



California Fire Safe Council County Coordinators Grant Opportunity

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California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), in partnership with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), is pleased to announce the 2021 County Coordinators Grant Program to assist counties with wildfire mitigation outreach and coordination. The objective of the County Coordinators Grant is to educate, encourage, and develop county-wide collaboration and coordination among various wildfire mitigation groups operating within counties containing State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands. Up to 24 counties will receive a one-time grant of \$175,000 to cover administrative costs relevant to county-wide coordination efforts, including but not limited to the salary, support, and administrative costs for a designated County Coordinator.

Funding Available:

Up to 24 counties will receive a one-time grant of \$175,000.

Eligibility:

The grant opportunity will give priority to counties with a high percentage of Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and a higher proportion of disadvantaged and/or low-income communities. To apply, counties must be the starting point and invested in the scope and goals of the project. However, counties may choose to direct the application process and funds to the non-profit or public agency that they feel are best equipped to execute the project. Local fire mitigation groups are not eligible to apply unless their county designates them as the primary applicant and provides a letter of support. Only one application per county will be accepted.

For local wildfire mitigation organizations, such as Fire Safe Councils and similar groups, the county must be the starting point to apply for the County Coordinators grant. We encourage groups to communicate closely with their county's board of supervisors to develop a shared plan and determine who is best suited to execute the County Coordinator's Project.

Goals

Counties and their Coordinators will work closely with the CA Fire Safe Council's existing Regional Coordinators to:

- (I) Build a census of all active wildfire mitigation groups, contact points, collaboration efforts, and projects.
- (II) Analyze gaps in county-wide wildfire resiliency and emergency preparedness and develop recommendation to fill these needs.
- (III) Develop mechanisms to improve outreach and coordination efforts, such as group



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formation, funding plans, governance structures, and state/regional/local planning efforts.

(IV) Provide a comprehensive final report summarizing the County Wildfire Outreach and Coordination Plans, key issues, success outcomes and gaps, and recommendations.

Deliverables/Expectations

(I) Participate in monthly check-in meetings with CFSC staff and quarterly meetings with state/regional/county coordinators and other interested county-wide wildfire mitigation groups.

(II) Identify, summarize, and report on local groups, grants, and projects within each county at the onset of the grant project and the conclusion of the grant project.

(III) Track and monitor collaborative efforts, tasks, meetings, workshops, and plans developed by the County Coordinator during the project window.

(IV) Submit quarterly programmatic and fiscal reports.

\$175,000 Grant Suggested Uses:

- Hire/designate a County Coordinator to implement project
- Office space for County Coordinator
- Cost of outreach materials
- Technology/infrastructure needed to communicate, measure, and/or track groups and collaborative efforts
- Develop county wildfire protection plans (CWPP) or equivalent county-level planning effort
- Assist in new group formation (i.e. a county-wide Fire Safe Council)

Timeline:

Applications open **August 2nd, 2021** and the application deadline is **September 15th, 2021** at 11:59PM PST. Grants awards will be announced in October 2021.

To Apply:

Applications open August 2nd, 2021. Visit <https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/apply-for-a-grant/> to create a new ZoomGrants account or login to your existing account and select “**2021 CAL FIRE County Coordinators**” grant program to begin. *Please note: Applications will not be available for viewing until August 2nd.*

The County Coordinators Grant is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov.