



## ***West County Flood Survivor Rapid Housing Program Summary***

West County Community Services (WCCS) will partner with flood affected residents to locate and provide temporary and/or transitional housing.

WCCS staff (a Housing Locator and a Case Manager) assigned to the Flood Survivor Rapid Housing Program will work with clients to:

- 1) **locate housing and provide limited move-in assistance** for those who cannot currently live in their damaged home (house, apartment, RV, etc). and need to relocate as a result
- 2) assist low income homeowners, particularly but not only seniors, with **mini-grants for housing repair** that will help return their units to habitability (maximum \$3,000).

The Housing Locator is skilled in identifying housing in a very tight market and interfacing with realty management and landlords regarding renting for the short or long term.

The Case Manager will help potential clients determine their eligibility, develop a budget and housing plan, and provide ongoing support and linkages to other services helpful to the clients' recovery.

Two main criteria must be met:

- 1) the client must be able to document that s/he lost housing or will soon lose housing as a result of the floods
- 2) only short-term assistance (i.e. rental deposit, first month's rent, appliance replacement) is required to bridge the client to sustained housing in the longer term.

Further details are available at <https://www.westcountyservices.org/housing-services/> or a Request for Services form can be picked up and/or filled out at the WCCS office at 16390 Main St. Guerneville, CA. The WCCS office is located directly next to the BofA ATM.

Funding is limited and the goal of the program is to assist as many qualified clients as possible who do not have the insurance or financial means to otherwise quickly recover. Support will, therefore, be limited to meeting temporary needs as individuals/families transition back to permanent housing.