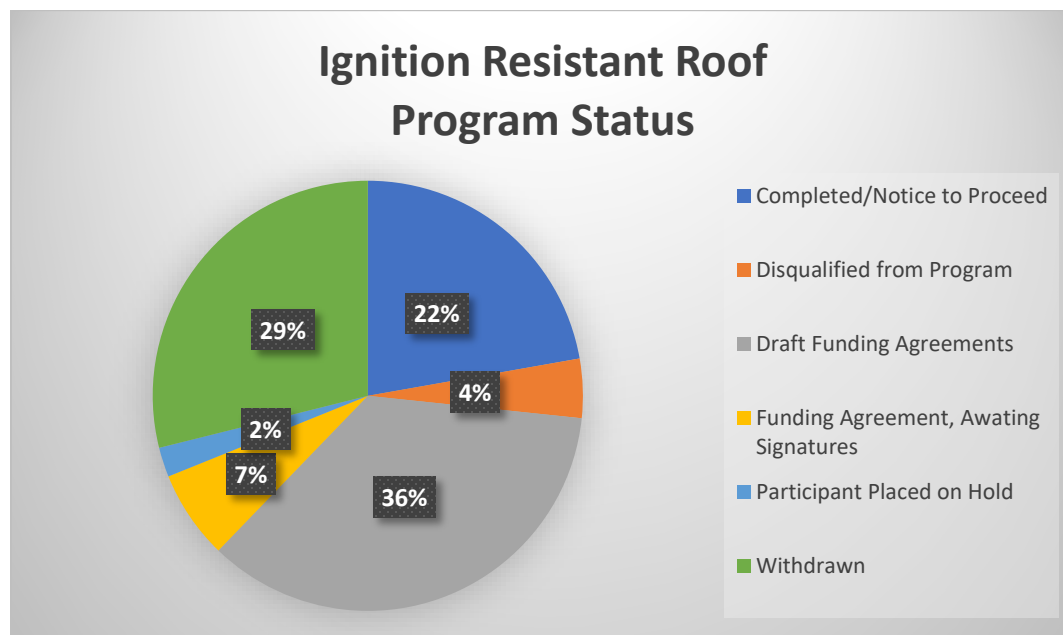


Ignition Resistant Grant

Staff have been diligent with communicating with program participants and contractors making at minimum weekly or biweekly contact. As of September 30, 2024 staff are working closely with 20 active program participants.

As of September 30, 2024, the program has seen seven projects completed with reimbursements issued, one (1) project has been completed and are in the process of reimbursement, two projects have been given notice to proceed, three projects with updated funding agreements ready for signature, 16 projects have funding agreements prepared (pending updated construction bids), one participant has placed their project on hold, 13 projects have voluntarily withdrawn, and two projects that are ineligible. Of the 13 participants who withdrawn from the program, the majority of them needed their roof replaced immediately or found cheaper ways to replace their roof outside the program.



BRIC 2022 Mendocino County Community Wildfire Resilience Project

The County received notification of approval for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Project totaling \$50 million over two phases. The wildfire mitigation project involves approximately 750 residential home retrofits using ignition-resistant construction materials and defensible space establishment, and approximately 1,520 acres of hazardous fuels reduction, including grazing to build community resiliency to future wildfire events in the Brooktrails/Sherwood Corridor, targeted fuels reduction around City of Willits water treatment plant, a target of 300 of grazing for fuels reduction, and five (5) acres of invasive species removal.

The Mendocino County Community Wildfire Resilience Project will be completed in two Phases:

Phase I - August 2024 to December 2025:

The County received notification of award for the BRIC Grant for Phase 1 in the amount of \$2.4 million from FEMA and \$1 million in matching funds from CalOES Prepare CA Match grant scoping project to design a future Phase II of home hardening and fuels management which includes, coordination with key partners, procurement and contracting with consultants, vendors and experts, LIDAR mapping of the area, public outreach and education, desktop screening of homes for fire hardening and possible subsidies, public meetings, determination of fuels treatment methods, site inspections, paperwork and investigations for CEQA analysis.

County staff completed the Kickoff meeting with CalOES and are in the planning stage of Phase 1. Staff have conducted internal team meetings, started the development of a communications plan, developing procedures, and preparing to issue Request for Proposal's (RFP's) for key contractors to be involved in Phase 1.

Phase II update – Upon Completion of Phase 1 the County anticipates receiving an award for the remaining \$50 million to complete Phase 2 of the BRIC 2022 Mendocino County Community Wildfire Resilience Project. Phase 2 of the Mendocino County Community Wildfire Resilience Project will consist of procurement for Contractors to complete invasive species reduction activities; 1,500 acres of fuels reduction by fuels crews or mechanical means; 300 acres of grazing fuels reduction; and home hardening activities on 750 homes.