

Carolina Cruz, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services housing program coordinator, added that affordability also is an issue.

"We also need units that are low-income and affordable housing," she said. "The populations we serve, most of them are not going to be able to afford the units that are [currently] being built."

**As the recovery effort continues,** Butte County will be able to take advantage of federal disaster relief: HUD approved \$491.8 million for California communities for the 2018 wildfires through the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program.

The TAC, which helped the CoC implement its first streamlined application process this year (see "Up for grabs," Newsline, May 30), also will help it review and revise its governance charter next month. LiBaire said TAC also plans to help providers improve the coordinated entry process for folks they serve to best utilize the housing supply and services that are available and avoid long wait-lists.

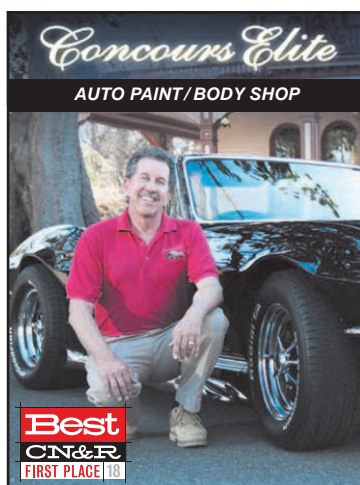
Since her work in Butte County began, LiBaire has witnessed service providers working together to make sure "everyone is able to recover and that people don't continue living on the street," she said.

This is what she saw and participated in with service providers in New Orleans. LiBaire got choked up when she reflected on her time administering housing vouchers to people who qualified for Louisiana's permanent supportive housing program. More than one-third of those it served were homeless before moving in, she said.

"As awful as [a] disaster is, there's opportunity to rebuild ... [what] was never there before," she said. "You can take this infusion of millions of dollars, sometimes billions, and really make something that is long-term and sustainable and actually makes ... the community more resilient."

"There's great opportunities for the [Butte] CoC to partner with the state and to be a driver of what happens within the county [post-Camp Fire]."

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