



FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNDING

-Popular Opportunities/Estimated Deadline

Cal OES: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Deadline: NOI accepted on a rolling basis, funding renewed tbd

Amount: Project max is unspecified. \$150,000 for single jurisdiction plan, \$250,000 for multi-jurisdiction plan.

Match: Generally, HMA funds may be used to pay up to 75% of the eligible activity costs. The remaining 25% of eligible activity costs are derived from non-Federal sources

Eligibility: States, local communities and tribal governments

<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/recovery/disaster-mitigation-technical-support/404-hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

Funding Priorities:

- Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMP) updates that will expire within 24 months.
- All other LHMP updates.
- Shovel ready projects with a high level of design that can begin construction within 90 days of FEMA approval, in declared counties.
- Shovel ready projects with a high level of design that can begin constructions within 90 days of FEMA approval, in all other counties.
- Whole community risk reduction/large critical infrastructure wildfire projects.
- Whole community risk reduction/large critical infrastructure projects for other hazard types.
- Wildfire projects in any county.
- All hazard type projects in any county.
- Planning related activities.
- Five percent (5%) Initiative projects.

CalFire: Wildfire Prevention Grants

Deadline: August 6th, 2025

Amount: The recommended funding amount is \$3 million or less. Project equipment not to exceed a cumulative total of \$750,000.

Match: Not required, but encouraged

Link: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/wildfire-prevention-grants>

The CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention (WP) Grants Program provides competitive funding to reduce the risk of wildfires and increase the resiliency of California's communities. Up to \$135 million in FY25–26 funding is available from both California Climate Investments (CCI) and Proposition 4 bond funds. Projects must focus on **Hazardous Fuels Reduction, Wildfire Prevention Planning, or Wildfire Prevention Education**.

Priority is given to projects benefiting disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged communities, reducing GHG emissions, maintaining existing fuels reduction projects, or increasing home/community hardening. All applicants must demonstrate project readiness and the capacity to complete the work on time and within budget. CEQA/NEPA compliance must be met within 12 months of grant execution.

Eligible Activities:

- Hazardous fuels reduction (e.g., vegetation clearing, fuel breaks, tree thinning, prescribed grazing)
- Wildfire prevention planning (e.g., CWPPs, evacuation plans)

- Wildfire prevention education and outreach

Firehouse Subs LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT Grant

Deadline: Quarter 1 2026: Thursday, October 9, 2025

Amount: \$15,000 to \$40,000

Match: No

Link: <https://grants.firehousesubs.com/>

The primary focus of the Life-Saving Equipment Grant revolves around providing first responders with the appropriate, quality much-needed equipment and technology to improve their life-saving capabilities. This includes, but is not limited to: License plate readers, Body cameras, Building exhaust removal systems, Crash data boxes; Dash Cams; Drones and drone accessories; Guns/Firearms/Use of Force equipment (e.g., riot gear, laser pointers/designators, tasers); Cardiac Science Powerheart G3 AEDs & Philips FR3 AEDs; Recording devices; Radar detectors; Traffic road barriers; Throw bots; Portable message signs; Narcan/TruNar analyzers; Shop sticks; Power load stretchers; and Security/Surveillance equipment.

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.

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.

CalFIRE: Urban and Community Forestry Grant

Deadline: TBD 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.

USDA: Urban and Community Forestry Grant

Deadline: TBD June 2025

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 Act 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

FEMA: Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program

Deadline: TBD July 2025

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.

CNRA: Community Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation

Deadline: TBD July 2025

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.

Cal OES: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Post-Fire

Deadline: TBD November 2025

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: TBD December 2025

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.

CalFIRE: Wildfire Resilience and Forestry Assistance Grant

Deadline: TBD February 2026

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.

USDA: Community Wildfire Defense

Deadline: TBD March 2026

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**

CalFIRE: Rural Fire Capacity (RFC) Grant:

Deadline: TBD March 2026

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%20Capacity%20\(RFC,equipment%20for%20the%20volunteer%20firefighters](https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/rural-fire-capacity/#:~:text=The%20Rural%20Fire%20Capacity%20(RFC,equipment%20for%20the%20volunteer%20firefighters)

CA FireSafe Council: State Fire Capacity (SFC) Grant

Deadline: TBD March 2026

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)

Estimated Deadline: Spring 2026

Amount: No minimum or maximum amounts. \$360 million for the entire program.

Match: 25%

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)

Estimated Deadline: Spring 2026

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.

California Fire Foundation: Statewide Grant Cycle

Estimated Deadline: Summer 2026

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

FM Global: Fire Prevention Grant Program

Deadline: TBD

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.