

## Northeastern Area Seeks Applications for Two Funding Opportunities

### FY 2019 Cohesive Fire Strategy Request for Applications

[Toward Shared Stewardship Across Landscapes: An Outcome-Based Investment Strategy](#) is part of a conceptual framework for making strategic investments to co-manage wildfire risk and achieve positive outcomes at the most appropriate scale. Within this framework, the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (NA S&PF) Cohesive Fire Strategy Competitive Request for Applications is designed to support and carry out the goals of the [National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy](#) (NCS) across the Midwestern and Northeastern States as well as meet the intent of the current year budget direction. These national goals include:

1. **Restore and Maintain Landscapes:** Landscapes across all jurisdictions are resilient to fire-related disturbances in accordance with management objectives.
2. **Create Fire Adapted Communities:** Human populations and infrastructure can withstand a wildfire without loss of life and property.
3. **Improve Wildfire Response:** All jurisdictions participate in making and implementing safe, effective, efficient risk-based wildfire management decisions.

Regional options identified in the [Northeast Regional Action Plan](#) help to ensure that funds from this competitive grant process are used to address the national goals. Applications will be accepted that clearly identify the reduction of wildfire risk and/or improve wildfire response in coordination with their respective State's Forest Action Plan and meet one or more of the nine Northeast Regional Action Plan options.

The grant is comprised of two separate components: Wildfire Risk Reduction (WRR) and Wildfire Response (WR). Each component will use the same application and ranking criteria but will address different NCS goals and have different requirements. WRR applications will address Goals 1 and 2. WR applications will address Goal 3. Every application will contain a separate proposal for either WRR or WR.

**Application deadline:** December 21, 2018. Apply through [Grants.gov](#). Search for Opportunity Number USDA-FS-2019-WRR-WR. View more information on this [Northeastern Area grants website](#).

### FY 2019 U.S. Forest Service Wood Innovations Program

The purpose of the Wood Innovations Program grants is to substantially expand and accelerate wood energy markets and wood products markets throughout the United States to support forest management needs on National Forest System and other forest lands.

This Request for Proposals focuses on the following priorities to:

1. Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forest lands.
2. Reduce costs of forest management on all land types.
3. Promote economic and environmental health of communities.

The intent of this Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity is to stimulate, expand, and support wood products markets and wood energy markets. Interested parties can view this [map](#) to see which States currently have Statewide Wood Energy Teams and are eligible to apply.

**Application deadline:** January 23, 2019. View more information on this [Northeastern Area grants website](#).