



Community Assistance RSF

After a disaster, communities must lead complex efforts to recover. The Community Assistance Recovery Support Function (CA-RSF) supports Tribes and localities by building relationships, providing training, and supporting efforts to plan, prioritize, and implement their recovery goals and objectives.

CA is one of six RSFs, established under the [National Disaster Recovery Framework](#) (NDRF), that support recovery efforts of states, local governments, tribes, and territories (SLTT) before, during and after disasters. The CA RSF is coordinated by FEMA and consists of a National Coordinator and team at FEMA Headquarters, Regional Coordinators in each of FEMA’s ten regions, and a cadre of staff available to deploy to disasters.

Before disasters occur, the CA team works to prepare SLTT partners to address recovery should a disaster happen. Regional CA Coordinators are primarily responsible for building awareness, engagement, and capacity for recovery management during non-disaster times. After disasters occur, CA teams can deploy to convene partners to meet the recovery needs of local or tribal governments for planning, capacity-building, and incorporating resilience.

Mission Statement

The [CA] RSF unifies and coordinates expertise and assistance programs from across the Federal Government as well as nongovernment partners to aid local and tribal governments in building their local capabilities to effectively plan for and manage recovery and engage the whole community in the recovery planning process.
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Examples of CA Support Include:

| Before a Disaster | After a Disaster |
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| Partnership Development – Identification, connection, and coordination with national, state, local and regional partners who can assist CA in its mission. | Just-in-Time Training – Hosts training series offered to local staff and leadership that provides critical information about disaster processes and planning & capacity considerations. |
| Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning – Encourages and supports efforts of states, tribes, and territories to develop pre-disaster recovery plans to guide post-disaster recovery efforts and build recovery capabilities. | Community Engagement and Partnership Development – Provides advice and support to communities to engage all stakeholders to support equitable and inclusive recovery. |
| Building CA Awareness, Engagement and Capacity – Engages states, tribes, and territories with partner support to describe CA program support and offerings. | Recovery Planning Technical Assistance – Works with impacted communities and CA partners to provide planning technical assistance and identify potential funding sources for identified recovery projects. |
| Planning Tools, Data Assessment, Guidance – Development of tools and materials to assist CA’s mission e.g. Community Recovery Management Toolkit. | Management Capacity – With partners, works with impacted community leaders to identify management needs and resources. |

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