



# National Fire Plan - Pacific Northwest Interagency Grant Opportunity Summaries - May 2005



FS/BLM/NFWS/NPS/BIA COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE & ECONOMIC ACTION PROGRAMS	FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAMS	VOLUNTEER AND RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE	STATE FIRE ASSISTANCE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANTS	ENERGY TRUST GRANTS
<p><b>Grant Description:</b> Wildland Urban Interface Fuels Projects, Fuels Utilization and Marketing, Wildland Urban Interface Education and Prevention Projects, Community Planning for Fire Prevention.</p> <p><b>Funds to be used for:</b> Community based fire planning, hazardous fuels reduction, increase utilization of small diameter wood and other material created by fuels treatments, wildland urban interface fire prevention and education efforts.</p> <p><b>Who can apply:</b> Counties, cities, federal, state, and local government agencies, federally recognized tribes, universities, colleges, and state chartered non-profit organizations.</p> <p><b>Applications due:</b> March</p> <p><b>Match:</b> Fuels Utilization and Marketing projects require a 20% match of money or in-kind services. Partnerships and fund sharing between agencies is encouraged.</p> <p><b>How to Apply:</b> <a href="http://www.nwfireplan.gov">www.nwfireplan.gov</a></p> <p><b>Other Cooperative programs:</b> Rural community Assistance, Rural development</p>	<p><b>Grant Description:</b> For Fire Departments nationwide "to provide for the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards and to provide assistance for fire related programs."</p> <p><b>Funds to be used for:</b> Fire prevention programs focused on children, firefighting equipment, personal protective equipment, training, firefighting vehicles, wellness and fitness, and fire based EMS.</p> <p><b>Who can apply:</b> Recognized local fire departments.</p> <p><b>Applications:</b> March</p> <p><b>Match:</b> Fire departments serving with populations of under 50,000 are only required to provide a 10% (in-kind) match.</p> <p><b>How to Apply:</b> <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/grants/afgp/">http://www.usfa.fema.gov/grants/afgp/</a> To receive newsletter information: <a href="http://www.firegrantsupport.com/Newsletter/subscription/subscribe.aspx">http://www.firegrantsupport.com/Newsletter/subscription/subscribe.aspx</a></p>	<p><b>Grant Description:</b> Financial assistance for Volunteer and Rural Fire Departments.</p> <p><b>Funds to be used for:</b> Organization, training, equipment, prevention, or planning purposes to improve fire protection in the district.</p> <p><b>Who can apply:</b> Rural Fire Departments that do not serve an incorporated city with a population over 10,000.</p> <p><b>Match requirements:</b> VFA – 50% money or in-kind. RFA – 10% match money or in-kind.</p> <p><b>Grant Administration:</b> Oregon Department of Forestry</p> <p><b>Applications:</b> February</p> <p><b>How to Apply:</b> Mary Helen Smith, Oregon Department of Forestry, (503) 945-7341 <a href="mailto:msmith@odf.state.or.us">msmith@odf.state.or.us</a></p>	<p><b>Grant Description:</b> A competitive grant process among the 17 western state and Pacific Island territories.</p> <p><b>Funds to be used for:</b> Improve prevention through outreach and education programs, reduce hazardous fuels, restore fire-adapted ecosystems, promote community assistance.</p> <p><b>Who can apply:</b> State Forestry. State Forestry may sponsor other participants.</p> <p><b>Applications:</b> Fall</p> <p><b>Examples of successful projects:</b> Firewise Communities Workshops, hazardous fuels reduction projects around homes in the interface, education and interpretation programs at the High Desert Museum.</p> <p><b>Online Details:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sfa_grants/sfa_grants.html">www.fs.fed.us/r4/sfa_grants/sfa_grants.html</a></p>	<p><b>Incentive Type:</b> BioMass State Grant Program</p> <p><b>Funds to be used for:</b> This program is designed to support renewable energy projects that do not already have an established incentive program developed and launched by the Energy Trust of Oregon. Projects will generally be awarded in the areas of small wind, solar photovoltaics, biomass, biogas, small hydro, and geothermal electric.</p> <p><b>Who Can apply:</b> Commercial, Industrial, Residential, General Public/Consumer, Nonprofit, Schools, Local Government, State Government, Agricultural.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Peter West The Energy Trust of Oregon 733 SW Oak Street, Suite 200 Portland, OR 97205 Phone: (503) 493-8888 Fax: (503) 546-6862 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:info@energytrust.org">info@energytrust.org</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.energytrust.org">http://www.energytrust.org</a></p>

## SECURE RURAL SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000 (PAYMENT TO COUNTIES)

- To stabilize payments to counties for schools, roads and other county services that supplement other available funds;
- To make additional investments in projects that enhance forest ecosystems; and
- To improve cooperative relationships among the people that use and care for federal lands and the agencies that manage them.

**Title I Projects** - The law states that counties will use 80-85% of their lump sum payment for schools and roads.

**Title II and Title III Projects** - The rest of the funds (15-20% of payment) will be used for what the law calls "Title II or Title III projects." Counties will choose how they want to distribute funds. They may choose all Title II or all Title III or some combination of both.

**Title II Projects** - Title II projects can occur both on or off federally managed lands, but in some way they must benefit resources on Federal lands. The legislation states at least 50 percent of all Title II funds should be used for road maintenance and watershed restoration projects. The categories for Title II projects listed in the legislation are:

- Road maintenance & decommissioning
- Stream & watershed restoration
- Land health & water quality (**Prioritized vegetation treatment fuels reduction projects identified in a Community Wildfire Protection Plan**)
- Forest ecosystem stewardship
- Control of noxious or exotic weeds
- Maintaining infrastructure (including trails)
- Other projects including fish & wildlife habitat and restoring native species

Projects are submitted to Resource Advisory Committees (RACs) who recommend which projects should be funded to the appropriate federal line officer. Applicants must work with appropriate federal agencies, state and local governments, private and nonprofit entities, and landowners where the project will take place.

**Timeframe:** April 1 **Application Form:** [http://www.notes.fs.fed.us:81/r4/payments\\_to\\_states.nsf](http://www.notes.fs.fed.us:81/r4/payments_to_states.nsf)

**Title III** - These projects are submitted directly to County Commissioners for the county in which the project is taking place. Anyone can submit projects, but only very specific projects will be considered. Those are:

- Search, Rescue, and Emergency Services
- Community Service Work Camps
- Forest Related Educational Opportunities
- County Easement Purchases (*for recreation or conservation purposes*)
- Fire Prevention and County Wildfire Planning (**Community Wildfire Protection Plans**)
- Urban and Community Forestry

Application forms can be obtained from <http://oregon.gov/ODF/FIRE/FirePlans.shtml>

If county commissioners approve the project, they will advertise it for a 45-day comment period and notify the appropriate Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) of their decision. Title III projects do not require RAC approval.