



COMMUNITY WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION GRANT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the goal of the grant?

The goal is to give communities the tools they need to be better adapted to living with wildfire. By offering grant funding to local governments, the fire service, special districts, and organizations, communities can build systems, programs, and projects that work for them. These projects may include yard debris recycling days, curbside chipping programs, community education, equipment purchases, Firewise community support, and staffing to support local efforts.

2. Is my HOA eligible?

An HOA is eligible if it is registered as a nonprofit in Oregon.

3. Can an individual apply for this grant?

The Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant is a competitive opportunity open to local governments, special districts, structural fire service agencies, and non-governmental organizations for funds to support individual community members.

The funds will enable local organizations to create and/or support existing programs that reduce wildfire risk at a community-wide scale. These community-wide projects may include yard debris recycling days, curbside chipping programs, community education, equipment purchases, Firewise community support, and staffing to support local efforts.

Additional funding programs will be available to individual landowners in spring 2023. Please visit the OSFM grants webpage to sign up for funding opportunity updates:

www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/sfm/Pages/OSFM-Grants.aspx

4. What are the requirements for applicants?

The requirements are covered in section A of the application guide. Please visit our website for the guide: www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/sfm/Pages/OSFM-Grants.aspx

5. Are joint applications allowed? Does a joint application change the maximum award amount?

The grant distinguishes between coordination vs. joint application. See section G in the application guide regarding coordination. Local organizations may, and are encouraged to, coordinate their applications with each organization applying separately. Each organization should identify what unique aspect of the coordinated project they are responsible for.

In contrast, if two organizations apply together, the total grant award is treated as one award as there can only be one organization as the fiscal agent. In other words, if two counties apply together, the total award cap is as if they are one county.



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6. We are finishing an update of our CWPP. If we apply for projects in our CWPP, are we supposed to use our old plan, or can we use the new plan update?

There are no specific requirements in the application guide pertaining to which version of your CWPP to use. Feel free to use the version most relevant to your project and use the spaces provided in the application form to answer questions to describe the situation and which CWPP you are using.

7. Will there be cost share or match requirements?

No.

8. Will letters of support be accepted with grant applications?

Yes, but they will not be considered for scoring criteria.

9. Does this grant cover equipment?

Yes. See #6 under section B for details. Also, see section C for unallowable items. Please visit our website for the application guide:

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10. Is this a reimbursement grant?

No. Grants will be awarded in a one-time lump sum to be spent across the time period of the grant.

11. Are these one-time funds?

Yes, these are one-time funds. These funds were allocated by the Oregon State Legislature for the 2020-2022 biennium. Future allocations for this or similar grants are determined by the current legislative process.

12. Who is scoring the grant and approving awards? What are the scoring criteria?

The scoring committee membership and scoring criteria will be posted on the OSFM's grant webpage when finalized.

13. When will funds be distributed?

The funds will be distributed when the scoring process is complete. It will depend on the number of applications and selected projects.

14. If I have a question about the grant, who should I contact?

Please email all questions to OSFM.grants@osp.oregon.gov.



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15. Are the Forest Protective Associations eligible?

Yes, these are eligible as fire agencies.

16. Are school districts eligible for this grant?

Yes, school districts or other special districts are eligible for this grant program.

17. Would we be able to apply for a pickup truck or chipper and dump trailer with this grant?

Equipment such as a chipper and dump trailer are allowed. Vehicles are not allowable.