CFSC 2021 Utility Grant Opportunities
Informational Webinar:

2021 PGE Wildfire Ready and Resilient
2021 SCE Fire Safe Council Capacity Grants
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Survey & Questions

• After the webinar a survey will show in your web browser and will be sent via email

• Survey:
  • Organization Information
  • Grant application
  • County

• Q&A: if you have questions, please put them in the Q&A portion of Zoom

• This PowerPoint will be available on the website after the webinar concludes
California Fire Safe Council

Introduction

• Created by the California Fire Alliance and CFSC

• Find us Online at www.cafiresafecouncil.org

• Agencies that provide funding for the CFSC grants clearinghouse
  • U.S. Forest Service
  • Bureau of Land Management
  • National Park Service
  • Fish and Wildlife Service
  • State Farm Insurance
  • Utility Companies
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• Early days were spent creating a thriving statewide network of interested individuals and organizations.
• Since that first grant cycle in 2004, California Fire Safe Council has provided over 900 grants totaling over $100 million to organizations and agencies located throughout California.
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The Role of the Grants Clearinghouse

**Primary Funding Source:**
- PGE/EI
  - Provides funding to promote wildfire resilience, prevention, and preparedness.

**Recipient/Pass-through:**
- CFSC: a pass-through organization

**Subrecipient:**
- Applicant Organization
- Fiscal Sponsor, if applicable

**Beneficiaries:**
- The public and specific groups that are supported by the grant activities

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California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) and Edison International are pleased to announce a joint collaboration to provide grants to communities in Southern California Edison-serviced territories.
Eligibility

• Funded projects are required to be within Southern CA Edison International service-area boundaries.
• Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with their local community-based Fire Safe Council or similar organization.
• Applicants may request grants of $25,000 per application
• No individuals or for-profit entities may apply.
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Examples of Projects

Capacity Building
- Capacity building for new or emerging Fire Safe Councils.
- Organizational infrastructure and/or equipment.

Community Outreach/Preparedness
- Developing or acquiring fire safety educational publications.
- A community-area risk assessment to identify possible mitigation projects.
- Community workshops on Hardened Homes and/or Defensible Space.
- Help developing a CWPP after a community risk assessment is done.

Hazardous Fuel Treatment
- A chipper day or weekend for the community to chip brush and branches.
- Defensible space assistance for special needs populations.
- Permit-ready fuel treatments.
- Purchase of small equipment, such as chippers or chainsaws.

Other projects of this nature will be considered as well.
Important Dates

• Call for applications: **August 10, 2021**
• Final application deadline: **September 8, 2021**
• The projects will begin on **October 1, 2021**.
• All work is required to be completed and reports submitted by **November 30, 2021**.
PGE Wildfire Ready and Resilient Program

Utilities-based grant opportunity in Pacific Gas and Electric service areas.

The California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) is pleased to partner with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) to provide $500,000 dollars in funding to distribute to counties within PG&E’s service territory.
PGE Wildfire Ready and Resilient Program

Utilities-based grant opportunity in Pacific Gas and Electric service areas.

PGE Service Area Map
California Wildfire Risk Zone Map
Program Specifics

• **Five counties** will be awarded this grant opportunity.

• Each grant award will be **$100,000.00**

• The grant term is approximately **14 months**.
Eligibility

• Funded projects are required to be within PGE service-area boundaries.

• Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with their local community-based Fire Safe Council or similar organization.

• The emphasis is upon organizations doing county-wide work, to provide maximum benefit.

• Successful applicants will receive grants of $100,000 per application.

• No individuals or for-profit entities may apply.
Examples of Projects

Capacity Building: The most important emphasis!
• Capacity building for new or emerging county-wide Fire Safe Councils.
• Organizational infrastructure and/or equipment.

Other possible projects include:

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The Goal of the Projects

• Our goal is to improve county hardening with coordinated communications and capacity-building.
Coordination of Efforts

This grant will be used to help coordinate among several existing state and/or federal grant programs such as:

- fuels management
- home-hardening
- resource capacity building
- hazard mitigation
- climate resiliency
- It may also be used as matching funds for appropriate state or federal grants received by the CFSC within the PGE service territory.
Bringing People Together

- The program will focus on developing the operational coordination and capacity of the many various local and regional efforts toward county hardening for wildfire.
Capacity Building: Evacuation and Community Buffers

- Capacity-building will be focused on evacuation planning, home hardening, and community fire buffers.
Program & Outreach

- Help Local Fire Safe Council's Build a Foundation for a Comprehensive Communications Plan
- Strategies for Demonstrating Impacts of the FSC and their Projects
  - Eye Catching Visual Materials
  - Writing Concise and Informative Press Releases
  - Engaging Social Media Content
  - Website Development and Design
  - Community Outreach and Partnership Building
Program Specifics

- **Specific elements will include:**

  - **Coordination** between volunteer groups and local agencies/volunteers.

  - **Collection** and coordination of community data to assist in risk assessment and decision-making.
Important Dates and Application Information

• The application launched **August 10, 2021**.
• The open application period closes on **September 8, 2021**.
• The projects begin on **October 1, 2021**.
• Projects conclude on or before **December 31, 2022**
• Login at [https://cafiresafecouncil.org/zoomgrantslogin/](https://cafiresafecouncil.org/zoomgrantslogin/) to create a new account and select “**2021 PGE Wildfire Ready and Resilient**” grant program to begin.
To apply:

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**Pacific Gas & Electric:**
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Resources

• Edison International Southern California Grant Opportunity:
  • Website
  • Application Handbook: SCE-Grant-Applicant-Handbook.pdf (cafiresafecouncil.org)
    • Grant information
    • Timeline
    • Service Areas
    • Application Questions

• PGE Grant Opportunity:
  • Website
  • Application Handbook: PGE-Grant-Applicant-Handbook.pdf (cafiresafecouncil.org)
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Additional Resources

• To learn more about the California Fire Safe Council please visit: cafiresafecouncil.org/AboutUs

• Review our annual grant reports at cafiresafecouncil.org/AnnualReports

• For more information on Fire Safe Councils in your area or how to start a local fire safe council, please visit cafiresafecouncil.org/resources

• For additional information for community wildfire practitioners and resources on hardened homes and defensible space, please visit https://cafiresafecouncil.org/resources/community-wildfire-practitioners/
Questions?

• Type them in the Q&A Section
• Raise hand in Zoom

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