

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the Carmel Fire

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OAKLAND, Calif. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has authorized the use of federal funds to assist the state of California in combating the Carmel Fire burning in Monterey County.

On Aug. 18, 2020, the state of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Carmel Fire. At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 180 homes in Carmel Valley in Monterey County, CA, with mandatory evacuations taking place for approximately 300 people. The fire also threatened agricultural lands and high-voltage transmission lines around Big Sur.

The FEMA regional administrator approved the state's request on Aug. 18, 2020, as the fire threatened to become a major incident.

FMAGs provide federal funding for up to 75 percent of eligible firefighting costs. The Disaster Relief Fund provides allowances for FMAGs through FEMA to assist in fighting fires that threaten to cause major disasters. Eligible costs covered by FMAGs can include expenses for field camps, equipment use, materials, supplies and mobilization, and demobilization activities attributed to fighting the fire.

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