



**California Fire Safe Council (CFSC)
Grants Clearinghouse 2018 Competitive Grants Program
Frequently Asked Questions**

What are the dates for the second round of 2018 Grants Program?

August 1, 2018	Grant Application Re-opens
August 30, 2018	Application Submission Deadline (5:00 p.m. PT)
November 2018	Grant Awards Announced
January 2019	Grant Agreements Sent
December 2020	Grant Projects Completed

If I submitted an application to the first round of the grant program, do I need to re-apply?

No, your application does not need to be re-submitted. However, due to the revised maximum award amounts you may want to consider revising your application. It will be reviewed on the same schedule as the round two applications. Once the second application period is open, you will be able to make any changes to your application or submit additional applications up until the deadline.

Why is the Grants Program being re-opened?

California Fire Safe Council wants to encourage applicants to utilize the potential of matching contributions from CAL FIRE's state-funded California Climate Investments (CCI) Fire Prevention Grant Program to meet the 100% match requirement of the SFA and SMG programs and 25% match requirement of the TMG Grant Program. CAL FIRE will make their awards announcement in July 2018 for CCI grants and applicants can use those awarded grants (all or a portion of them) as match for this grant program.

What are the grant request limits?

For the State Fire Assistance "SFA/SMG" program:

- 2 applications and \$250,000 per application. Total grant award will not exceed \$250,000.

- Fiscal Sponsors can submit 2 applications from their organization, and 1 more from organizations they sponsor. Total grant award will not exceed \$250,000 for fiscal sponsor and \$250,000 for the sponsored entities, for a grand total not to exceed \$400,000.
- Match requirement is 100% or dollar for dollar. Match can be cash or in-kind.

For the Tree Mortality “TMG” program:

- 2 applications and \$300,000 per application. Total grant award will not exceed \$300,000.
- Fiscal sponsors can submit 2 applications from their organizations and 1 more from organizations they sponsor. Total grant award will not exceed \$300,000 for fiscal sponsor and \$300,00 for the sponsored entities, for a grand total award not to exceed \$500,000.
- Match requirement is 25%. Match can be cash or in-kind.

What are the requirements for utilizing recently awarded CAL FIRE CCI grants in this grant program?

California Fire Safe Council’s Fire Prevention grants are federal awards from the U.S. Forest Service. All matching contributions must be necessary, allowable, verifiable, reasonable and allocable as per 2 CFR 200. Since CAL FIRE’s CCI grants are state-funded, they can be used as match to this federal program and are allowable under 2 CFR 200.

To utilize the CAL Fire CCI grant as match, please ensure:

1. The match is listed in the budget and detail is provided to clearly explain how it will be used. The match must be used to support budgeted project costs during the grant period.
2. A Letter of Commitment, which may be the award letter provided by CAL FIRE, must be included with your application. If you are not using the entire CCI grant as match, and only a portion of it, please include a cover letter explaining the contribution amount.
3. The CAL FIRE CCI grant is not listed as match contribution for any other federally-assisted project or program.
4. If funded by CFSC, the applicant will need to submit verifiable records of the match contribution. A copy of the grant award will not suffice, the verifiable records include receipts, invoices, documents and other items which validate the legitimacy of every grant expense paid with matching contributions.
5. Follow all submission requirements outlined in the Grant Award Handbook given to new grantees.

Can I apply to both the SFA/SMG and TMG Grant Program if I fulfill the requirements?

Yes you can. But you will not be awarded the same grant twice. If the projects are different then it is possible to be awarded a grant in both programs.

Who can I contact for more information?

More information is available on our website <http://www.cafiresafecouncil.org/2018-grant-program/> or by calling Amber Gardner at (916) 648-3600 x 1003