

Wildfire Damage Housing Relief

Program Overview	Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) was directed by the 78th Oregon Legislative Assembly to develop, implement and administer the Wildfire Damage Housing Relief Account Program to assist households of lower income that suffer a loss of housing due to a wildfire. View legislation here.
Eligibility Requirements	<p>A homeowner may apply for financial assistance to provide relief for damages incurred due to a wildfire.</p> <p>To qualify for program assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The loss or damage to housing must be due to a wildfire as defined by ORS 477.089. (b) The applicant must be an Oregon resident at the time of the loss or damage to housing. (c) The applicant has a previous year annual income that is at or below 75% of the Federal Poverty Level, based on household size. (d) The loss or damage to housing must have occurred in Oregon on or after July 1, 2015. (e) The home lost or damaged due to wildfire must be the household's primary residence. (f) The household must own the home that is lost or damaged due to wildfire. (g) The home that is lost or damaged due to wildfire may be a stick built home (traditional), a site built home (manufactured home, mobile home, etc.), or a recreational vehicle that is the primary residence of the applicant. (h) The home damaged by the wildfire is considered uninhabitable unless repaired or replaced. (i) To receive assistance, the household must submit an application to the department along with verification of loss, proof of ownership, and proof of income. (j) The household must apply for grant funds within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the loss of the home
Type of Program Assistance	Program assistance for damages may not exceed \$5,000 per household. Applications will be accepted until all Wildfire Damage Housing Relief Account funds are expended.
Program Delivery	<p>The application is available online here.</p> <p>After submission of the application, OHCS will notify applicants if the application is incomplete within ten (10) days. OHCS will process complete applications and payments to homeowners within thirty (30) days.</p>
For More Information	<p>Individuals with questions about the program should contact:</p> <p>Sheila Parkins, Program Analyst wildfire.relief@oregon.gov, or 503-986-2062</p>

