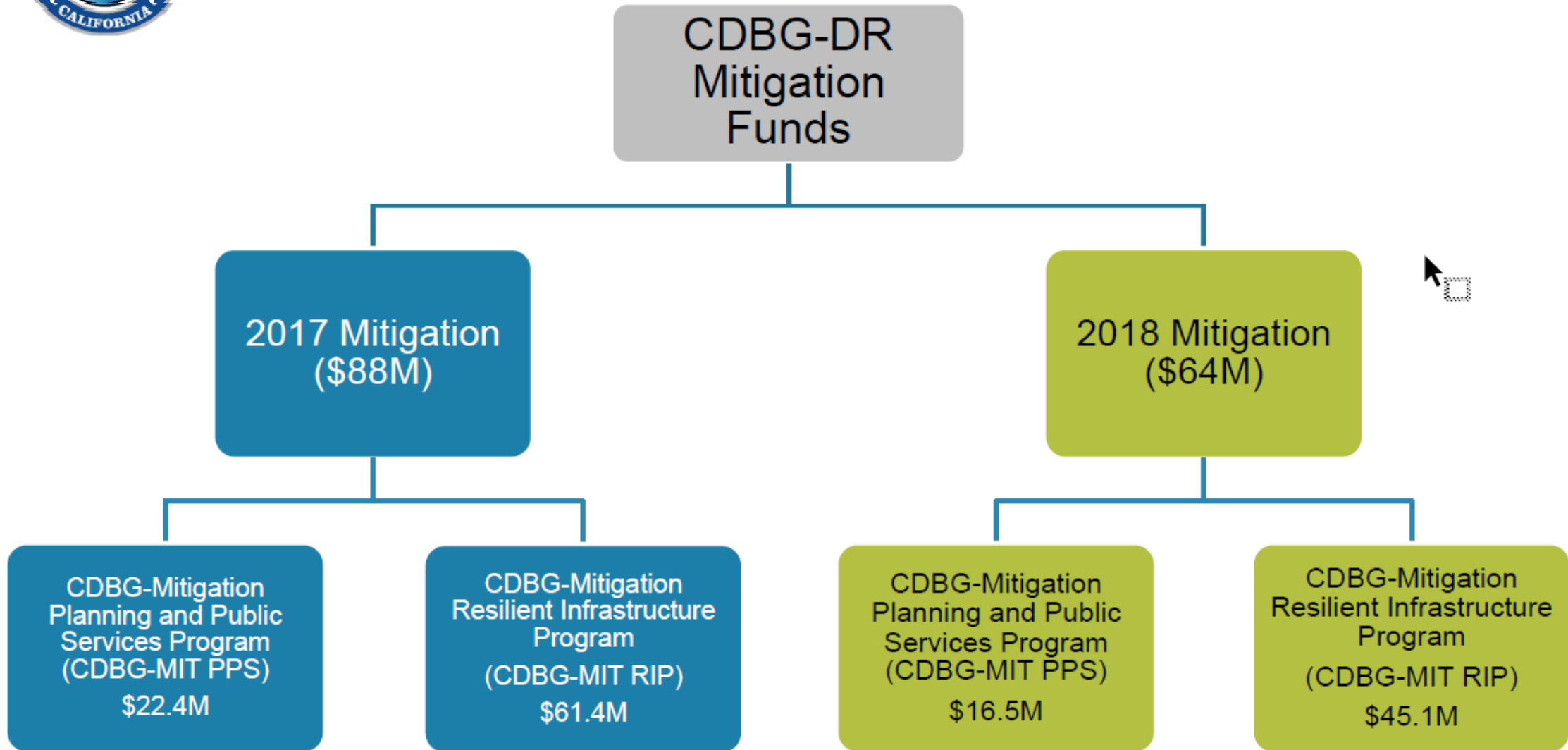


2018 CDBG-MIT Action Plan Amendment

- Expands eligible counties from 2017 to include Shasta County
- Expand MID areas to include 2018 areas
- Leverage existing programs (MIT-RIP and MIT-PPS) to shorten time for getting money to impacted areas
- Align 2017 DR-Infrastructure program implementation



CDBG-DR Mitigation Funding





CDBG Mitigation Action Plan - Timeline

2017 MIT Funds	
Summer 2019	Funds Issued via FRN
Spring 2020	HCD Met the Action Plan Due Date
Summer 2020	HUD Approved 2017 Action Plan
Fall 2020	MIT-RIP NOI Issued
	MIT-PPS NOFA Issued
Spring 2021	MIT-PPS NOFA Closed
	MIT-RIP Allocations Announced
Fall 2021	MIT-PPS Awards Announced
Summer 2026	50% of Funds Expended
Summer 2032	100% of Funds Expended

2018 MIT Funds	
Winter, 2021	Funds Issued via FRN
Summer, 2021	Action Plan Submitted
	Estimated HUD Approval Date
TBD	MIT-RIP NOI Issued
TBD	MIT-PPS NOFA Issued
Fall 2027	50% of Funds Expended
Fall 2033	100% of Funds Expended



Key Takeaways – Initial Implementation

- Mitigation opened up areas that were unfamiliar to local CDBG administrators or housing departments.
 - leveraged the experience of other state agencies to familiarize the team on new topics (fire, home hardening)
- Kept records of outreach activities (emails, flyers, attendee lists) and built a list of interested parties for future program communication.
- Leveraged state funding – used federal funds fill gaps not being addressed by state funds.



Key Takeaways – Initial Implementation (cont.)

- **Built relationships with other state/city agencies early, especially during the disaster response phase**
 - ✓ Brief early and often
 - ✓ Relationships with other state agencies/local entities will assist with built local trusted messengers about the programs
- **Strategic relationships with local governments,**
 - ✓ local public meeting locations
 - ✓ ensured outreach to federally protected classes and vulnerable populations



HCD CAC & ICARP TAC Partnership

- ICARP TAC supports coordination among state, regional, and local adaptation and resiliency efforts.
- HCD and OPR agree on the programmatic and policy alignment between ICARP and HCD's Disaster Recovery programs and that ICARP TAC is well-positioned to serve as HCD's CAC for the purposes of meeting CDBG-MIT grant requirements.
- The quarterly ICARP TAC meetings will service as CAC meetings.



Role of the ICARP TAC

The CAC is not a decision-making body, but it is a required forum for program transparency, public engagement, and citizen feedback.

In serving on the CAC, the ICARP TAC will:

1. Provide a public venue to share insight on the CDBG-MIT program and process
2. Provide feedback on CDBG-MIT program goals, design, and implementation;
3. Offer the collective technical expertise and professional insight of TAC members;
4. Advise the CDBG-MIT program on opportunities to advance climate resilience and adaptation in the context of disaster recovery investments.



Next Steps

ICARP members bring diverse and inclusive perspectives.

- How can we encourage/incentivize housing partners to take a comprehensive housing resilience approach?
- How do we balance environmental justice while supporting mitigation and resiliency efforts?

Program implementation constraints:

- Comply with federal regulations
- Adhere to geographic limitations



Thank you! Questions?

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