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CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER PROGRESS ON **FEMA RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FUNDING**

Building a Stronger and Safer Future for All

All damage-related and infrastructure rebuilding costs due to the Los Angeles wildfire have been identified, along with major projects to reduce future risk and strengthen resilience citywide. The City Administrative Officer (CAO) is working closely with the State of California and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to expedite these efforts, including the pursuit of over \$360 million in reimbursements and approximately \$3 billion in long-term hazard mitigation funding.

Since January 2025, the CAO has led an aggressive push to secure FEMA funding, moving quickly to document wildfire damage, coordinate across departments, and develop forward-looking projects. To be successful, the CAO centralized coordination of the city's wildfire recovery to cut through red tape and accelerate funding approvals that deliver a stronger and safer future for all Angelenos.

▶ **PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:** Progress on Reimbursement Efforts

To secure federal reimbursement for wildfire-related costs, the CAO has:

- Estimated over \$12.5 million in eligible cleanup costs for debris removal in public spaces. This work is separate from the debris removal by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on individual private properties.
- Requested over \$140 million in federal reimbursement to support emergency response and immediate recovery needs, including firefighting, police response, damaged power poles and lines, and repairs to water tanks and reservoir sites.
- Identified nearly \$190 million in infrastructure repair needs across the city's public spaces, including streetlights, sidewalks, slopes, playgrounds, recreation centers, the Palisades Public Library, and the Los Angeles Zoo.
- Provided direct support to 10 city departments and agencies, such as the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Public Works, the Los Angeles Fire Department, Emergency Management, and City Council offices to help develop and submit eligible Public Assistance projects under FEMA guidelines.

▶ **HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM:** Advancing Long-Term Resilience

To reduce future risk, the CAO has:

- Submitted 70 formal funding requests to the State of California for projects seeking federal mitigation funding. Of those, 47 proposed projects are now under state review. Together, they represent about \$3 billion in potential infrastructure improvements across Los Angeles.
 - Prepared 11 full hazard mitigation project applications now under ongoing review by the state. These projects total almost \$304.6 million in proposed costs, with roughly \$228 million expected to come from federal disaster funds. These projects aim to reduce future risk through wildfire prevention, slope stabilization, backup energy systems, earthquake safety, and defensible space around critical infrastructure.
 - Developed and submitted more than \$2.1 billion in proposed power system upgrades across Los Angeles, including 24 projects to place power lines under ground, strengthen fire resilience, and mitigate risk from wildfires, flooding, and earthquakes. This represents one of the largest climate-resilient infrastructure initiatives in the city's history.

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