



Creating Strategies for Flood Preparedness Leak-Free Sacramento

This program is one of 12 featured in our Creating Strategies for Flood Preparedness profile series. The flood assistance/preparedness programs highlighted in this series represent state and local efforts across the country to make homes and communities flood resilient and to aid in recovery efforts after flooding events. When possible, each program's background information, funding, impact, eligibility, services, and challenges/lessons learned are summarized in the series. These examples can be used as models for other states and local agencies as they consider local possibilities to develop, fund, and implement their own programs.



Program Background. Based in Sacramento, California, **Leak-Free Sacramento**'s three primary goals include (1) promoting leak awareness and water and energy efficiency, (2) assisting eligible homeowners with water and energy costs, and (3) improving the community. The program also assists eligible homeowners with making necessary water-efficient home repairs at no cost.



Funding. The program initially received a \$2.5 million grant from the California State Department of Water Resources in 2016. In 2018, Leak-Free Sacramento was restarted and updated using funds from Sacramento's water revenue.



Impact. Leak-Free Sacramento currently spends \$150,000 per year on leak repairs, saving 23 million gallons of water and 23,000 kilowatts per hour (kwh) in the process. From 2016-2017, Leak-Free Sacramento served 297 clients. In 2021, the program saved over 61 million gallons of water.



Program Eligibility. Participants in the Leak-Free Sacramento program must live within one of the city-designated **disadvantaged communities**. Participants must (1) be owners of single-family residences where they are utilities customers, (2) currently participate in **Sacramento Utility Rate Assistance (SURA)** program or be income-eligible for the SURA program, (3) need leak detection, repair, or replacement services due to irregular water usage, and (4) must be identified as the homeowner.



Program Services. Leak-Free Sacramento offers leak repairs and installation of water-efficient products inside and outside the home with no cost to the homeowner. Services are provided by plumbers who are contracted by Leak-Free Sacramento. Homes must be habitable and hazard-free for Leak-Free Sacramento to provide services to eligible homeowners.



Challenges and Lessons Learned. The implementation of this program may reduce customers' water bills and save water and energy costs.

For additional information about Leak-Free Sacramento, contact leakfree@cityofsacramento.org, visit the [City of Sacramento Free Leak Assistance](#) website, or view the [program application](#).

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