

Summary of Proposed Comment on Federal Block Grant Funding Formula

This summary is presented to the PPCC Board in connection with the motion to approve the Proposed Comment on the Federal Block Funding Formula (item 11.2 on the PPCC meeting agenda for September 10, 2026).

This is the community's opportunity to weigh in on how HUD calculates disaster recovery funding allocations — and to make the case that the current formula badly understates what Pacific Palisades actually needs to rebuild.

A quick summary of what is in the proposed Comment:

- Opens with the scale of what we lost: 56% of all structures destroyed, thousands more damaged and uninhabitable, and the households still displaced 18 months later.
- Makes the core argument that HUD should measure the actual remaining gap between rebuilding costs and available resources — not just whether a household technically has insurance, FEMA eligibility, or an SBA loan offer.
- Walks through specific, documented problems: homes left standing but toxic and uninhabitable; HOAs and condo associations that can't afford to rebuild shared structures; homes destroyed and homeowners unable to rebuild because of significant rebuilding gaps; income limits that exclude households facing million-dollar rebuilding gaps; and the economic and infrastructure toll (lost jobs, lost businesses, PCH safety issues) that's separate from housing damage but just as critical.
- Responds directly to several specific questions HUD asked commenters, including whether to add a "destroyed" housing category, how to calculate mitigation funding, and whether HUD should reserve flexibility for circumstances the standard formula doesn't anticipate.
- Closes with why this matters: without this help, our community and future disaster stricken communities won't be able to fully return home.

We encourage PPCC Board members to vote Yes on the motion and approve the proposed Comment.

Thank you.

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