



Town of Paradise
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Residential Ignition Resistant Improvement Program

The Town of Paradise is excited to announce that after many years of advocacy and planning, we are launching our Residential Ignition Resistant Improvement Program. This project is funded by Hazard Mitigation Grant funds through FEMA/CalOES and will be managed by the Town Recovery & Economic Development Department.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who is eligible for this program?

- All owners of single-family residential homes in the Town of Paradise that survived the 2018 Campfire are eligible for this program. You do not need to have owned the home at the time of the fire to be eligible. Only properties that are fully compliant with the Town Defensible Space Compliance ordinance will move forward in the program.

What exactly am I signing up for at this time?

- At this time, you are able to sign up for Phase 1 of this program. Phase 1 consists only of having your property assessed for eligible improvements. Eligible improvements will be submitted to CalOES/FEMA for full approval. After approval, you will work with Town staff and local contractors on Phase 2 of the program that will consist of completing the work.

What Improvements are eligible for the program? See the attached [Wildfire Home Retrofit Guide for more information on improvements:](#)

- Class A Roof Material Replacement
- Conversion of Open Eaves to Soffited Eaves
- Conversion of Vents to Flame/Ember Resistant
- Replace combustible siding with non-combustible
- Replace combustible skylights (plastic) with non-combustible skylights(Glass)
- Replace low fire resilient windows with higher fire resilient windows.
- Retrofit decking to decrease combustibility.
- Chimney Retrofit/flashing/screening
- Fencing - Replace combustible materials adjacent to structures.



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How long do I have to apply for the program?

- We will be accepting applications through **July 31, 2023 or until the program is full**. Applications received after the deadline or after program capacity is reached will be placed on a waiting list. After July 31, we will evaluate having another period of applications if space remains in the program.

How much will this program cost?

- The assessment phase of this project has **no cost** associated with it. The cost of the actual retrofits will be determined after eligible improvements are approved by CalOES/FEMA. This will occur in Phase 2.

How much of the improvement costs will this program cover?

- The program is limited to \$90,000 in improvements per property. The property owner is responsible for 25% of the total cost of improvements. If the full \$90,000 was utilized, the property owner would provide \$22,500 and the grant would provide \$67,500.
- Additionally, there is a maximum cap per item as shown in the table below. The property owner would be responsible for 100% of the cost above the item cap.

Improvement Item	Program Funding Cap
Class A Roof Material Replacement	\$ 25,000
Conversion of Open Eaves to Soffited Eave	\$ 15,000
Conversion of Vents to Flame/Ember Resistant	\$ 5,000
Replace combustible siding with non-combustible	\$ 35,000
Replace combustible skylights	\$ 7,500
Replace single pane windows fire resilient windows	\$ 25,000
Retrofit decking to decrease combustibility.	\$ 10,000
Chimney Retrofit/flashing/screening	\$ 5,000
Fencing - Replace combustible materials adjacent to structures	\$ 5,000



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Is there any financial assistance available to help with the 25% match requirement?

- A personal loan could be obtained by a property owner to assist in funding the 25% requirement.
- The Town of Paradise does have a “Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Assistance Program”. This is an income based program that could provide assistance for the 25% match requirement. The brochure for this program can be [found online by clicking here](#).

What does the assessment consist of?

- Town building department staff will work with you to coordinate a visit to your property, take an inventory of eligible improvements, measurements and photos of retrofits to be included in the program.

When will my property be assessed?

- Assessments will occur as properties enroll and will typically happen within a couple of weeks of an accepted application.

What if my list of eligible improvements exceeds the program limit of \$90,000?

- CalOES/FEMA will approve your property improvements based on environmental impacts and will not take costs into consideration. After approval of Phase 2, you will work directly with contractors to determine what improvements you can afford and prioritize to fit within the program limits.
- Which approved improvements are ultimately completed will be at your choosing.

When will I find out if my improvements have been approved?

- The Town will complete assessments on all properties enrolled by August in order to get all of the information to FEMA/CalOES for the final eligibility determinations. We expect to have approvals by during the Fall of 2023 so that work can begin on eligible improvements

Can I hire a contractor to complete the work assessed as eligible in Phase 1?

- Any work on eligible improvements between assessment and full approval by the Phase 2 process would be **ineligible** for reimbursement through this program. All work must wait for phase 2 approval and be coordinated through this program.

*Please direct additional questions to vjacobs@townofparadise.com
or call 530-872-6291 x162*



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Return this form in person or via mail/email:

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Property Address for Assessment: _____
Assessor's Parcel No. (APN): _____
Year of Home Construction: _____
Property Owner Name(s): _____
Property Owner Current Address: _____
Property Owner Phone Number: _____
Property Owner Email: _____

I / we, _____, certify that I am / we are the owner(s) or authorized agent of the real property located at the above address (hereinafter "Owner"). I / we hereby certify that I / we have full power and authority to execute this Improvement Program Assessment Access Form (the "Assessment Access Form") without the need for any further action, including, but not limited to, notice to or approval from any other party.

I / we hereby grant, the Town of Paradise and their officers, employees, agencies, and independent contractors (collectively, the "Government"), pursuant to this Assessment Access Form, a temporary permit upon the real property specified above by address and APN (hereafter the "Property") for the purpose of assessing property items that may be determined to be eligible for later replacement as a part of the Town of Paradise Residential Ignition Resistant Improvement Program.



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Initials of all owners required for each of the following:

Did you own the property at the time of the Camp Fire – November 8, 2018 --- YES NO

_____ If YES to ABOVE: If property was owned at the time of the fire, the Owner acknowledges that any insurance payout funds that were designated toward these program improvement items could be considered a “duplication of benefits” and may require further calculations to understand if there is any impact on the total amount of grant funds available for items.

_____ The permission granted by this Assessment Access Form shall begin upon receipt of the complete form and terminate when the Government has completed the assessment inspection process. This permit and access does not include any compensation by either party.

_____ Owner agrees that the methodology for identifying eligible improvements and the selection of the subject matter expert to assess the property for improvements eligible for later retrofit shall be at the sole discretion of the Government, and Owner expressly waives and releases any claims in that regard. Owner expressly waives his or her rights to bring proceedings in law or equity against the Government with respect to this Improvement Program.

_____ Owner hereby acknowledges that there is no cost to have property assessed for improvements potentially eligible for phase 2 construction.

_____ Owner hereby acknowledges that the Government is not liable for any claim based on the exercise or performance, or failure to exercise or perform, a discretionary function, and promises not to make such a claim. Owner further releases and agrees to hold and save harmless the Government from all liability for any damage or loss whatsoever that may occur during or after the Government’s property assessment pursuant to this Assessment Access Form. Owner therefore waives any claims or legal action against the Government relating to this Inspection Access Form.

_____ Owner hereby acknowledges that this form is limited to the visual assessment of improvements for eligibility and does not promise, guarantee or require improvements to ultimately be completed.

_____ Owner hereby acknowledges understanding that this grant requires that a maximum of 25% of all Phase 2 improvement costs to be provided by the property owner.



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_____ Owner hereby acknowledges that the Town of Paradise and FEMA/CalOES will later inform the property owner of which improvements are determined to be eligible for completion as a part of the later construction phase of the Town of Paradise Residential Ignition Resistant Improvement Program.

_____ Owner hereby acknowledges that any improvements begun or completed after assessment and before eligibility has been confirmed by the Town of Paradise and FEMA/CalOES will be ineligible for grant funding reimbursement as a part of the Town of Paradise Improvement Program.

_____ Owner hereby acknowledges that the process, methods and costs of the eventual improvement of retrofits determined to be eligible under the Town of Paradise Improvement Program will be provided after the eligibility determination made by the Town of Paradise and FEMA/CalOES.

_____ Owner hereby acknowledges understanding that compliance with the Town Defensible Space Ordinance is a pre-requisite of this program. Your property cannot be assessed until compliance is confirmed by the Town. Failure to comply could result in losing your spot in the program.

Owner signature

Owner 2 signature

Print name

Print name

Date

Date

For Town Office Use:

Date Received

2023 DEF Space Compliant?

Date Submitted for Assessment

Year Constructed