

FEMA Grants \$14 Million to Repair Paradise Unified School District Infrastructure

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OAKLAND, Calif. — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved nearly \$14 million to reimburse the State of California for damage to the Paradise Unified School District caused by the 2018 Camp Fire.

Funds will cover the repair and restoration of damaged or destroyed facilities at Paradise Elementary School, Ponderosa Elementary School, Paradise Intermediate School, Paradise High School, Ridgeview High School, Pine Ridge Elementary School, Pearson Center, Honey Run Academy, and the Equipment Maintenance Transportation Facility.

The \$18.7 million project will be financed by \$14 million from FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program, with non-federal sources covering the remaining \$4.7 million, to return elements of the Paradise Unified School District's infrastructure to as close to its pre-disaster condition as possible.

PA supports a community's recovery from a major disaster by providing it with financial assistance for debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures, and restoring public infrastructure. PA is a cost-sharing program that reimburses applicants at least 75 percent of eligible costs, with the remaining 25 percent covered by the state. The federal share is paid directly to the state, which disburses funds to agencies, local governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations that incurred costs.



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