

**HEALTHY
FOREST
FUNDING
AND
MORE**



**BEFORE WE GET
STARTED, LET
ME ASK YOU...**

When was the last time you had a representative of your local fire agency come to a road meeting or a section meeting or a FIREWISE community meeting?

How well do you know your neighbors and what organizations they may be active with?

We'll get back to this in less than 3 minutes!

FOREST HEALTH GRANTS

**[HTTPS://WWW.FIRE.CA
.GOV/GRANTS/FOREST
-HEALTH-GRANTS/](https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/forest-health-grants/)**

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Program Intent

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Through grants to regionally-based partners and collaboratives, CAL FIRE seeks to significantly increase fuels management, fire reintroduction, treatment of degraded areas, and conservation of forests.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY CAL FIRE'S FOREST HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE:

- Forest fuels reduction**
- Prescribed fire**
- Pest management**
- Reforestation**
- Biomass utilization**
- Conservation easements and/or land acquisition through the Forest Legacy Program**
- Research through the Forest Research Program**

DO YOU WANT A GRANT FROM THIS SOURCE?

Be sure you talk about how your project reflects these CAL FIRE priorities in everything you write:

The Forest Health Program addresses the risk to California's forests from extreme disturbance events including catastrophic wildfires, drought, and pest mortality.

These events are the result of climate change, forest overcrowding, past land management practices, and an increasing number of people living in the wildland and urban interface.

CAL FIRE's Forest Health Program works with local partners to improve forest health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in forests throughout California.



DOES YOUR PROJECT HELP CAL FIRE ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE?

- **The objective of the CAL FIRE Forest Health Program is to conserve forests and improve forest health by significantly increasing fuels reduction, fire reintroduction, treatment of degraded areas and conservation of threatened forests with landscape-scale projects developed and led by regionally-based efforts.**

ARE YOU READY?



Be sure your Firewise Community is prepared for what is needed to administer any grant you secure.

- Are you ready to account for grant funds received?**
- What are the insurance requirements? Have you included that in your budget?**
- Who will do required paperwork?**

FUNDERS WANT YOUR SUCCESS

Look for “Forest Health Grantee Resources” at link below where you will find the following:

“Thank you for your help in working towards resilient forests in California!

Resources on this page are available to assist in the administration of your Forest Health grant. If you have additional questions, please reach out to the appropriate staff member in the Forest Health Program.

Visit the [Forest Health Program Partners](#) page for more information on the Forest Legacy & Forest Research programs. ”

OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES





SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY

- **BUILDING RESILIENCE IN THE SIERRA NEVADA**

We are a California state agency established through bi-partisan legislation to initiate, encourage, and support efforts that improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada region, its communities, and the people of California.

- **FUNDING**

We administer the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program's multiple grant programs as well as provide information on available funding opportunities in the Sierra Nevada Region.

- **SNC Grant Program**

Under the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program, we issue grants to public agencies, nonprofits, and eligible tribes for projects that support forest health, resilient Sierra Nevada communities, and vibrant recreation and tourism.

[View SNC grant opportunities](#)

- **Forest and Watershed Health Grant Program**
- **Resilient Sierra Nevada Communities Grant Program**
- **Vibrant Recreation and Tourism Grant Program**

[Contact your SNC Area Representative](#) with questions and to discuss potential projects.

[Manage your grant](#)



CALIFORNIA FIRE FOUNDATION

- **California Fire Foundation - <https://www.cafirefoundation.org/programs/fireprevention/>**
Through the generosity of our partners, CFF awards individual grants to recipient departments and organizations in support of projects and programs focusing on wildfire/disaster prevention, preparedness and/or relief and recovery assistance.
- **Across all of our grant programs, CFF's funding priorities include:**
 - **Vegetation Mitigation & Fuels Reduction**
 - **PPE & Specialized Equipment**
 - **Community Outreach Campaigns**
 - **First Responder & Victim Behavioral Health and Wellness**
 - **Disaster Relief and/or Recovery Assistance**



<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safety-awards#awards>

- **Fire Prevention and Safety**
- **The Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) and support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations. In 2005, Congress reauthorized funding for FP&S and expanded the eligible uses of funds to include Firefighter Safety Research and Development.**
- **FY20 FP&S Funding**
- **As of Sept. 10, 2021, FEMA has made 131 FP & S awards totaling \$35.5 million. See all awards****
- ****_Very important to check to see if they have funded projects similar to yours before.**



- **Local Funding Possibilities:**
 - **A well-written fund-raising letter that includes a return envelope can be a great community-building exercise. It can instill a sense of pride in accomplishment.**
 - **There are local businesses that take pride in supporting community efforts. One of those business owners may live in your neighborhood.**
 - **Service clubs may be approached to ask for financial support, especially if a neighbor is a member**

LET'S GET WRITING!

**1. MAKE A CHECKLIST
OF EVERYTHING THE
FUNDER IS
REQUESTING.**

**2. CALL UP THE
FUNDER AND ASK
QUESTIONS IF YOU
HAVE THEM.**

**THAT IS HOW THE
GREENHORN FIREWISE
COMMUNITY SECURED A
COMMUNITY RESILIENCY
GRANT FOR A H2O TANK,
NO LESS!**



STAY FOCUSED!

- **Follow the funder's directions!**
- **Follow the RFP's sequence of required information.**
- **MAKE YOUR OWN CHECKLIST FOR REQUIRED INFORMATION – THEIRS AND ALSO FOR POINTS YOU WANT TO INCLUDE!**
- **Don't wander off topic.**





- **Space is at a premium.**
- **The use of abbreviations is understandable.**
- **BUT...Include a glossary for grant reader to refer to so they don't get lost in your local alphabet soup!**
- **FOOTNOTES allow you to include links & other information in tiny print.**

A FEW MORE TIPS:

1. WORK WITH EXPERIENCED GRANT WRITERS IF POSSIBLE.

2. PRESENT YOUR INFORMATION IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THE FUNDER WANTS IT.

3. GET LETTERS OF SUPPORT (REMEMBER THOSE FIRE AGENCY PROFESSIONALS I MENTIONED AT THE VERY BEGINNING.

4. DON'T BURY IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

5. BE SURE YOUR BUDGET AND BUDGET NARRATIVE MATCH WHAT YOU HAVE SAID IN YOUR PROPOSAL.

GRANT WRITING = TIRED EYES

*Use “fresh eyes” to read
your work before you
submit your proposal.*



PLAN FOR SUCCESS!!



Study RFPs and develop your own checklist.

Be sure you are addressing what the funder wants and needs to know.

Ask your questions.

Remember people reading your application work under time constraints. Make it easy for them.

Present your information in the order the funder has requested.

Include local fundraising efforts, too.

This is a chance to build investment in your firewise community.

Don't be afraid to ask for donations from your neighbors!

GO FOR IT!