

## Action

*Support existing community networks and connections led by and/or geared towards populations vulnerable to extreme weather events, including people who are elderly, homebound, disabled, isolated, or those likely to need financial assistance. (HS 3-1)*

## Introduction

Supporting community networks for populations vulnerable to extreme weather is a Health & Safety action for climate resilience. It supports the Climate Action Plan's strategy to ensure that emergency services and healthcare facilities are prepared for the impacts of climate change.

## Cost

Staff would have to estimate time commitment or cost for contracted services.

## Work Sequence

- A. Identify existing support networks.
- B. Interview leaders about what support they need.
- C. Research support (such as communication tools) for them to use.
- D. Assist with outreach to increase network size.

## Target audience

Elderly, homebound, disabled, isolated, or those likely to need financial assistance.

## Lead

Planning Dept.

## Support

County Health & Human Services

## Complementary Actions

- I. Adapt public facilities and develop new ones to serve as **resiliency hubs** (community centers that can provide resources before, during, and after climate disasters and emergencies) following the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) guidance. (HS 1-12)
- II. Support the creation of call trees and block networks to check on neighbors during/after extreme weather events, particularly when they involve grid disruption. (HS 3-4)
- III. Collaborate to form and maintain a public health and climate change working group, with a focus on networks for community support, adaptation, and education. (HS 3-5)
- IV. Ensure redundancy in telecommunications and broadband networks to protect commerce and public safety in the event of natural or manmade disasters. (E 3-4)