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COUNTY PARTNERS AWARDED \$50,000 IN AT&T COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GRANTS

The County of Santa Cruz, in partnership with local community organizations, is strengthening emergency preparedness and communications through two AT&T Community Resilience Grants totaling \$50,000. The grants focus on improving access to timely, clear, and reliable information for residents.

These grants support nonprofit organizations that work directly with residents who face language, geographic, and technology barriers during emergencies.

A \$20,000 grant was awarded to the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County to expand multilingual emergency preparedness education in South County, with a focus on Spanish and Mixtec-speaking residents in the Pajaro River watershed – an area frequently affected by flooding and severe weather.

A second grant totaling \$30,000 was awarded to the Santa Cruz County Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) to strengthen communications in rural and mountain communities. The project includes distributing NOAA weather and Multi-Use Radio Service radios, along with training for residents who experience frequent power and internet outages. The LTRG project is being implemented in partnership with OR3, the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, and the Fire Safe Council of Santa Cruz County. Grant funds are awarded directly to nonprofit partners and do not require County matching funds or local expenditures.

Santa Cruz County thanks AT&T and its community partners for their commitment to building a safer, more connected, and more resilient community.

For more information about emergency preparedness resources, visit [Santa Cruz County Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience](#).