

## SB 762 Grant Opportunity

The OSFM is offering the **Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant (Award)** to assist local governments and organizations in accomplishing greater wildfire preparedness and increasing community resiliency to wildfire.

### **A. Eligibility:**

1. Counties, municipalities, non-governmental organizations, Oregon fire agencies, special districts, and Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPAs).
2. Counties are allocated \$5 million in competitive funds with a maximum award of \$500,000 for any one county.
  - a. If a county is acting as the administrator for another county or other organization for the purposes of this grant, only one award is eligible.
3. Municipalities and special districts are allocated \$5 million in competitive funds with a maximum award of \$250,000 for any one municipality.
  - a. If a municipality or county or other organization is acting as the administrator for another municipality or other organization for the purposes of this grant, only one award is eligible.
4. Fire agencies and RFPAs are allocated \$5 million in competitive funds with a maximum of \$500,000 for any one fire agency.
5. Nonprofit, non-governmental organizations ("NGOs") are allocated \$3 million in competitive funds with a maximum of \$250,000 for any one agency. Nonprofit or NGOs are voluntary groups of individuals or organizations, usually not affiliated with any government, formed to provide services, or advocate a public policy.
6. The OSFM reserves the right to reallocate funds as agency needs dictate.
7. Applicants are encouraged to coordinate applications in the same jurisdiction, but each organization must apply separately for different aspects for the project.
8. All grants are for three (3) years or less, with grant funds spent by March 31, 2026.

### **B. Allowable Costs:**

1. Personnel costs for staff to manage the grant program activities, such as a program coordinator, program manager, or similar.
2. Projects should prioritize socially and economically vulnerable communities, persons with limited proficiency in English and persons of lower income as defined in ORS 456.055, critical or emergency infrastructure or schools, or hospitals and facilities that serve seniors.
3. Defensible space programs, including but not limited to:
  - A locally managed defensible space program for private landowners.
  - Direct contracts or work to create fire-resistant landscapes around residential, commercial, municipal structures, and/or other critical infrastructure.
  - Create or support existing community programs, such as Firewise USA sites.
4. Community common area projects, including but not limited to:

- Municipal or county properties or parks intended to be used for emergency evacuation centers, recovery centers, defensible space demonstration spaces, greenways, houseless camps or communities, or fire breaks around critical infrastructure.
  - Improvement of access, ingress, and egress route projects, including but not limited to planning of egress routes, including primary and secondary routes.
  - Brushing and clearing roads for defensible space/fire break.
  - Reflective address and road signage.
5. Educational projects, including but not limited to:
    - a. Fire prevention and preparedness messaging campaigns and billboards.
    - b. Community clean-up days for outdoor debris.
    - c. Work with a community-based organization or other means to address fire safety education among people experiencing houselessness or people whose first language is other than English.
  6. Vegetative fuel reduction and mitigation projects, including but not limited to:
    - a. Prescribed grazing (e.g., goats) for fuel mitigation work around communities.
    - b. Vegetation mitigation crews.
    - c. Equipment for fuel reduction efforts such as chippers. This line item cannot exceed \$75,000.
    - d. Defensible space treatment around critical infrastructure.
  7. Contracts for tree service and debris clearing companies to service areas of the jurisdiction.
  8. Planning costs such as needed to update Community Wildfire Protection Plans.
  9. Administrative costs, including management, payroll services, and supplies, up to 10% of the grant award. *Please note, administrative costs are separate from personnel costs, except for management personnel costs.*

**C. Unallowable Costs:**

1. Fire suppression equipment, such as fire trucks or engines, or their maintenance.
2. Fire response equipment such as radios, water tanks, hoses, etc.
3. Direct firefighting equipment, such as personal protective equipment.

4. Prescribed burns.
5. Building infrastructure projects such as building or infrastructure hardening, water tank installations, utility line burying, etc.
6. Reimbursement of costs for projects completed before the grant application.
7. Road paving projects for egress.
8. Home hardening supplies and labor.
9. By the time this application is due, the OSFM will have made some strategic investments in consultation with local communities and fire agencies for fire risk reduction. These investments are considered pilot projects. If an applicant received the OSFM funds for a fire risk reduction pilot project, that project is not eligible for this grant.
10. A federal grant match for a project that matches the above criteria.
11. Contracting or funding a state agency.

**Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. January 31, 2023, via the application form link.**