



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of August 31, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 4-E

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SUBJECT:

FY 2022 Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) Program

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) U.S. Forest Service (USFS) has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the **Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) Program** established by the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (P.L. 117-58). The purpose of the program is to support at-risk communities in planning for and mitigating against wildfire risk. USFS expects to award approximately \$160 million in total program funding through grants of up to \$250,000 each for the development or update of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and up to \$10 million each for the implementation of a project in a CWPP. There is a 10 percent nonfederal cost share requirement for proposals to develop or update a CWPP and a 25 percent nonfederal cost share requirement for proposals to implement a project in a CWPP, with exceptions for certain underserved communities. The application deadline is **October 7, 2022**.

For more information, please see the [Western States and Territories NOFO](#) or [Program Website](#). USFS will hold a webinar on the program on August 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.