



FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNDING

CalFIRE: Wildfire Resilience and Forestry Assistance Grant

Deadline: February 26, 2024, 5:00 p.m. PST.

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.

AFG-Assistance to Firefighters grant

Deadline: Open Jan. 29 through March 8, 2024

Amount: Varies

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.

CAL FIRE: Business and Workforce Development

Deadline: March 8, 2024 (11:59pm)

Amount: \$20,000,000 Total Available; Number and Amount of Each Award Varies

Match: Match requirement varies depending on project type. Business development projects between \$10,000-\$500,000 require a 100% match. Business development projects between \$500,000-\$2,000,000 require a 200% match. Workforce development proposals less than \$500,000 do not require match. Workforce development proposals between \$500,000-\$5,000,000 require a 10% match.

Eligibility: Business, Individual, Nonprofit, Other Legal Entity, Public Agency, Tribal Government (Statewide)

<https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/cal-fire-business-and-workforce-development/>

CAL FIRE's Wood Products and Bioenergy team seeks to maintain and enhance the wood products infrastructure of California to promote healthy resilient forests throughout the state by supporting a diverse set of business development and workforce development projects. CAL FIRE's Wood Products and Bioenergy team seeks to maintain and enhance the wood products infrastructure of California to promote healthy resilient forests throughout the state by supporting a diverse set of business development and workforce development projects.

2023/24 State Fire Capacity (SFC) Grant

Applications Open: February 1, 2024

Deadline: March 15, 2024 11:59 PM PST

<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.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Rural Emergency Medical Services Training

Deadlines: FY 2024: Applications are due by May 1, 2024 FY 2025: Applications are due by May 1, 2025

Amount: Up to \$200,000

Match: Yes

Eligibility: Rural emergency medical service agencies operated by a local or tribal government (fire-based and non-fire based) and rural non-profit emergency medical service agencies

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-23-011>

The purpose of this program is to recruit and train EMS personnel in rural areas with a particular focus on addressing substance use disorders (SUD) and co-occurring disorders (COD) substance use and mental disorders. Recipients will be expected to train EMS personnel on SUD and COD, trauma-informed, recovery-based care for people with such disorders in emergency situations and, as appropriate, to maintain licenses and certifications relevant to serve in an EMS agency.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation

Deadlines: Grant Portal Opens the following dates for each quarter:

- Quarter 3 2024: Thursday, April 4, 2024
- Quarter 4 2024: Thursday, July 11, 2024
- Quarter 1 2025: Thursday, October 10, 2024

Amount: \$15,000 to \$25,000

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.

Leary Firefighters Foundation: Jeremiah Lucey Grant Program

Deadline: August 15, annually (LOI)

Amount: \$2,500 to \$25,000

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.

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/>

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

Eligibility: Nonprofits, federal, state or local government entity in communities where company has significant presence

<https://www.marathonpetroleum.com/Sustainability/Creating-Shared-Value-and-Opportunity/Marathon-Petroleum-Foundation/>

Marathon provides funding for projects in the following categories:

- Environmental conservation and
- Public safety

Firefighters Charitable Foundation

Deadline: Continuous

Amount: Varies

Match: None

<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.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

County Coordinator Grant Opportunity

Deadline: est 2024

Amount: Up to 21 counties will receive a one-time, 18 month grant of \$175,000.

<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.

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%20>

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Fire Prevention and Safety

Deadline: March 2024 (est.)

Amount: Max \$1.5 Million

Match: Not Required

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safety-awards>

The Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) and support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations. In 2005, Congress reauthorized funding for FP&S and expanded the eligible uses of funds to include Firefighter Safety Research and Development.

Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

Deadline: Spring 2024 (est.)

Amount: \$1.2M

Match: No

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safer/documents>

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities.

The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the NFPA (NFPA 1710 and/or NFPA 1720). For details, review the National Fire Protection Association's codes and standards.

CA Fire Foundation

Deadline: June 2024 (est.)

Amount: \$25,000

Match: No

<https://www.cafirefoundation.org/what-we-do/for-grant-seekers/funding-opportunities>

California-based fire departments, firefighter associations, federally-recognized tribes, and local nonprofit organizations encouraged to apply! In this upcoming cycle, funding priority will be given to those applicants whose climate-driven wildfire and other disaster prevention or preparedness projects serve under-resourced communities at heightened wildfire risk or traditionally vulnerable populations.

Up to \$25K available for each eligible project. In response to feedback and the needs of communities, the Foundation is excited to be able to offer larger awards in this cycle. Thanks to the generosity of our major funding partners, we anticipate funding impactful projects with extended reach -- projects that actively protect and enhance the public's safety and the safety of California's fire service first responders via:

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

Community Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation

Deadline: 2024 (est.)

Amount: up to \$500,000

<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.

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 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.

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

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.