Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG)



What is it? Implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to provide \$1B over a 5-year period (approximately \$200M per year) to communities at risk of wildfire to 1) develop/revise their Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) and/or 2) implement mitigation activities identified within their CWPPs. See USDA Forest Service - CWDG for additional details.

Who is eligible to apply? Communities at risk of wildfire, including local governments, non-profit organizations, HOAs, Tribes and State Forestry agencies.

How are competitive funds prioritized? By areas identified as having high or very high wildfire hazard potential, low-income communities, or communities impacted by a severe disaster (within the last 10 years).

How to submit a grant application? Applicants will need to complete and submit an online grant application through forestrygrants.org. Contact Shauna Morris at shauna.morris@odf.oregon.gov for a unique application link for EACH grant proposal once the application period is open. The guidance for the 2024 application period is not expected to change a great deal, but please be sure to refer to the most up to date NOFO.

Round 3 is tentatively scheduled to open for applications Summer of 2024

Applicable Project	CWPP development or revision	CWPP Project Implementation
Eligibility	Not applicable for CWPP's that are less than 5 years old	Activities must be identified within a CWPP not more than 10 years old
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

For examples of eligible projects and detailed grant information, refer to the <u>2023 CWDG</u> Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Western States and Territories.

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