

Community Wildfire Defense Grants Program



What is it?



\$1 billion in funding (\$200M/year for 5 years) that is split into 2 categories: Roof Ordinance and No Roof Ordinance Communities. Competitive grant across US submitted through Kansas Forest Service.

What is the purpose?



Assist at-risk local communities and Indian Tribes with planning for and mitigating the risk created by wildfires. Two primary project types: 1) Development/revision of a community wildfire protection plan (CWPP) and 2) Implementation of projects described in a current CWPP.

What is CWPP?



Identifies and prioritizes areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommends the types and methods of treatment on land that will protect one or more at-risk communities and essential infrastructure.

Who can apply?



Eligible projects developed by communities, Tribes, states, non-profits, and Alaska Native Corporations.

Higher priority to low-income, recently impacted by a disaster or in a wildfire hazard location.

| Category | Elements | |
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| Eligibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At-risk community Local governments, Tribes, non-profits, State forestry agencies | |
| Scoring Priority | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area identified as having high or very high wildfire hazard Low-income community; or Community impacted by a severe disaster | |
| | CWPP Development or Update | CWPP Project Implementation |
| Eligibility | General ones listed above | General ones, including < 10 yr old CWPP |
| Max Grant Award | No more than \$250K | No more than \$10M |
| Cost-Share Match | Not less than 10% | Not less than 25% |
| Match Waiver | Full waiver if community is underserved, only waiver allowed | Same requirements |
| Requirements | Basic CWPP elements | CWPP project |