

## CFSC County Coordinator Grant Opportunity

### Frequently Asked Questions



#### 1. What is the application timeline and where do I apply?

Applications will open August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, and close September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 11:59pm PST. Applications will be available at <https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/apply-for-a-grant/>.

#### 2. Who do I contact if I have questions or need assistance with my application?

Please contact CFSC Staff Grant Specialist, Julia Marsili, at [jmarsili@cafiresafecouncil.org](mailto:jmarsili@cafiresafecouncil.org) or 916-538-1852.

#### 3. Is this an ongoing, annual grant opportunity?

Currently, this is a one-time pilot program; however, we hope to obtain additional funding to extend the project in the future.

#### 4. What is the total funding available per county and what is the total length of the grant term? Will there be an option to extend the term if needed?

The funding maximum is \$175,000 per county. The total grant term is 18 months and there will be no extensions available at this time.

#### 5. Can funds from this grant be used to support a paid position for a Fire Safe Council?

Yes, funds may be used to support a paid position for a Fire Safe Council or other fire mitigation organization; however, we will only accept one application per county. Counties must designate the fire mitigation organization as their county's applicant and provide a letter of support.

#### 6. Can the County Coordinator help to prepare grant applications for fuel reduction projects or other administrative tasks relevant to fire readiness?

Yes, the County Coordinator may assist with planning and preparing grant applications, perform outreach and communications, attend meetings, coordinate volunteers, or otherwise support a county's current efforts as needed.

**7. Are the funds limited to a single County Coordinator or can they be used to cover time for multiple individuals involved in county-wide programming?**

Counties must designate one County Coordinator; however, funds may be used to cover time for positions directly related to the County Coordinator, such as a direct supervisor or assistant.

**8. Can funds be used to cover the County Coordinator's benefits as well as salary?**

Funds may be used to cover any County Coordinator administrative costs including benefits.

**9. Can we offer the County Coordinator position to an existing employee within the county?**

Yes, an existing employee may fill the County Coordinator role if they have the capacity to complete the job functions and manage the program. Counties or their designated agencies may also hire a new employee or create a contract position to fill the County Coordinator role.

**10. Is my county eligible to apply if we have high fire risk but show limited low-income or disadvantaged communities?**

Yes, all counties containing State Responsibility Area (SRA) land are encouraged to apply if they have a need for a County Coordinator. Applications will be evaluated on a combination of factors, including project need/viability, fire risk, past fire activity, and the prevalence of low-income/disadvantaged communities.

Please visit <https://calfire-forestry.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=f767d3f842fd47f4b35d8557f10387a7> to view maps showing your county's Fire Hazard Severity Zones and Low-Income/Disadvantaged communities.