



Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG)

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CWDG

\$1 Billion in funding nationwide

5-year program

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law included language to ensure the program prioritizes communities that have:

- a high or very high wildfire hazard potential
- are low income
- have been impacted by a severe disaster

The new program will also help communities in the wildland urban interface meet the three goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy to **maintain resilient landscapes, create fire-adapted communities** and improve wildfire response.



Eligibility - local governments, Indian Tribes, state forestry agencies, HOA's, Alaska Native Corporations and other non-profit organizations that are **at risk of wildfire**

Applicable Project	CWPP development or revision	CWPP Project Implementation
Eligibility	<p>Not applicable for CWPP's that are less than 5 years old</p> <p>Roofing Ordinance (½ of available funding)</p>	<p>Activities must be identified within a CWPP not more than 10 years old</p> <p>Roofing Ordinance (½ of available funding)</p>
Max Grant Award	\$250,000	\$10,000,000
Cost-Share Match	10% (non federal funds)	25% (non federal funds)
Match Waiver	Underserved communities	Underserved communities
Timeline for Completion	Within 5 years	Within 5 years



The background of the slide is a photograph of a lush green forest covering a hillside. The trees are dense and appear to be a mix of deciduous and coniferous species. The sky above is a clear, vibrant blue. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with some light flare visible in the upper right corner.

Eligible Lands

Eligible applicants may apply for grant funding for a project proposal to be conducted on lands with the following ownership types, provided the project proposal directly reduces wildfire risk to a community:

- a. Private lands,
- b. Local governments,
- c. Homeowner associations,
- d. State government, and
- e. Tribal/Alaska native corporation (includes Trust lands).

Related Content

Wildland Fire -Homepage

Grants.gov Website

Announcement of the
Community Wildfire Defense
Grants

Managing the Land

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Management

Natural Resources

Private Land

Recreation Management

Sustainability and Climate

Urban Forests

Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program



News and Announcements

The Forest Service is now accepting applications for the second round of funding under the Community Wildfire Defense Grant program.

- [Press Kit](#)
- March 2023 [Funded Projects](#)
- **News Release:** [USDA announces new round of investments in wildfire protection through Community Wildfire Defense Grants](#)

About the Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program

The Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program, or CWDG, is intended to help at-risk local communities and Tribes; plan



CWDG Office Hours

An opportunity for applicants to ask questions about the Community Wildfire Defense Grant program. These **office hours will be available every other Wednesday**, starting on August 30, 2023, and the last one on October 25, 2023.

Questions can be asked about the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), the application, the portal, and/or anything along the process. Applicants may join any of the virtual office hour Zoom meetings at any time during the scheduled sessions, through the following links:

- **August 30:** From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Eastern); or from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Mountain). [Must Register in Advance to Attend Webinar.](#)
- **September 13:** From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Eastern); or from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (Mountain). [Must Register in Advance to Attend Webinar.](#)
- **September 27:** From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Eastern); or from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Mountain). [Must Register in Advance to Attend Webinar.](#)
- **October 11:** From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Eastern); or from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (Mountain). [Must Register in Advance to Attend Webinar.](#)
- **October 25:** From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Eastern); or from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Mountain). [Must Register in Advance to Attend Webinar.](#)

Applicant Webinars:

Applicant Webinars for CWDG Round 2 have been scheduled as follows. The application process in Round 2 is the same for all applicants (versus Round 1 where there were different processes for different regions), and any applicant in any region, area, or Tribe may attend any webinar, they will all have the same content, however, the August 10 Webinar will be more focused on Tribal applications and Q&A.

To attend a webinar, please register in advance by clicking on the link following each date:

- [August 4, webinar recording is now available](#), (2:03:36)
- [August 9, webinar recording is now available](#), (2:02:45)
- [August 10, webinar recording is now available](#), (1:38:34)
- [August 15, webinar recording is now available](#), (2:02:29)

Webinar recordings will be made available soon after the webinars for those unable to attend one of the live offerings, check back on this website for more information.

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Print Synopsis Details

General Information

Document Type: Grants Notice	Version: Synopsis 5
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Opportunity Category Explanation:	Current Closing Date for Applications: Oct 31, 2023
Funding Instrument Type: Grant	Archive Date: Nov 04, 2023
Category of Funding Activity: Disaster Prevention and Relief Natural Resources	Estimated Total Program Funding: \$250,000,000
Category Explanation:	Award Ceiling: \$10,000,000
Expected Number of Awards: 500	Award Floor: \$0

Pre-Award Guide for Applicants

USDA Forest Service
[Office of Grants & Agreements](#)
[Access Storefront](#)

[COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANT \(CWDG\)](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:
[USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-CWSF](#)
[USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-TBIBS](#)
[USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-SRSE](#)
[USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-NEMW](#)

This guide addresses high level and routine components of a grant application. It does not replace requirements outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity or Detailed Instructions required for any funding opportunity. The guide targets new or infrequent applicants to the USDA Forest Service but is available to all applicants for use. For general assistance or inquiries on the CWDG funding opportunity, contact Access Storefront at access@usda.gov.

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USDA Forest Service State, Private and Tribal Forestry Fiscal Year 2023 Community Wildfire Defense Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity Instructions West

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Overview and Submission Dates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023

- Applications are being requested for the FY 2023 Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG).
- This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is for projects that will be carried out within the footprint of the Western States and Territories (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Territory of American Samoa, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Territory of Guam, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands). For Tribes and other regions of the United States, please see appropriate NOFO for specific instructions.
- Search for the following grant Opportunity Number in grants.gov and follow the included instructions:
USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-CWSF
- SUBMIT ALL APPLICATIONS BY 11:59 pm, EASTERN TIME ZONE, October 31, 2023

Purpose of the Community Wildfire Defense Grant

The purpose of the Community Wildfire Defense Grant is to assist at-risk local communities and Indian Tribes with planning for and mitigating against the risk created by wildfire. This program is authorized in Public Law 117-58, "An Act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes," commonly referred to as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Specifically, the CWDG

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<https://www.grants.gov/>

Search "CWDG"



Fire

Fire > Fire prevention

Fire prevention

Private Forest Accord

Senate Bill 762

About ODF

Board & committees

FIRE

Information & statistics

Restrictions & closures

Wildfire risk

Fire investigations

Burning & smoke management

Fire prevention

Fire danger & weather

Help after a wildfire

Firefighting ground resources

Firefighting aviation resources

Forestland classification

Forest benefits

Recreation

Forest resources

Prevention at home, work, and play

Oregon Department of Forestry's mission to protect, manage and promote stewardship of our forests begins with fire prevention. Make fire prevention a priority in your life by following rules and regulations and being good stewards of the land. Stay up-to-date with fire restrictions by visiting our [fire restrictions map](#). Browse the rest of our site below for additional fire prevention and safety tips whether you're at home, at work, or play. Let's [Keep Oregon Green](#) for this generation and generations to come.



Outdoor recreation +

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Partners

Firewise US Program

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Oregon Department of Space

Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

Contact

Fire Prevention Program

Email

Facebook: Fire prevention



CWDG 2023 Resource Links

[USDA Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Grant 2023 Western States - Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Eligibility

[Community Wildfire Defense Grant \(CWDG\) Dashboard Tool](#)

- This Dashboard can be used to help:
 - Identify eligible "at-risk communities"
 - Gives GIS coordinates of area
 - Identify if areas are listed as low income, have been impacted by a severe disaster or have high or very high wildfire hazard potential. If the tool does not list the category as a "yes", click on the "more information" tab to learn more.
 - Identify areas that qualify as "underserved" and that can request a cost-share waiver, also known as match waiver

Additional Application Resources

[USDA Forest Service – Community Wildfire Defense Grants program page](#)
[CWDG Program Fact Sheet - Oregon](#)
[Pre-Award Guide CWDG 2023](#)
[2023 CWDG FAQs](#)
[Examples of previous CWDG high and low score application responses](#)
[GIS Instructions for application](#)
[2023 CWDG Forest Service informational webinar recording for applicants](#)
[CWDG 2022 applications with scoring remarks](#)

Oregon Forest Action Plan
National Cohesive Wildfire Strategy
President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 2 – Grants & Agreements
Sam.gov
Entity Registration Checklist

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Resources (CWPP)

[Oregon Department of Forestry – CWPP](#)
[Preparing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan: A handbook for Wildland-Urban Interface Communities: "Healthy Forest Handbook"](#)
[Community Guide to Preparing and Implementing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#)
[Community Wildfire Protection Plan Evaluation Guide](#)

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Community Wildfire Defense Grants

Find eligibility and scoring information for your community.



Which community, county, or tribal area?

Have questions about this Dashboard?

[See our FAQ](#)

The CWDG Dashboard supports the goals of the program described in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and can be used to help:

- Identify eligible "at-risk communities"
- Prioritize places that:
 - are "low income"
 - have "been impacted by a severe disaster"
 - have "high or very high wildfire hazard potential"
- Identify places that qualify as "underserved" and that can request a cost-share waiver.



How to use the

Community Wildfire Defense Grants Tool



Official U.S. Government Website
100% Free

The Official U.S. Government System for:

Contract Opportunities

Contract Data

(Reports ONLY from fpds.gov)

Wage Determinations

Federal Hierarchy

Departments and Subtiers

Assistance Listings

Entity Information

Entities, Disaster Response Registry,
Exclusions, and Responsibility/
Qualification (was fapiis.gov)

Entity Reporting

SCR and Bio-Preferred Reporting

Register Your Entity or Get a Unique Entity ID

Register your entity or get a Unique Entity ID to get started doing business with the federal government.

Get Started

Renew Entity

Check Entity Status

Already know what you want to find?

Select Domain...

e.g. 1606N020Q02



Announcements

Entity Validation Review Time

Entity validation review time will depend on whether we can make a match from your original document submission, or if we need to request additional documentation. Most entities find a match immediately, but in some cases additional documentation and a manual review is required. The average ...

Refine Your Search Results with the New Search Editor

If you use Simple Search in SAM.gov today, you can continue to search as you normally do. Simple Search will remain the default. If you know how to use Boolean search phrases (advanced formulas used with special terms along with keywords), you can now use them with the new search editor in the SAM.gov ...

Updated FAR Language and Socio-Economic Categories for Small Business

As of June 23, 2023, users can go into their registration in SAM.gov and select from the most recent socio-economic categories.

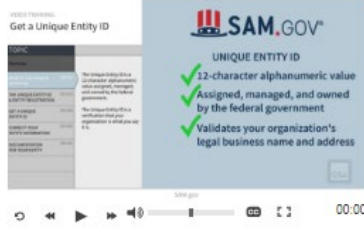
Changes to the Purpose of Registration (POR) Page in SAM.gov

Effective May 26, 2023, SAM.gov has updated the way you select your purpose of registration. When you start a new entity registration or update an existing registration, you will now be asked two questions to help determine how you want to use your SAM.gov. For additional details please click

Small business joint ventures, WOSBs, and HUBZone small business concerns

Are you a small business joint venture, service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) joint venture, a Women-Owned Small Business/Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business concern eligible under the WOSB Program, or a Historically Underutilized Business Zone small business? This announcement is for you

Have Questions about SAM.gov?



Video: How to get a Unique Entity ID

Frequently Asked Questions

- Do I need a user account?
- What's the difference between signing up and registering?
- What if I already have a login.gov account?
- What do I need to register my entity?

Sam.gov

ENTITY REGISTRATION



Register your entity in SAM.gov to bid or apply *directly* for federal awards

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ENTITY REGISTRATION



Unique Entity ID
Assertions
Representations & Certifications
Other Business Information

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Note: SAM registration is free. If you are being asked to pay a fee to register your entity with SAM, then you are on a 3rd party website. Go to SAM.gov to register directly.



Entity Registration Checklist

Prepare for Entity Registration in SAM.gov



SAM.gov is an official website of the United States government. SAM.gov is FREE to use. There is no charge to get a Unique Entity ID, register your entity, and maintain your entity registration at SAM.gov.

What can you do with this guide?

The questionnaires and checklists here will help you gather the information you need and prepare to answer the questions in your entity registration.



All Awards registration allows you to bid on contracts and other procurements, as well as apply for financial assistance. Look for the icon on the left to submit an All Awards registration.

[Jump to All Awards entity registration questionnaires and checklists](#)



Financial Assistance Awards Only registration allows you to apply for financial assistance, or grants and loans, only. Look for the icon on the left to submit a Financial Assistance Only registration.

[Jump to Financial Assistance Awards Only entity registration questionnaires and checklists](#)

For All Awards registrations, prepare these sections:	For Financial Assistance Awards Only registrations, prepare these sections:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unique Entity ID• Core Data• Assertions• Reps & Certs• Architect and Engineering Responses• Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS) questionnaire (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unique Entity ID• Core Data• Reps & Certs• Points of Contact (POCs)

[Entity Registration Checklist for sam.gov](#)

Match

- 10% or 25% of **total project cost**
- Direction for CWDG, they cover 75% of the total project cost

The slide is titled "Calculating Match" and features a sidebar menu on the left with five items: "Determining required amount", "50/50", "75/25", "80/20", and "Formulas". The "Formulas" item is highlighted in orange. The main content area contains the following text:

Formulas

Using these two simple formulas will enable anyone to properly calculate the total award and recipient match, regardless of the sponsor contribution amount or match ratio.

Total Award = $\frac{\text{Sponsor Contribution \$}}{\text{Sponsor Contribution \%}}$

Recipient Match = Total Award – Sponsor Contribution

At the bottom of the slide, there is a small logo for "Grants Program Training Series" and a larger logo for "OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY" featuring a star and a tree.

Match

9	Applicant Budget				
		Grant Funds Requested	Match		Total Project Cost
			Applicant	Non-Federal Contributors	
	Personnel/Labor:				\$ 0.00
	Fringe Benefits:				\$ 0.00
	Travel:				\$ 0.00
	Equipment:				\$ 0.00
	Supplies:				\$ 0.00
	Contractual:				\$ 0.00
	Other:				\$ 0.00
Indirect Costs:				\$ 0.00	
TOTAL:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	

75/25: How much is the total award?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Total Award} &= \text{sponsor contribution \$} \\
 &\quad \text{sponsor contribution \%} \\
 &= \frac{\$100,000}{75\%} \\
 &= \$133,333
 \end{aligned}$$

75/25: How much is the recipient match?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Recipient Match} &= \text{Total Award} - \text{Sponsor} \\
 &\quad \text{Contribution} \\
 &= \$133,333 - \$100,000 \\
 &= \$33,333
 \end{aligned}$$



- Code of Federal Regulations Title 2 Part 200.306 and Subpart E for Cost Principles <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-D/section-200.306>

Indirect Costs

Key Info:

- Refer to your NICRA for contractual guidelines
- Zero indirect on Equipment purchases (per 2CFR200).
- If no NICRA, default to the 10% De Minimis

Direct Costs	Indirect Costs
If the cost can be identified specifically with a particular cost objective such as a grant, contract, project, function, or activity, then it is a direct cost	Costs of an organization that cannot readily be assigned to a particular project but are necessary to the operation of the organization and the performance of the project
Examples: raw material, direct labor, fuel	Examples: operating and maintaining facilities, depreciation, and administrative salaries
Highly variable mainly due to market factors	Relatively stable
Direct costs affect the products/services prices, and are thus calculated per project or per item	Indirect costs affect the whole business and are thus calculated monthly or annually



The terms of Indirect Costs are generally spelled out in Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations (2CFR200)

[eCFR :: 2 CFR 200.414 -- Indirect \(F&A\) costs.](#)

If applying for a project

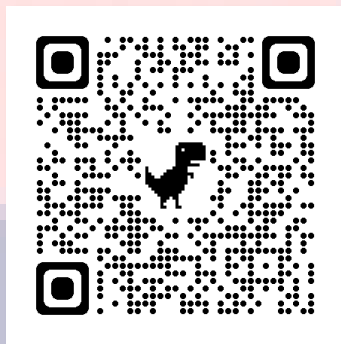
Link the project to your CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan)

→ Be specific and descriptive showing tie to your CWPP

→ Also provide link to online version of CWPP with page number, table, etc. How can scorer easily find this info?

→ County CWPPs and additional information can be found here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/Pages/CWPP.aspx>



A screenshot of the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) website. The top navigation bar is green with white text for 'OREGON.GOV', 'Home', 'About ODF', 'Get involved', 'Board & committees', 'Programs', 'Permits', 'Publications', 'Reports', and 'News'. Below this is a banner image of a forest with the word 'Fire' in white. The main content area is titled 'Community Wildfire Protection Plan'. On the left is a sidebar menu with links: 'Private Forest Accord', 'Senate Bill 762', 'About ODF', 'Board & committees', 'FIRE' (expanded to show 'Information & statistics', 'Restrictions & closures', 'Wildfire risk', 'Fire investigations', 'Burning & smoke management', 'Fire prevention', 'Fire danger & weather', 'Help after a wildfire', 'Firefighting ground resources', 'Firefighting aviation resources', 'Forestland classification', 'Forest benefits', 'Recreation', and 'Forest resources'), 'Forest benefits', 'Recreation', and 'Forest resources'. The main content area has a paragraph about CWPPs, a 'Resources' section with links to 'National Cohesive Wildfire Strategy' and 'Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer', a 'Contact' section with contact info for Christie Shaw, and a 'Plan information' section with expandable boxes for 'Overview', 'Creating a CWPP', and 'Resources'. At the bottom, it lists 'Community Wildfire Protection Plan' for various counties: Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, and Coos.



2023 Update - Community Wildfire Protection Plan



Douglas County is updating its Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). We need your input on wildfire risks and hazards that affect your home and community. Provide your opinion on strategies to reduce risks.

A CWPP is a plan developed collaboratively that identifies wildland fire hazards, prioritizes measures to reduce those hazards and recommends ways for homeowners and communities to reduce ignitability of structures in areas of the County identified as wildland urban interface (WUI).

As part of the CWPP update, Douglas County Planning has collaborate with homeowners, fire departments, state and local officials, and other agencies to address the specific needs of our community, inform decision-makers, and guide interventions that protect life, property and infrastructure from wildfire.

CWPP Adopted

- [Action Plan Addendum Exhibit A](#)
- [Addendum Signed Board Order](#)
- [Chapter 1 - Douglas County \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chapter 2 - Action Plan - Draft](#)
- [Chapter 2 - North County \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chapter 3 - North Umpqua \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chapter 4 - Roseburg West \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chapter 5 - South County \(PDF\)](#)

2023 CWPP For Review & Pending Adoption

CWPP update / creation

→ How will you maintain/update the CWPP going forward?

→ Consider creating separate chapters for different areas in your county to address specific concerns and capture necessary details at the community level.

→ Consider process efficiencies & the resources needed to make future updates.

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Examples of CWPP Proposals	
Eligible Projects	Ineligible Projects
Creation of a CWPP or development of a wildfire section for a hazard mitigation plan.	Creation and/or update of Forest Stewardship Plans.
Update of an existing CWPP/hazard mitigation plan (existing plan must be over five (5) years old).	



Examples of Planning Projects	
Eligible Projects	Ineligible Projects
Contract support to assist a community with developing building codes, zoning ordinances or land use planning.	GIS and database systems unless they support a CWPP, wildfire risk reduction planning or fuels mitigation initiative or project .
Direct staff funding support to assist a community with developing building codes, zoning ordinances or land use planning.	Small business start-up funding.
Tabletop or functional exercises to test effectiveness of community wildfire planning.	Research and development projects.
Plan and address public health and safety effects of smoke and mitigation from wildfire and projects that use prescribed fire ("Smoke Ready" efforts).	Economic development projects.
Direct staff support for community wildfire mitigation leadership/coordination.	
Training in the use of proven effective mitigation practices, such as the Forest Service's mitigation best practices.	
Direct staff support to assist in creation of a local or regional mitigation partnership.	



Wildfire Prevention/Education/Outreach	
Eligible	Ineligible
Firewise USA® or similar programs outreach to communities and property owners.	Printing of paper-based materials without an organized outreach/education program.
Fire education presentation such as Project Learning Tree.	
Property inspections and/or assessments.	
Training to conduct property inspections and/or assessments.	
Implementation of WUI Structure / Parcel / Community Fire Hazard Mitigation Methodology (HMM) for community hazard reduction.	
Adoption, implementation, enforcement, and training of National Fire Protection Association, International Code Council, or similar codes.	
Training for Traditional Ecological Knowledge of fire, Cultural Burning, Identification and protection of culturally significant plants, sacred site protection.	



Examples of Hazardous Fuels Reduction/ Restoration Projects	
Eligible	Ineligible
Defensible space around homes, businesses, and other structures.	Capital improvements including construction/infrastructure (building remodel, bridges, road construction, water development).
Development, creation, and/or maintenance of fuel breaks and fire breaks, including shaded fuel breaks.	Home hardening, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roof upgrades or replacements. • Fire resistant siding. • Metal gutters and vents.
Fuels reduction beyond defensible space adjacent to at-risk communities.	Fire suppression training (unless course is a requirement for prescribed fire qualifications).
Removal of standing woody vegetation by cutting, piling and burning.	Fire suppression equipment and apparatus.
Removal of standing woody vegetation by cutting and chipping.	Drones.
Removal of standing woody vegetation using a mechanical mulcher or masticator type equipment mounted on mobile equipment.	
Reduction of hazardous fuels through the application of prescribed fire.	
Vegetation management (pruning, mowing, chemical treatment, grazing), including rights-of-ways for roads.	
Maintenance of fuels projects. Up to two (2) maintenance treatment allowed per project during the grant term.	
Monitoring components of projects for effectiveness (must have established baseline).	
Prescribed fire training, including training on smoke management associated with prescribed fires.	
Design and installation of dry hydrants and cisterns.	
Purchase of mechanical equipment that meets, or does not exceed the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brush/woodchippers that are towable or mountable to a skid steer, compact track loader or tractor with a maximum chipping capacity of no more than 15 inches. • Self-propelled forestry mulchers up to a maximum 200 	

Eligible	Ineligible
<p>horsepower.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry mulcher attachments designed for skid steers, compact track loaders, excavators, or crawler dozers. • Heavy duty brush mowers that can be utilized for maintaining road rights-of-ways and fire breaks. • Trailers necessary to transport equipment that is determined eligible in this section, including box-type trailers to store and transport prescribed fire equipment. 	
Purchase of equipment for brush/fuel disposal, such as air curtain burner/trench burner.	
<p>Purchase of the following equipment and supplies to support the use of prescribed fire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal protection equipment, including fire shelters and N95 filtering face respirators. • Drip torches. • Wildland hand tools. • Backpack blowers. • Chainsaws. • Portable wildfire pumps. • Wildland hose. • Portable folding water tanks. • Cache of air filtration units for use by the public. 	

Keyword

-should be a shortened version of the project title, still specific to your project rather than simply “CWPP” or “Defensible Space”

FY 2023 Community Wildfire Defense Grant

Roofing Ordinance (Y/N):	
Keyword:	
Dollar Amount Requested:	\$ 0.00
Matching Share:	\$ 0.00

This document is for proposal development only. Applicants must contact their state or federal contact to get a unique link to enter this information into the online submission system at CWDG.Forestrygrants.org.

The Wildfire Risk to Communities tool has been developed to assist applicants in finding data to answer CWDG application questions. The tool is available at <https://wildfirerisk.org/cwdg-tool>. Applicants are not required to utilize the tool.

	Proposal Cooperator (Community Contact)
	Cooperator Organization:
	Contact Person:
	Address:
	City/State/Zip Code:
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Measurable Outcomes Table

Use this table as a reference to complete the 'Accomplishment' section. This table is not required, but is helpful to inform the accomplishment narrative. This table also includes information required for annual reporting if selected.

(Note: applications for CWPP Development or Updates may not be combined with Project Implementation applications)

	Number of Activities	Cost
	Planned	Planned
CWPP		
Development of New CWPPs		
Updates of CWPPs		
Planning (project implementation)		
Training in mitigation practices		
Tabletop or functional exercises, testing or evaluating plan effectiveness		
Planning development, including building codes, zoning ordinances, land use planning, public health and safety, mitigation, prescribed fire and smoke ready efforts		
Creating local/regional mitigation partnership or collaborative groups		
Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation		
Education/Outreach (project implementation)		
Firewise or similar programs outreach to communities and property owners		
Fire education presentations		
Property inspections and/or assessments		
Training to conduct property inspections and/or assessments		
Implementation of WUI Structure/Parcel/Community Fire Hazard Mitigation Methodology (HMM) for community hazard reduction.		
Reduce Hazardous Fuels / Restore Fire-adapted Ecosystems (project implementation)		
Hazardous Fuels Reduction or Mitigation Projects, including maintenance		
Total # of acres treated to reduce hazardous fuels (direct grant only)		
Monitoring components of projects for effectiveness		
Prescribed fire training, including smoke management		
Design and installation of dry hydrants and cisterns		
Purchase and maintenance of equipment		

Project Description (10 points)

Clearly define the scope of the project, what the project proposes to accomplish, why it is important, and how it supports the Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and relevant State Forest Action Plan (or equivalent Tribal plan). Provide a comprehensive but succinct overview of the proposed project that includes basic details of who is doing what, where, and why this is important. Explain how the project is described in a CWPP (or acceptable alternative as described in the NOFO). Specify if benefits to traditionally under-served or marginalized audiences are a component of the work.

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Project Description (9000 characters including spaces)

Applications to “Develop or Revise a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)”

CWPP Criteria Scoring Rubric			
Criteria	High Score	Medium Score	Low Score
1. Project Description	7-10 points	3-6 points	0-2 points
	<p>The community has clearly articulated the purpose and need for revising or creating a new CWPP. They have outlined a process, identified key players, and have articulated the ability to get it completed within their timeline.</p> <p>They have referenced how revising or creating a new CWPP will help them meet the intent of the Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and relevant State Forest Action Plan or equivalent Tribal plan.</p>	<p>The community has indicated that they understand the critical need for a CWPP or CWPP revision and have partially outlined the process but appear to have not clearly outlined how they plan to fully get the document written, may still need to identify partners and establish timelines.</p> <p>Mentions Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and/or relevant State Forest Action Plan or equivalent Tribal plan, but only cursory.</p>	<p>The community has communicated that they understand the critical need for a CWPP or CWPP revision, yet the application fails to clearly establish any processes, identified partners, or mentioned any timelines.</p> <p>No linkage to Cohesive Strategy or State Forest Action Plan or Tribal equivalent.</p>

Scoring Criteria and Prioritization Factors for CWDG Applications for Projects within a current CWPP, not more than 10 years old

Project Criteria Scoring Rubric			
Criteria	High Score	Medium Score	Low Score
1. Project Description	7-10 points	3-6 points	0-2 points
	<p>The community has clearly articulated the purpose and need for the project(s) within a CWPP that is not more than 10 years old. They have outlined a process, identified key players, and a timeline, and have articulated the ability to complete the project within their timeline.</p> <p>They have referenced how the project will meet the intent of the Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and relevant State Forest Action Plan or equivalent Tribal plan.</p>	<p>Project(s) are within a CWPP that is not more than 10 years old, and the community has indicated that they understand the critical benefits to the community and have partially outlined the process they will utilize to get started but appear to have not clearly outlined how they plan to fully implement, may still need to identify partners and establish timelines.</p> <p>Mentions Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and/or relevant State Forest Action Plan or equivalent Tribal plan only cursory.</p>	<p>Project(s) are within a CWPP that is not more than 10 years old, and the community mentions that they understand the critical need of the mitigation project, yet the application fails to clearly establish any processes, identified partners, or mentioned any timelines.</p> <p>No linkage to Cohesive Strategy or State Forest Action Plan or equivalent Tribal plan.</p>

Has this community been impacted by a severe disaster? (10 points)

Has this community been impacted by a severe disaster within the previous 10 years?

Please respond yes or no. Provide a description and web-link to the verification source.

Clearly demonstrate and document whether the project benefits a community that has been impacted by a severe disaster within the previous ten (10) years, and clearly exhibit how the severe disaster increased wildfire risk and/or hazard and was of a scale and scope to have had landscape impacts (please see full definition later in this NOFO). Note: simply listing a disaster will not suffice, you must explain how this disaster has impacted the community's wildfire risk and hazard (not all disasters will qualify for points if it cannot be shown they have influenced the community's risk or hazard).

16	Severe Disaster Impact (3000 characters including spaces)

8. Affected by a Severe Disaster	10 points	Not applicable	0 points
	All or part of the area to be covered by a CWPP or revision through this grant application has been impacted by a severe disaster, as defined, is documented, and an explanation of how the disaster has impacted the wildfire risk or hazard.		None of the area to be covered by a CWPP or revision through this grant application has been impacted by a severe disaster, as defined, or is not properly documented or described. No explanation of how the disaster has impacted the wildfire risk or hazard.

40 of the 100
total points
are in the
scores of
these 3
boxes.

Does this project benefit a low-income community? (10 points)
Does this project benefit a low-income community as defined in the NOFO?
Please respond yes or no. Provide a description and web-link to the verification source.

15	Low-Income Community (3000 characters including spaces)

Has this community been impacted by a severe disaster? (10 points)
Has this community been impacted by a severe disaster within the previous 10 years?
Please respond yes or no. Provide a description and web-link to the verification source.
Clearly demonstrate and document whether the project benefits a community that has been impacted by a severe disaster within the previous ten (10) years, and clearly exhibit how the severe disaster increased wildfire risk and/or hazard and was of a scale and scope to have had landscape impacts (please see full definition later in this NOFO). Note: simply listing a disaster will not suffice, you must explain how this disaster has impacted the community's wildfire risk and hazard (not all disasters will qualify for points if it cannot be shown they have influenced the community's risk or hazard).

16	Severe Disaster Impact (3000 characters including spaces)

Does the project location have wildfire hazard potential? (20 points)
Please respond yes or no, if this project is located within an area identified as having high or very high wildfire hazard potential as defined by a state, regional, tribal, territorial or national wildfire hazard potential assessment? Provide a description and web-link to the verification source.

17	Wildfire Hazard Potential (3000 characters including spaces)

Proposals including multiple communities

Separate projects in separate communities, separate applications within cwdg.forestrygrants.org need to be submitted for each community for purposes of determining eligibility, prioritization, and ranking.

Single project that spans multiple communities, the project can be applied for and described within the same application and narrative form. Example: a contiguous fire break through communities.



From the 2023 FAQ document

1. Are the datasets available on the CWDG website the only sources for claiming eligibility and priority points?

The datasets linked on the CWDG website are one source for claiming eligibility or priority points. The Low-Income status must meet the definition provided in the NOFO. However, for the priorities of severe disaster and wildfire hazard a community may use another source to claim eligibility or priority, but they must list the source of this claim in their application.

14. Can homeowner activities be used as match? For example, if a community is requesting grant money for a chipping day, can homeowners document the hours they worked cutting and piling brush in preparation for the chipping day?

Homeowners cannot count the time spent working on their own property, as the homeowners would be considered beneficiaries and their time will not count as match. The work that the homeowners are doing is for their own benefit, not a public benefit. This is a different scenario than a group of volunteers getting together to cut and pile brush in a public space where the public at large or the community is the beneficiary.

Top Scoring Narrative Answer Question #3: Accomplishments

By the end of the project period, this funding will result in an updated and modernized county-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan for XXXXX County.

To achieve this goal, XXXXX County will aim for the following timeline after receiving the grant award:

1st quarter, 1st month: set schedule for the core team, promote CWPP update to the public through social media & local paper, notify potential additional stakeholders.

1st quarter, 2nd month: initial collaboration/stakeholder meeting (introductions, intent, milestone/targets, assignments)

1st quarter, 3rd month: stakeholder meeting (due assignments, initial mapping review, milestone/target progress)

2nd quarter, 1st month: prior to the 10th; grant quarterly report/reimbursement

2nd quarter, 1st month: stakeholder meeting (draft assignments published and reviewed, map review, milestone/target progress update)

2nd quarter, 3rd month: stakeholder meeting (draft changes update, mapping update, milestone/target progress update)

3rd quarter, 1st month: prior to the 10th, grant quarterly report/reimbursement

3rd quarter, 1st month: stakeholder meeting (draft CWPP review, assignments on changes, if any)

3rd quarter, 2nd month: public information/outreach on draft CWPP review meeting

3rd quarter, 3rd month: present draft CWPP to DNRC and County Commissioners for approval

4th quarter, 1st month; before the 10th, grant closeout

XXXXX County and project partners are committed to a collaborative and data-driven process for updating their CWPP. To this end, they will track measurable outcomes such as number of meetings held (target =5), number of outreach campaigns conducted(target =2), number of non-agency personnel engaged (target = 10, approximately 1% of the county's overall population), and number of wildfire risk mapping sessions (target = 2).

Less tangible are the public awareness benefits received by updating a CWPP. Through the outreach process, XXXXX County will educate community members on the realities of wildfire risk within their community, as well as their role in reducing these risks. The final action plan will include a continued outreach and education campaign.

In addition, by pursuing a CWPP update, XXXXX County will produce an updated WUI layer and action plan that better reflects the current wildfire risk realities on the ground. This will allow for allocation of funding and resources at the federal, state, and local level to the highest-risk and highest-priority areas of a community, and will help to drive protection, planning, response, and mitigation projects throughout the community each year.

Tips for Successful Grant Proposals

- Read through the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Develop an appropriate project
- Study the scoring sheet closely to understand the grantors priorities and use each one clearly
- Write to your audience
- If you use acronyms, be sure to also explain them
- Be direct
- Be consistent throughout document
- Have a good clean budget – one that is project ready upon award, double check the math
- Organize thoughts well for each question
- If a question requires info that you have already listed in a previous box, still include that information as part of your answer
- Have others proof-read



To Apply

- ❖ Send me an email requesting an application link.
→ Shauna.Morris@odf.Oregon.gov
- ❖ I will create the application link through forestrygrants.org.
I will name it initially with your area/organization & the name of the person that requested link.
- ❖ This link will be specific to your organization.
- ❖ When your organization updates the name of your application, please let me know so I can track accordingly in the database.
- ❖ Notify me when your application is complete, then I will move it forward to submit.
- ❖ If you are working with ODF as one of your partners, please let me know for tracking purposes



A photograph of a forest with a small building and a text overlay. The background shows a dense forest of tall, thin trees with brown trunks and sparse green foliage. In the middle ground, a small building with a grey roof and a chimney is visible. The foreground is a dirt path or clearing. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Proposed Timeline of CWDG Program

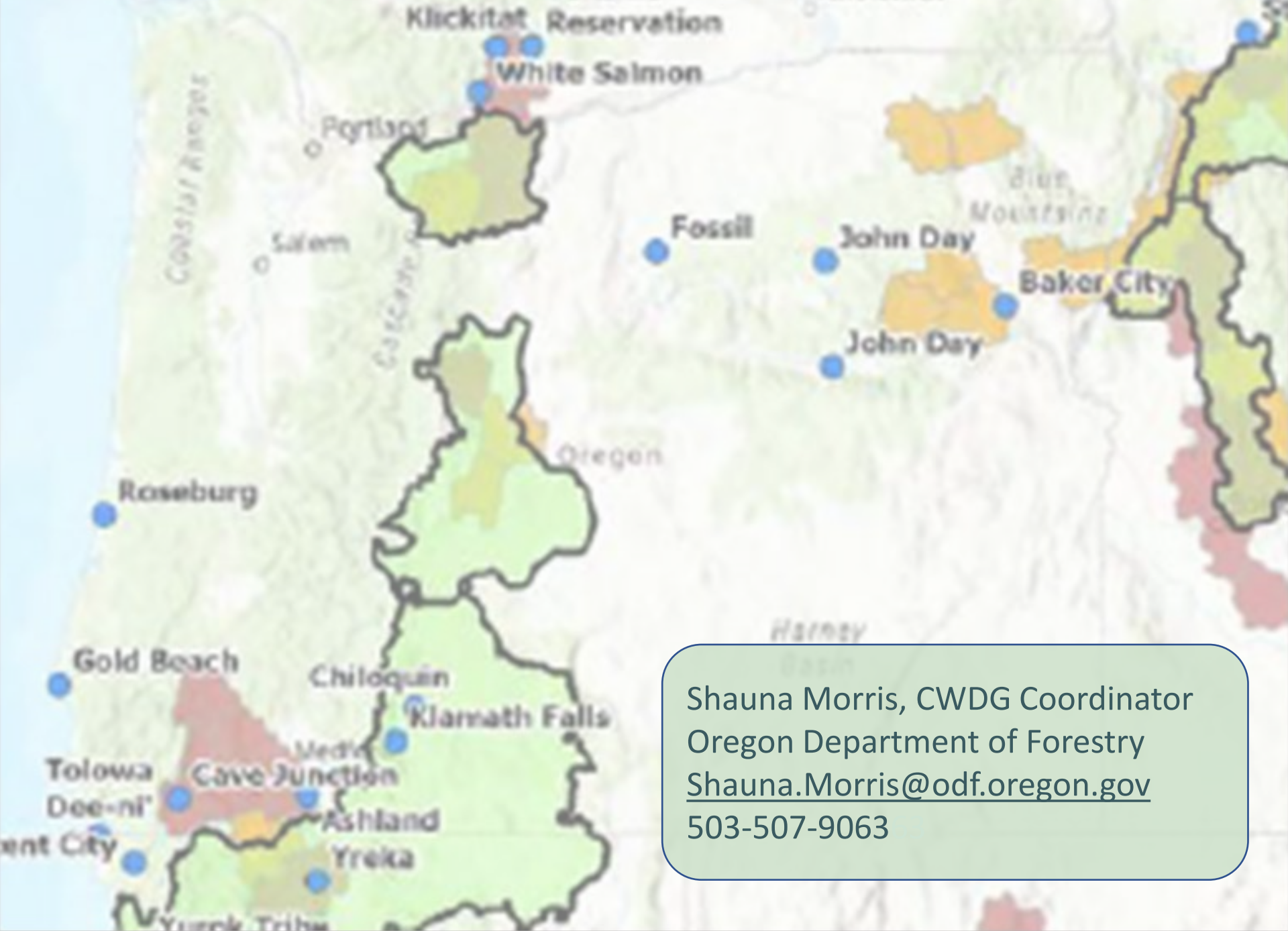
- 8/4/23 - 8/15/23 – Applicant Webinars (4)
- 8/30/23 - 10/31/23 - Bi-Weekly Office Hours
- 10/31/23 – Close application period
- 12/01/23 – Have round 2 applications verified
- 01/31/24 – Have round 2 applications scored
- 02/16/24 – Final list of scored and ranked applications

Reporting for funded applications

Things to consider

- ❖ Financial reports will be due quarterly
- ❖ March 31, June 30, September 30, December 31 – reports due within 30 days of quarter end
- ❖ Progress reports will be due annually
- ❖ Equipment - special rules apply. See Pre-Award Guide for Applicants and [2 CFR 200.439](#) & [2 CFR 200.313](#)





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