



# County Administrator's Office

## Community Disaster Immediate Needs Fund

January 31, 2023

# 2023 Winter Storm

- 1/3/23 - Director of Emergency Services issued Proclamation of Local Emergency
- 1/4/23 - Emergency Operations Center Activated
- 1/10/23 - Board of Supervisors ratified Local Emergency Proclamation
- 1/15/23 - Recovery Support Centers
- 1/20/23 - Virtual Recovery Support Center to serve North Coast residents



# Recovery Support Centers



- Pilot project in partnership with Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
- Emergency financial assistance and services for impacted residents



# Recovery Support Centers cont'd

- **423** people received services at Guerneville Center
  - **651** people received services at Healdsburg Center
  - **36** people received support through virtual Recovery Support Center for North Coast Residents
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- County services
    - Human Services Department
    - Department of Health Services
    - Community Development Commission
    - Economic Development Board
  - County Employee Disaster Service Workers





# Recovery Funding

- Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Hearings: Board approved \$2M to establish Community Disaster Immediate Needs Fund
- 1/14/23: County Administrator approved \$300,000 for emergency financial assistance pilot project
- State and Federal Assistance: Determination pending



# Additional Local Assistance

- Direct assistance through County contracts with community-based organizations funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
  - Sonoma County Black Forum
  - On the Move
  - Social Advocates for Youth
  - Food for Thought
  - Farm to Pantry
  - Living Room
  - Community Support Network



# Recommended Actions

- Ratify the County Administrator's approval of \$300,000 for the pilot project to provide emergency financial assistance to residents who experienced economic losses due to the 2023 Winter Storm, and authorize the Director of the Office of Equity to determine the appropriate distribution of such funds to eligible applicants
- Should the Board decide to increase funding for the pilot project, authorize the County Administrator to fund the increase from the Community Disaster Immediate Needs Fund, which the Board established during Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget hearings, or other appropriate funding sources

