FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNDING

Cal OES: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Post-Fire
Deadline: NOI due November 15th, 2024
Amount: $11 million total available
Match: 25% (can be in-kind contributions)
Eligibility: Local governments, including counties, cities, special districts, and tribal governments in eligible counties: San Bernardino, Butte, Riverside, Mariposa, Tehama, Kern, Los Angeles, and Lake. The project must align with one of the following categories:

- Wildfire Mitigation
- Infrastructure Retrofit
- Soil and Slope Stabilization
- Post-Fire Flood Prevention

The risk (e.g., wildfire risk) must be identified in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), though the specific project does not need to be listed. Projects in declared counties are prioritized, and a high level of project design is encouraged to ensure quick start after FEMA approval.
Link: Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
Purpose: The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Post-Fire program provides funding to mitigate risks after a wildfire disaster, specifically targeting areas vulnerable to erosion, flooding, and future fires. Eligible projects include wildfire mitigation, retrofitting of infrastructure to withstand future disasters, and stabilizing soil and slopes to prevent post-fire floods and landslides. The aim is to enhance community resilience and prevent future damage from disasters.

FEMA: AFG-Assistance to Firefighters grant
Deadline: December 20th, 2024 at 5pm
Amount: Varies
Eligibility: Fire departments operating in any of the 50 states
Match: Yes, but exceptions if you meet a certain req.
https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/assistance-grants/documents
Fire safety grants fund critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel, enhance efficiencies and support community resilience.

Firehouse Subs: Public Safety Foundation
Deadline: Quarter 2 2025: Thursday, January 9, 2025
Amount: $15,000 to $25,000
Match: No
Eligibility: Public safety organizations, such as fire departments, law enforcement agencies, first responders, EMS organizations, nonprofit organizations and schools
http://grants.firehousesubs.com/
The mission of the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is to impact the life-saving capabilities and the lives of local heroes and their communities. Support for public safety organizations in the communities served by Firehouse Subs restaurants across the country. Foundation's areas of interest include:

Life-Saving Equipment The focus is on providing first responders with equipment to improve their life-saving capabilities.
Disaster Relief The focus is on aiding and resources after natural and man-made disasters such as fire, tornadoes, hurricanes, etc.
Prevention Education The focus is on prevention educational tools to the public about the importance of fire safety, public safety, and natural disaster preparedness in order to prevent disasters in the home and community.
Military and Local Heroes The focus is on organizations that benefit men and women of the military who have served their country in any of the branches of the United States Uniformed Services.
Scholarships and Continued Education The focus is on providing financial resources to accredited organizations to assist individuals pursuing a career in the public safety sector.

California Fire Foundation: 2024 Statewide Grant Cycle
Deadline: June 30, 2025
Amount: $25,000
Eligibility: California-based fire departments, local firefighter associations, federally-recognized tribes, and nonprofit community organizations
URL: https://www.cafirefoundation.org/what-we-do/for-grant-seekers/funding-opportunities?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=0a5bc418-fc9b-4809-a724-f28a155cfadd
Summary: Applicants whose projects focus on wildfire and other climate-related prevention and preparedness efforts are eligible to receive up to $25K, with requests outside this range will be considered on an as-needed basis.
2024 Funding Focus Areas:

- Vegetation Mitigation & Fuels Reduction
- Education, Planning, and/or Community Outreach Campaigns
- Personal Protective Equipment or Specialized Firefighting Equipment

Brothers Helping Brothers
Deadline: Ongoing
Amount: Varies. Award examples vary between $500 and $13,000
Eligibility: Fire departments and EMS organizations serving a population of less than 10,000 and less than 30 employees with majority as volunteer or paid call
https://www.brothershelpingbrothers.org/
https://www.brothershelpingbrothers.org/grant-request/
Brothers Helping Brothers helps small and rural fire departments throughout the U.S. with equipment needs by donating vital life-saving tools. Equipment grants as well as used equipment donations are provided.

Marathon Petroleum Foundation
Deadline: Ongoing
Amount: Not specified
Match: No
Eligibility: Nonprofits, federal, state or local government entity in communities where company has significant presence
https://www.marathonpetroleum.com/Sustainability/Community-Investment/
Marathon provides funding for projects in the following categories:
• Environmental conservation and
• Public safety

Firefighters Charitable Foundation
Deadline: Continuous
Amount: Varies
Match: None
Eligibility: Grants are given to assist local fire/disaster victims, fire prevention education, volunteer fire department equipment purchase, and community safety programs
https://www.ffcf.org/fire-departments
Assists fire and disaster victims; and supports

Volunteer Fire Departments. Grants offered for the following needs/programs: AED (Automatic External Defibrillator); Fire Department Equipment Program; Community Smoke Detector Program; and the Juvenile Fire-setter Prevention and Intervention Program.

Leary Firefighters Foundation: Jeremiah Lucey Grant Program
Deadline: August 15, annually (LOI)
Amount: $2,500 to $25,000
Match: No
Eligibility: Paid and volunteer fire departments
https://learyfirefighters.org/grant/
The Leary Firefighters Foundation is dedicated to enhancing fire departments across the United States. Through the Jeremiah Lucey Grant Program, the Foundation provides funding to paid and volunteer fire departments throughout the country in the following areas: training to enhance the professional development of departments; equipment, so that fire departments are outfitted with the best possible equipment to help keep firefighters and the communities they serve safe; and technology, to ensure that fire departments update along with technological advances.

County Coordinator Grant Opportunity
Deadline: est 2024
Amount: Up to 21 counties will receive a one-time, 18 month grant of $175,000.
Match: No
Eligibility: The 2022 Statewide County Coordinator Grant Program application is intended for the remaining counties who did not receive funding as part of the 2021-2022 Northern or Southern Region County Coordinator Grant Program. Please reference the map above for current County Coordinator projects. To apply, counties must be the starting point and invested in the scope and goals of the project. However, counties may choose to direct the application process and funds to the non-profit or public agency that they feel are best equipped to execute the project. Local fire mitigation groups are not eligible to apply unless their county designates them as the primary applicant and provides a letter of support. Only one application per county will be accepted.
https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/2022-county-coordinator-grant-opportunity-statewide/
The County Coordinator Grant Program is part of a larger effort by the California Fire Safe Council and our partners to develop local and regional capacity and coordination to encourage collaboration between all fire mitigation and emergency preparedness groups, as well as government agencies and stakeholders. Each County Coordinator will serve as a conduit of information and resources and provide active coordination and outreach efforts within their county.

CalFIRE: Rural Fire Capacity (RFC) Grant:
Deadline: TBD, coming out in March 2024
Amount: $500 to $20,000
Match: 50%
Federally-funded grant program that allows California to provide local and rural fire departments with minor firefighting, training, communications and safety equipment for their volunteer firefighters. The RFC Program is not intended for major equipment (fire engines, vehicles, etc) or Capital repairs. The RFC Program has a 50/50 match requirement which means that the applying department must be able to meet the intended grant award, dollar for dollar. Awards for departments are set at a minimum of $500 with a maximum of $20,000. Amounts may be adjusted based on the grant funding available.
Link: https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/rural-fire-capacity/#:~:text=The%20Rural%20Fire%202 0 Capacity%20(RFC,equipment%20for%20the%20 volunteer%20 firefighters

CNRA: Community Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation
Deadline: 2024 (est.)
Amount: up to $500,000
Match: No

https://resources.ca.gov/Initiatives/Community-Wildfire-Prevention-and-Mitigation
As part of the State of California's effort to strengthen community-wide resilience against wildfires, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has partnered with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to develop a state home hardening initiative to retrofit, harden, and create defensible space for homes at high risk to wildfires, focusing on high socially-vulnerability communities and providing financial assistance for low- and moderate-income households. Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 38 in 2019 authorizing Cal OES and CAL FIRE to enter into a joint powers agreement to oversee the development and implementation of the Program.
Known as the Home Hardening Program, this effort encourages cost-effective wildfire resilience measures to create fire-resistant homes, businesses, public buildings, and public spaces. Mitigation measures such as home hardening, vegetation management, defensible space, and other fuel modification activities provide neighborhood or community-wide benefits against wildfire.

FEMA: Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program
Deadline: TBD; coming soon!
Amount: Around $500,000
Match: None
https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/regional-catastrophic#nofos
The Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System. RCPGP supports the building of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation by providing resources to close known capability gaps in Housing and Logistics and Supply Chain Management, encouraging innovative regional solutions to issues related to catastrophic incidents, and building on existing regional efforts.

USDA: Urban and Community Forestry Grant

Deadline: June 2024 (est.)

Amount: The minimum Federal funding amount for projects is $100,000. The maximum Federal funding limit is $50,000,000.

Match: 50%, but can be waived if a severely disadvantaged community

https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf

California Consulting's Podcast about this grant:

https://open.spotify.com/episode/2YF7nJ60A3PfUzGbbJH6zg?si=7e97ab0584e24df7

Inflation Reduction Action of 2022, Public Law No: 117-169. Subtitle D, Sec. 23003 (a). State and Private Forestry Conservation Programs, (2) Urban and Community Forestry (2022-2031) to provide multiyear, programmatic, competitive grants for tree planting and related activities, with a priority for projects that benefit underserved populations and areas through the Urban and Community Forestry Assistance program established under section 9(c) of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act Of 1978

USDA: Community Wildfire Defense
Deadline: October 2024 (est.)
Amount: The maximum amount of Federal funding awarded to any one community or Tribe via this competitive process is:

- $250,000 for the creation or updating of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
- $10 million for a project described within a Community Wildfire Protection Plan less than 10 years old.
- For planning purposes, the total Federal funding available through the CWDG competitive process could be up to $250 million for this second round.

Eligibility: Entities eligible to apply for *at-risk* communities for funding under the CWDG include:

- Units of local governments representing communities located in an area with a risk of wildfires,
- Indian Tribes (please apply through either the Indian Tribes/Alaska Native Corporations specific notice or the applicable regional notice),
- Non-profit organizations including homeowner associations that assist such communities,

- State forestry agencies (including U.S. territories and interests), and
- Alaska Native Corporations (please apply through either the Indian Tribes/Alaska Native Corporations specific notice or the applicable regional notice).

Match: Yes
https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/grants
This program, which was authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, prioritizes at-risk communities in an area identified as having high or very high wildfire hazard potential, are low-income, or have been impacted by a severe disaster that affects the risk of wildfire. More details on these three priorities can be found in the Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) below.
The program provides funding to communities for two primary purposes:

- Develop and revise Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP).
- Implement projects described in a Community Wildfire Protection Plan that is less than ten years old.

The Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program also helps communities in the wildland urban interface (WUI) implement the three goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy.
Restore and Maintain Landscapes: Landscapes across all jurisdictions are resilient to fire-related disturbances, in accordance with management objectives.
Create Fire Adapted Communities: Human populations and infrastructure can better withstand a wildfire without loss of life and property.
Improve Wildfire Response: All jurisdictions participate in making and implementing safe, effective, efficient risk-based wildfire management decisions.
****Priority to disadvantaged communities**

FM Global:Fire Prevention Grant Program
Deadline: Currently restructuring their grant program, stay tuned
Amount: $2,500
Match: No
Eligibility: Governmental unit or nonprofit
https://www.fmglobal.com/about-us/our-business/corporate-responsibility/fm-global-fire-prevention-grant-program
Through its Fire Prevention Grant Program, FM Global supports organizations in the United States working to combat fire. Fire departments and brigades, as well as national, state, regional, local, and community organizations can apply for funding to support a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness, and control efforts, including pre-incident planning, fire prevention education and
training, and arson prevention or fire investigation.

Coalitions and Collaboratives Inc. (COCO): Implementation and Mitigation (AIM) Program
Deadline: February 2025
Amount: $10,000 to $75,000
Match: Yes - 1:1
Eligibility: Fire departments, conservation districts, regional/local collaborative efforts, Fire Safe and/or Wildfire Councils, nonprofits in partnership with local/state/private entities, cities, counties and tribal governments
URL: https://co-co.org/get-involved/grants/aim-grant/
Summary: Program goal is to accelerate fire adaptation concepts and reduce the risk from wildfire across the U.S. by increasing capacity and on-the-ground work. COCO hopes to increase community resilience, restore fire-adapted ecosystems and create safer conditions for residents and firefighters. This funding opportunity is open to organizations working to advance wildfire risk reduction. Program funds organizations across the country with a focus on programs and projects that increase communities' ability to overcome barriers to successful community wildfire mitigation, multiply the efforts, achieve quantifiable outcomes, support equitable and inclusive community wildfire mitigation programs across the fence, and support place-based solutions.

CalFIRE: Wildfire Resilience and Forestry Assistance Grant
Deadline: February 2025
Amount: Up to $7 million may be awarded through this grant solicitation for projects addressing Action Items 1.11, 1.13 and 1.14. The minimum grant request should be no less than $1 million. The maximum allowable is

$3 million. Up to $1 million may be awarded through this grant solicitation for projects addressing Action Item. 1.10. The minimum grant request should be no less than $500,000.
Eligibility: Applicants submitting projects addressing action items 1.11, 1.13 and 1.14 are limited to Resource Conservation Districts (RCD's) and special districts capable of acting as lead agency for CEQA projects. These applicants must demonstrate they have the capacity to deliver a forestry based technical and financial assistance program to non-industrial forest landowners. Applicants submitting projects addressing action items 1.10 are limited counties, resource conservation districts, special districts, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.
Match: Varies based on Action Item (See Guidelines)
https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/wildfire-resilience
The purpose of the block grant is to allow prospective grantees the ability to provide a program of financial and technical forestry assistance to nonindustrial forest landowners, where the grantee serves as the supervising entity, receives the grant from CAL FIRE and then provides outreach and/or technical/financial assistance to landowners so they can conduct forest restoration or management activities on their property. CAL FIRE's Wildfire Resilience team seeks to maintain and enhance the resilience of California's small non-industrial private forestland owners to promote healthy resilient forests throughout the state by supporting a diverse set of projects designed to interact with landowners. Depending on the grant objectives, grants can prove the following:

- Funding of forest improvement practices including but not limited to tree and brush thinning, tree release, pruning, site preparation and tree planting, follow up work to support tree growth, and/or slash disposal.
- Technical assistance

This program remains dependent on special funds.

CA FireSafe Council: State Fire Capacity (SFC) Grant
Deadline: March 2025
Amount: $100,000
Match: 1:1
Eligibility: Resource Conservation Districts, Municipalities: Towns and Cities and Counties, Joint-Powers Authorities, Special Districts, et al.
https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/2023-2024-sfc-grant-program/
Background: Funding is provided through a master grant awarded to CFSC by the U.S. Forest Service and is administered through CFSC's Grants Clearinghouse program. Up to $1,575,000 will be awarded. CFSC will issue sub-awards to successful applicants that support fire risk reduction activities by landowners and residents in at-risk communities to restore and maintain resilient landscapes and create fire-adapted communities. Overview of the grant program, application process, and workshop details will be posted on the CFSC website soon.
Projects may focus on one or more of these categories:
• Fuel Hazard Mitigation on non-federal land, such as chipping, thinning, grazing, herbicide application, and mastication.
• Community Hazard Mitigation Planning such as Community Wildfire Protection Plans, Firewise assessments, hazard assessments, and similar types of plans.
• Prevention and Mitigation Education such as outreach, mailings, workshops, events, public service announcements, and other education programs.

FEMA: Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)
Deadline: April 12, 2024, 5 pm EDT
Amount: No minimum or maximum amounts. $360 million for the entire program.
Match: No
Eligibility: Fire departments
Program URL: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safer
Summary: The SAFER Program provides funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to assist in increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate fire protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments. The objectives of the SAFER Program are to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities to respond to emergencies and ensure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. Local fire departments

accomplish this by improving staffing and deployment capabilities, so they may more effectively and safely respond to emergencies. With enhanced staffing levels, recipients should experience a reduction in response times and an increase in the number of trained personnel assembled at the incident scene.

Eligibility Criteria

Hiring Activity

The Hiring Activity offers grants to support applications to hire new, additional firefighters (or to change the status of part-time or paid-on-call firefighters to full-time firefighters), rehire laid off firefighters, or to retain firefighters facing layoff. National, regional, state, local, tribal, and nonprofit interest organizations representing the interests of volunteer firefighters are not eligible to receive a SAFER Program award under the Hiring Activity

R&R Activity

The R&R Activity offers grants to support applications to assist fire departments with the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters who are involved with or trained in the operations of firefighting and emergency response. Career fire departments are not eligible to apply for funding under the R&R Activity.

FEMA: Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S)

Deadline: April 12, 2024
Amount: Up to $1.5 million
Match: Yes - 5%
Eligibility: Fire departments, nonprofits, research foundations, public safety institutes, public health, occupational health, and injury prevention institutions
Program URL: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safety-awards
Summary: The FP&S Program provides financial assistance for fire prevention programs and firefighter health and safety research and development such as clinical studies that address behavioral, social science, and cultural research.

The funding categories for FP&S are:

1. Community Risk Reduction;
2. Wildfire Risk Reduction;
3. Code Enforcement/Awareness;
4. Fire & Arson Investigation; and
5. National/State/Regional Programs and Projects.

The funding categories for R&D are:

1. Clinical Studies;
2. Technology and Product Development;
3. Database System Development;
4. Preliminary Studies; and,
5. Early Career Investigator.

FP&S Activities

The FP&S Activity is designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards. The five project categories eligible for funding under this activity are:

1. Community Risk Reduction;
2. Wildfire Risk Reduction;
3. Code Enforcement/Awareness;
4. Fire & Arson Investigation; and
5. National/State/Regional Programs and Projects.

R&D Activities

The R&D Activity is aimed at improving firefighter safety, health, or well-being through research and development that reduces firefighter fatalities and injuries. The five project categories eligible for funding under this activity are:

1. Clinical Studies;
2.Technology and Product Development;
3. Database System Development;
4. Preliminary Studies; and,
5. Early Career Investigator.

CalFIRE: Urban and Community Forestry Grant
Deadline: May 2025
Amount: $150,000 to $1.5M (or up to $3M if the project is regional)
Match: No
https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/urban-and-community-forestry-grants
The Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program strives to increase the long-term benefits trees provide, improve the public's understanding and appreciation of urban trees, and advance urban forest management and tree care. Projects MUST serve disadvantaged and/or low-income communities.