



Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG)

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CWDG

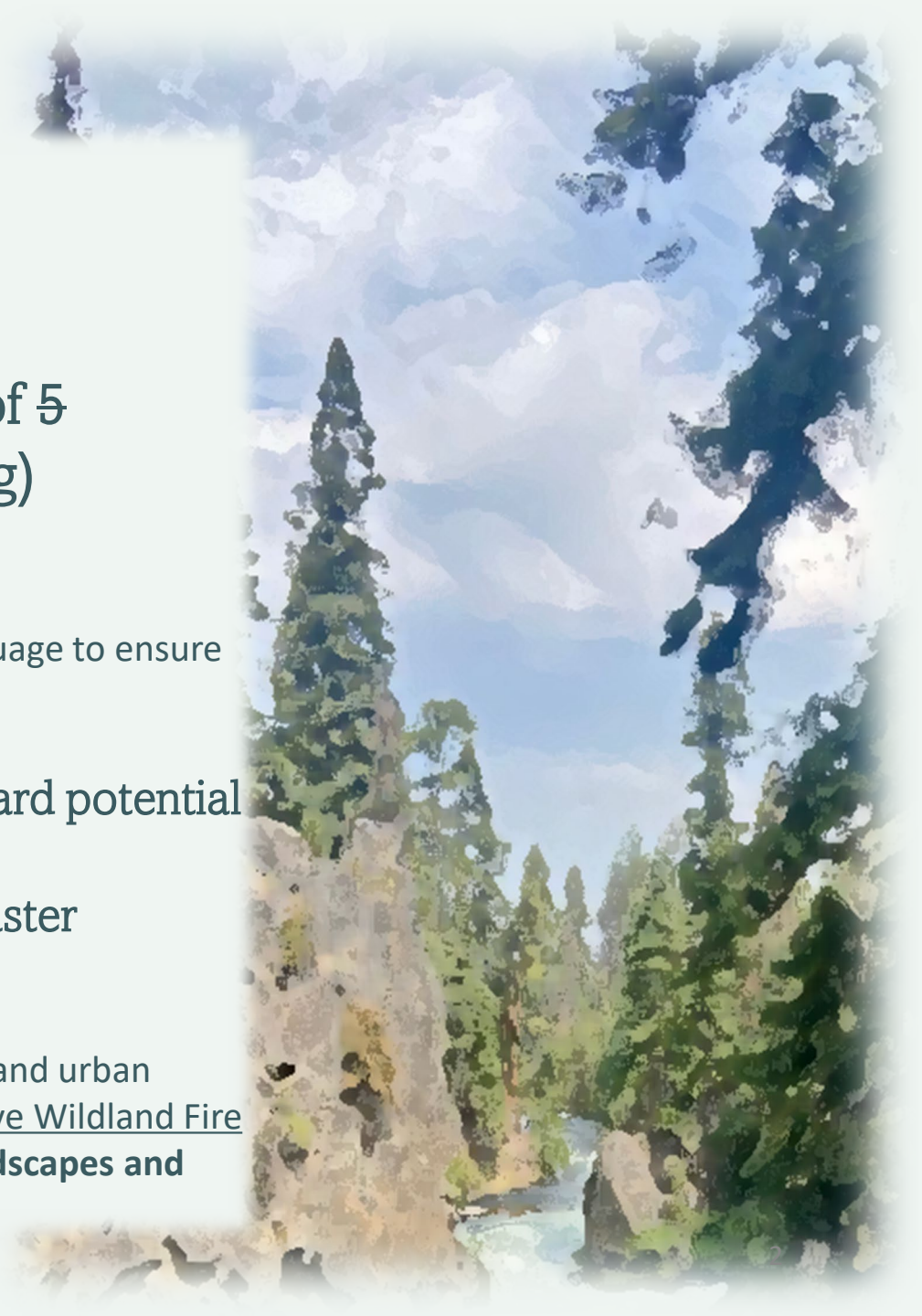
\$1 Billion in funding nationwide
5-year program

2024/2025 is Round 3 of 5
(now 4 years of funding)

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

This program will help communities in the wildland urban interface meet the goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy to **maintain resilient landscapes and create fire-adapted communities.**



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	Not applicable for CWPP's that are less than 5 years old Roofing Ordinance (½ of available funding)	Activities must be identified within a CWPP not more than 10 years old Roofing Ordinance (½ of available funding)
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





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).



Project relation to CWPP

A project proposal must advance objectives and priorities identified in a community wildfire protection plan that is not more than 10 years old (signed during the calendar year 2014 or later)



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Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program



The **Community Wildfire Defense Program (CWDG)** is a grant program intended to help at-risk local communities and **develop a plan for and reduce wildfire risk.**

The **Director's Infrastructure** is authorizing the \$1 billion, five-year CWDG Program, which prioritizes at-risk

The following is the office hours schedule for January/February 2025:

- Jan 8: 1-3 p.m. ET/11 a.m.-1 p.m. MT
- Jan 22: 3-5 p.m. ET/1-3 p.m. MT
- Feb 5: 1-3 p.m. ET/11 a.m.-1 p.m. MT
- Feb 19: 2-4 p.m. ET/12-2 p.m. MT
- Feb 26: 3-5 p.m. ET/1-3 p.m. MT

Applicant Webinars

The application process in Round 3 is the same for all applicants. Any applicant in any region, area, or Tribe may view any webinar as they all have the same content, however, the December 4th webinar focused on Tribal applications and Tribal application Q&A.

Recordings of each session are available here:

- [December 2 CWDG Applicant Webinar Recording](#)
- (Tribal focused) [December 4 CWDG Applicant Webinar Recording](#)
- [December 6 CWDG Applicant Webinar Recording](#)

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General Information

Document Type: Grants Notice

Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-FS-2024-CWDG-CWSF

Funding Opportunity Title: Community Wildfire Defense Grant 2024 (FY25) West

Opportunity Category: Discretionary

Opportunity Category Explanation:

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Category of Funding Activity: Disaster Prevention and Relief
Natural Resources

Category Explanation:

Expected Number of Awards: 100

Assistance Listings: 10.720 -- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Community Wildfire Defense Grants

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Version: Synopsis 2

Posted Date: Nov 21, 2024

Last Updated Date: Nov 20, 2024

Original Closing Date for Applications: Feb 28, 2025

Current Closing Date for Applications: Feb 28, 2025

Archive Date: Mar 30, 2025

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$200,000,000

Award Ceiling: \$10,000,000

Award Floor: \$0



Eligibility

Eligible Applicants: Special district governments



Pre-Award Guide for Applicants

USDA Forest Service
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:
USDA-FS-2024-CWDG-CWSF
USDA-FS-2024-CWDG-TRIBES
USDA-FS-2024-CWDG-IGSF
USDA-FS-2024-CWDG-NEWM

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 the Outreach and Partnership Engagement Branch at OPEDA@usda.gov.



USDA Forest Service State, Private and Tribal Forestry Fiscal Year 2025 Community Wildfire Defense Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity Instructions West

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- Overview and Submission Dates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025**
- Applications are being requested for the FY 2025 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-2024-CWDG-CWSF
 - SUBMIT ALL APPLICATIONS BY 11:59 pm, EASTERN TIME ZONE, February 28, 2025

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 117-56, "An Act to authorize funds for Federal and highway, 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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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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Firewise USA Program

Keep Oregon Green

Oregon Defensible Space

Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal

Contact



CWDOG Round 3 Resource Links - 2024/2025

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

Eligibility

[Community Wildfire Defense Grant \(CWDOG\) 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](#)
- [CWDOG Program Fact Sheet - Oregon](#)
- [Pre-Award Guide CWDOG 2024](#)
- [FAOs CWDOG 2024](#)
- [GIS Instructions for application](#)
- [CWDOG 2022 and 2023 applications with scoring remarks](#)
- [National Cohe-sive Wildfire Strategy](#)
- [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law/IIJA](#)
- [Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) Title 2 - Grants & Agreements](#)

SAM

- [Sam.gov](#)
- [Sam.gov Entity Registration Checklist](#)
- [Sam.gov Registration Assistance in Oregon](#)
- [Oregon Specific](#)
- [Oregon State Forest Action Plan](#)
- [Oregon Explorer Map - Wildfire Hazard](#)

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Resources (CWPP)

- [Oregon Department of Forestry - CWPP Information](#)
- [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](#)

Natural Disaster Resources

- https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/wr/wr_drought/declaration_status_report.aspx
- <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/tools-resources/schedule-equipment-rates>

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Office hours:

These will be a Q&A format, no registration required

Each Tuesday in January and February, 3-4 p.m.

Zoom link: <https://odf.zoom.us/j/99385378788>



Community Wildfire Defense Grants

Find eligibility and scoring information for your community.

Which community, county, or tribal area?

Portland, OR, is eligible to apply for Community Wildfire Defense Grants.

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Use the copy button in each section below to copy and paste information into your application.

Eligibility



Yes. Portland, OR, is considered "at risk." It has a higher Wildfire Risk to Homes than 42.5% of communities in the state.

(Source: Wildfire Risk to Communities. Scott JH, Gilbertson-Day JW, Moran C, Dillon GK, Short KC, & Vogler KC. (2020). Wildfire Risk to Communities: Spatial datasets of landscape-wide wildfire risk components for the United States. Fort Collins, CO: Forest Service Research Data Archive. Updated 25 November 2020. As reported by the CWDG Data Tool. <https://wildfirerisk.org/cwdg-tool/4100059000>)

More information

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.

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**Low-Income Community** 10 points

No. Portland, OR, does not meet the "low income" criteria. It has a median household income of \$78,476. In order to qualify in Oregon, locations must have a median household income less than \$56,067, which is 80% of Oregon's median household income.

(Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2021). American Community Survey. Washington, DC. As reported by the CWDG Data Tool, <https://wildfirerisk.org/cwdg-tool/4100059000>)

More information

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**Severe Disaster Impacts** 10 points

Use the table below to find severe disaster(s). Explain in your application how previous disasters have impacted wildfire risk in your project area. The FEMA identification link will provide more information about each disaster.

Declaration Title	Location	Year	Incident Type	FEMA Identification
Milo Mciver Fire	Clackamas (County)	2022	Fire	FM-5454-OR
Severe Winter Storm	Clackamas (County)	2021	Severe Storm	DR-4599-OR
Covid-19	Clackamas (County)	2020	Biological	EM-3429-OR
Covid-19	Multnomah (County)	2020	Biological	EM-3429-OR

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**Wildfire Hazard Potential** 20 points

Portland, OR, does not have high or very high wildfire hazard potential according to national datasets. It may still qualify using state or local risk data.

Find additional wildfire risk data:

- State and local agencies
- [Wildfire Hazard Explorer](#)


Cost-Share Waiver

Portland, OR, is considered an underserved community and is eligible to apply for a cost-share waiver. It is identified as "disadvantaged" in the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool.

(Source: Council on Environmental Quality. (2022). Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool, version 1.0. As reported by the CWDG Data Tool, <https://wildfirerisk.org/cwdg-tool/4100059000>)

More information

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Official U.S. Government Website
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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 fapils.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 Aug 29

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 Jul 29

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 Jun 26

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 May 26

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 Nov 23, 2022

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?

Get a Unique Entity ID

UNIQUE ENTITY ID

- 12-character alphanumeric value
- Assigned, managed, and owned by the federal government
- Validates your organization's legal business name and address

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?



ENTITY REGISTRATION



Unique Entity ID
Assertions
Representations & Certifications
Other Business Information

GSA



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.

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)

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.



If applying for a project

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

→ Be specific and descriptive showing connection to your CWPP

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

Forest Service CWDG inbox: SM.FS.usfs_cwdg@usda.gov

→ County CWPPs and additional information can be found here:

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





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Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) have helped communities work together to achieve common goals and deal with often controversial issues. CWPPs have offered many valuable opportunities to communities, allowing them to identify local priorities for community protection and resource management. In addition to enhancing safety and reducing risk to human structures and watersheds, communities with CWPPs are also given priority for USFS and BLM funded hazardous fuels reduction projects as authorized under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 (HFRA). In the end, CWPPs have helped communities better protect themselves for fire risk and better manage their forested landscape.

The collaborative efforts of foresters from the federal and state agencies, rural fire departments, private landowners, local government agencies, volunteer organizations, and concerned citizens who live in the wildland urban interface, have resulted in signed CWPPs in every county and many communities across Oregon.

Plan information

[Overview](#) +

[Creating a CWPP](#) +

[Resources](#) +

Resources

- [National Cohesive Wildfire Strategy](#)
- [Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer](#)

Contact

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National Fire Plan Coordinator
503-871-2639

[Email](#)

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Some plans are combined with the county's National Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP).

Website

[Baker County](#)

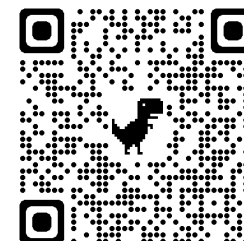
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2024 Code of Federal Regulations – 2 CFR 200 Updates

Threshold	Previously	Now	Guidance Location
Equipment Threshold	\$5,000	\$10,000	2 CFR 200.313
Supply Threshold	\$5,000	\$10,000	2 CFR 200.314
De minimis rate	10%	15%	2 CFR 200.414

Indirect Costs

Key Info:

- Refer to your NICRA for contractual guidelines
- Zero indirect on Equipment purchases (per 2CFR200).
- If no NICRA, default to the 15% 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.](#)

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)	
1	Cooperator Organization:
	Contact Person:
	Address:
	City/State/Zip Code:



Grant Waiver (0 points)

Are you planning on applying for a grant match waiver based on the project serving an underserved community? Please respond yes or no.

7	Grant Waiver (3000 characters including spaces)

Project Description (10 points)

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 (if applicable). Provide linkages to the tenets of the Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and the State Forest Action Plan. Specify if benefits to traditionally underserved or marginalized audiences are a component of the work.

8	Project Description (7500 characters including spaces)

Application :: PR / Puerto Rico

Submitted on Nov 7, 2023

Applications

Grant Sections	Reviews			Average
	#1	#2	#3	
2. Expiration Date	0	0	0	0.00
4. Purpose	0	0	0	0.00
5. Grant Component Type	0	0	0	0.00
6. At-Risk Community	0	0	0	0.00
7. Roofing Code/Ordinance	0	0	0	0.00
8. Grant Waiver	0	0	0	0.00
9. Project Description	10	10	10	10.00
11. Budget Explanation	10	10	9	9.67
12. Accomplishments	8	8	8	8.00
13. Collaboration	8	9	10	9.00
14. Landscape Impacts	8	8	8	8.00
15. Project Sustainability	10	7	7	8.00
16. Low-Income Community	10	10	10	10.00
17. Severe Disaster Impact	0	0	0	0.00
18. Wildfire Hazard Potential	20	20	20	20.00
Review Total Score:	84	82	82	82.67
Review Rank:	6	6	5	5.67

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First several questions are not scored

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8	Project Description (7500 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 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. 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.	3-6 points 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. Mentions Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and/or relevant State Forest Action Plan or equivalent Tribal plan, but only cursory.	0-2 points 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. No linkage to Cohesive Strategy or State Forest Action Plan or Tribal equivalent.

Project Criteria Scoring Rubric			
Criteria	High Score	Medium Score	Low Score
1. Project Description	7-10 points 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. 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.	3-6 points 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. Mentions Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and/or relevant State Forest Action Plan or equivalent Tribal plan only cursory.	0-2 points 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. No linkage to Cohesive Strategy or State Forest Action Plan or equivalent Tribal plan.

Application

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. If yes, provide a link to the verification source and demonstrate how it has impacted the location. Note: This is a two part question so read the directions carefully.

16	Severe Disaster Impact (3000 characters including spaces)

Scoring Criteria

8. Affected by a Severe Disaster (10 points, 3,000 maximum character limit)
 Has all or part of the project area been impacted by a severe disaster that impacts wildfire risk and/or hazard? If yes, in order to receive priority points the application must 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).

Scoring Rubric

8. Affected by a Severe Disaster	10 points	Not applicable	0 points
	All or part of the area to be covered by the project(s) through this grant application has been impacted by a severe disaster, as defined, is documented, and has an explanation of how the disaster has impacted the wildfire risk or hazard.		None of the area to be covered by the project(s) through this grant application has been impacted by a severe disaster, as defined, or is not properly documented.

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.	



Eligible Fuel Reduction / Restoration Projects

- Defensible space around homes, businesses, and other structures.
- Development, creation, and/or maintenance of fuel breaks and fire breaks including shaded fuel breaks.
- Fuels reduction beyond defensible space adjacent to at-risk communities.
- Removal of standing woody vegetation by
 - cutting, piling and burning or
 - cutting and chipping or
 - 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 treatments 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.

Eligible Fuel Reduction / Restoration Projects (continued)

- **Purchase of mechanical equipment that meets, or does not exceed the following requirements:**
 - **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 horsepower.**
 - **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.**
- **Purchase of the following equipment and supplies to support the use of prescribed fire:**
 - **Personal protection equipment, including fire shelters and N95 filtering face respirators.**
 - **Drip torches.**
 - **Wildland hand tools.**
 - **Backpack blowers.**
 - **Chainsaws.**
 - **Wildland hose.**
 - **Portable folding water tanks.**
 - **Cache of air filtration units for use by the public.**

Ineligible Projects

- **Capital improvements including construction/infrastructure (building remodel, bridges, road construction, water development).**
- **Home hardening, including but not limited to:**
 - **Roof upgrades or replacements.**
 - **Fire resistant siding.**
 - **Metal gutters and vents.**
- **Fire suppression training (unless course is a requirement for prescribed fire qualifications).**
- **Fire suppression equipment and apparatus.**
- **Drones.**

Match

Applicant Budget				
	Grant Funds Requested	Match		Total Project Cost
		Applicant	Non-Federal Contributors	
9	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



Match

- 10% of total CWPP cost or 25% of total project cost

75/25: How much is the total award?

Total Award = $\frac{\text{sponsor contribution } \$}{\text{sponsor contribution \%}}$

= $\frac{\$100,000}{75\%}$

= \$133,333

75/25: How much is the recipient match?

Recipient Match = Total Award – Sponsor Contribution

= \$133,333 - \$100,000

= \$33,333



Accomplishments

Measurable Outcomes Table

Use this table as a reference to complete the 'Accomplishment' section.

This table will not be in the online application and will only be a narrative question

	Number of Activities	Cost
	Planned	Planned
<u>CWPP</u>		
Development of New CWPPs		
Updates of CWPPs		
<u>Planning</u>		
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		
<u>Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Education/Outreach</u>		
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.		
<u>Reduce Hazardous Fuels / Restore Fire-adapted Ecosystems</u>		
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		

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:

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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)

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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.

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40 of the 100 total points are in the scores of these 3 priority 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. If yes, provide a link to the verification source and demonstrate how it has impacted the location. Note: This is a two part question so read the directions carefully.

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 link to the verification source.

17	Wildfire Hazard Potential (3000 characters including spaces)



Appendix II. Community Wildfire Defense Grant Application Requirements

Checklist

*This is as an aide for applicants submitting CWDG applications
and is not an exhaustive list of grant requirements.*

We prioritize applications that show a clear benefit to underserved people and the communities where they reside or the forest areas that they value. Where this is the case, this should be described in the Application. This supports [Executive Order 13985: Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government](#).

Requirements:

- Applicant is a unit of local government, nonprofit organization (501c3), Indian Tribe, State Forestry Agency (includes US territories and interests), or Alaska Native Corporation.
- Applicant organization must have an active [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#) registration.
- Project is focused on reducing wildfire risk to an at-risk community.
- Project is located on non-federal lands and/or Trust lands.
- Project is not listed in the "Ineligible" column on pages 6 thru 10.
- Required match is met for requested federal funds (10% for CWPP development/revision; 25% for project implementation) or cost-share waiver requirement is met.
- Complete application in forestrygrants.org by 11:59 pm, Eastern Time Zone, February 28, 2025.

Documentation Required:

- Documentation and/or link of at-risk community (required for eligibility).
- Documentation and/or link showing Wildfire hazard potential (if applicable).
- Documentation and/or link showing the community is low-income (if applicable).
- Documentation and/or link showing community has been impacted by a severe disaster within the previous ten years, and a description of how that has increased wildfire risk and/or hazard (if applicable).
- Link to Community Wildfire Protection Plan (if applying for a project described in a CWPP).

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?

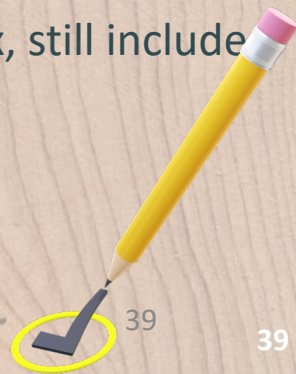
The datasets linked on the CWDG website are one source for claiming eligibility or priority points. The Low-Income status must meet the definition provided in the NOFO. However, for the priorities of severe disaster and wildfire hazard a community may use another source to claim eligibility or priority,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

Tips for Successful Grant Proposals

- Read through the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
For CWDG the NOFO lists
 - Scoring Criteria begins on pg. 13, includes the scoring rubric
 - Application Form Instructions begin on pg. 21
- 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



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
- ❖ Performance reports will be due annually
- ❖ Equipment - special rules apply. See Pre-Award Guide for Applicants and [2 CFR 200.439](#) & [2 CFR 200.313](#)
- ❖ Federal grant management education is an eligible cost to include in your proposal



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 organization name.
- 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.
- Tribes are able to apply through the state NOFO or the Tribal NOFO.



Proposed Timeline of CWDG Round 3

- Bi-weekly Office Hours scheduled for January & February (see Forest Service CWDG webpage)
- Application period closes February 28th at 11:59 p.m. eastern time
- Application verification
- CWDG Adjudication
- Review and Scoring
- Statistical Normalization and Analysis
- QC Period
- Briefings of Awardee List
- Round 3 Award Announcement (summer 2025)



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Q & A