

USDA COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANT (CWDG)



What is CWDG?

Applications are now open for the USDA Community Wildfire Defense Grants and must be submitted by October 5th at 8:00pm.

The CWDG is federal grant program that's intended to help at-risk local communities and Tribes with planning for and mitigating against the risk created by wildfire.

\$160M per year will be available over the next 5 years through CWDG nationally.

What does the CWDG fund?

There are three types of projects for which the grant provides funding:

- The development of Community Wildfire Protection Plans
- The updating of Community Wildfire Protection Plans
- The implementation of **projects described in a Community Wildfire Protection Plan and/or Hazard Mitigation Plan with a Wildfire Section** that is less than ten years old.
- Funding is **not available** for fire suppression training, equipment, or supplies.

Who can apply for CWDG funds?

Any community at risk to wildfire including:

- Local government
- Tribes
- Non-profit organizations (including Homeowner Associations)
- State forestry agency

How are CWDG funds prioritized?

Applications that can prove areas of **high or very high wildfire hazard, low income communities, communities impacted by a severe disaster within the last 10 years** will be prioritized for funding.

Applicable Project	CWPP development	CWPP revision	CWPP Project Implementation
Eligibility	Not applicable for CWPP's that are less than 5 years old	Not applicable for CWPP's that are less than 5 years old	Activities must be identified within a CWPP no more than 10 years old
Max Grant Award	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$10,000,000
Cost-Share Match	10% non-federal	10% non-federal	25% non-federal
Match Waiver	Underserved communities	Underserved communities	Underserved communities
Completion Timeline	Within 5 years	Within 5 years	Within 5 years

How do I apply?

Applicants will need to complete and submit an online grant proposal by October 5th 8:00pm through cwdg.forestrygrants.org. Applicants will need to request a unique application link for each proposal through the WA State point of contact, Guy Gifford, guy.gifford@dnr.wa.gov. A fillable pdf version of the application can be found [here](#) to use while developing the content for the application. You must also register at SAM.gov to create a Unique Entity ID if you do not already have one.

Detailed grant information and eligible project examples can be found in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for the Western States and Territories.

CWDG Helpful Resources



Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network

Additional information about CWDG can be found on the [Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network Blog](#)

Washington State CWDG Webinar: August 31st 2:00-3:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dnr-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/83525124187>

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CWDG Q&A: September 7th 2:00-3:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dnr-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/81790873794>

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CWDG Weekly Meeting September 14th, 21st, 28th & October 5th 2:00-3:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dnr-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/84999947843>

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