



LOUISVILLE REBUILDS

Marshall Fire Recovery Update — July 2023

As our community continues to recover from the Marshall Fire and Straight Line Wind Event, the City is prioritizing efforts to mitigate risk and build resiliency for future disasters. Below is a summary of where we're at on the road to recovery and what our priorities and resources are as we work to create a better prepared, more resilient community.

REBUILDING THE HOMES & BUSINESSES WE LOST

- ▶ **566** properties participated in coordinated private property debris removal in Louisville, Superior, and Boulder County with work completed within 4 months
- ▶ Over **60%** of [rebuilding permits](#) have now been issued
- ▶ A majority of homes are being rebuilt to higher energy-efficiency standards (approx. **66%** in Louisville)

BY THE NUMBERS: THE FINANCIAL IMPACT

- ▶ Total estimated loss of **\$2 billion** across Louisville, Superior, and Boulder County
- ▶ Coordinated private property debris removal estimated at **\$30 million** with Louisville's share at **\$13.5 million**
- ▶ City repairs estimated at **\$10 million**
 - ▶ **\$4 million** in damage to buildings & infrastructure
 - ▶ **\$6 million** in damage to concrete & asphalt
- ▶ City business income loss estimated at **\$1.9 million**
- ▶ **\$3.7 million** in FEMA public assistance approved
- ▶ **\$2.7 million** in City insurance proceeds approved
- ▶ City has processed **\$4 million** through the Use Tax Credit Program

BY THE NUMBERS: PUBLIC RESOURCES ALLOCATED

State of Colorado Disaster Preparedness & Recovery Resources ([Senate Bill 22-206](#)):

- ▶ **\$12 million** for rebuilding home loans & wind/wildfire protection loans
- ▶ **\$12 million** for housing rehabilitation/reconstruction, rental assistance, and wind and wildfire protection
- ▶ **\$6 million** for housing recovery
- ▶ **\$500K** for infrastructure mitigation and **\$600K** for resiliency planning to be split between Louisville, Superior, and Boulder County

[Boulder County Funding:](#)

- ▶ **\$11 million** from Ballot Measure 1A (Wildfire Mitigation) approved at November 8, 2022 general election

DISASTER MITIGATION: BUILDING A MORE RESILIENT LOUISVILLE

- ▶ Applying to FEMA for **\$4 million** to install and upgrade generators at critical facilities
- ▶ Awarded **\$90,000** from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to hire a Recovery & Resilience Manager
- ▶ Awarded **\$290,000** from Colorado State Forest Service for fuels reduction treatment on public land and development of mitigation program
- ▶ Completed **additional mowing** on City-owned land and **regenerative grazing** and ditch clearing to reduce wildfire fuels is in process
- ▶ Development of **Wildfire Risk Assessment** to examine risks of City-owned land and opportunities for mitigation is underway
- ▶ Updated Louisville [Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) and actions to reduce future risk
- ▶ Update to Boulder [Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#) (CWPP) is in process

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: LEARNING AND IMPROVING

- ▶ City is developing an **Emergency Improvement Plan** to enhance planning and operations for future disasters
- ▶ The ongoing [Disaster Education & Outreach Series](#) is designed to help mitigate risk and build resiliency across our community
- ▶ Completed [emergency alert system upgrades](#) including development of pre-determined zones and communications to encourage sign-up
- ▶ City participated in **First Responder Community Emergency Summit** to discuss lessons learned from the Marshall Fire
- ▶ City participated in [Boulder County After Action Report](#) and [subsequent updates](#) to review lessons learned and action steps for improvement
- ▶ City participated in [State Facilitated Learning Analysis](#) to learn about fire behavior during the Marshall Fire and the response
- ▶ City participated with Urban Land Institute (ULI) on an [Advisory Service Panel](#) to explore Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) **best practices and recommendations**

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

As our community continues to recover from this trauma, **please remember** how important it is to recognize your emotional needs and take care of yourself and those around you.

Researchers have found that it can take 24 to 60 months for a community to move through the phases of disaster response. The healing journey is a unique experience, and one that each person processes differently.

Individual and Family Counseling

Jewish Family Service (JFS) and Community Foundation Boulder County (CFBC) have partnered to offer counseling services to Boulder County residents affected by the Marshall Fire. The program offers impacted individuals or families ten free counseling sessions. Visit JewishFamilyService.org/bcc.

Recorded Programs & Other Resources

Over the past 16 months, JFS and CFBC have partnered with Louisville, Superior, Boulder County and organizations like the Lyda Hill Institute for Human Resilience to present various events, including the Community Pause Town Hall and programs like Understanding Personal and Collective Impacts of Traumatic Losses and Understanding Disaster Stress. To view recordings of these programs, or to explore other mental health resources for those affected by the Marshall Fire, visit JewishFamilyService.org/Marshall-Fire-Resources.

More than **550** households & individuals have registered for the Boulder County Crisis Counseling Program through Jewish Family Service.