

2021 Wildfire Evacuation Route Planning and Development Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



Q: Can a county apply for this grant and in turn sub-grant the funds to the FSC's or cities or use for regional evacuation planning?

A: The Applicant must be a county. If the county decides to contract the work to another agency that is within their discretion.

Q: Does the workplan need to cover the whole county or can it cover a high risk area within the county?

A: The goal is to cover the whole county, but applications covering highest priority areas will also be accepted.

Q: Where on your website are the application materials are located?

A: If you have not applied with us yet, you can create a new grant account at:
<https://cafiresafecouncil.org/2021-county-evacuation-route-grant-opportunity/>

Q: Will the slides be emailed right after this webinar?

A: The slides and a video of the webinar will be on our website
<https://cafiresafecouncil.org/2021-county-evacuation-route-grant-opportunity/>

Q: When is the application due?

A: Dates are subject to change, but our tentative application schedule is as follows:

- November 15, 2021 – Application period opens
- December 15, 2021 – Applications due at 11:59pm
- January 19, 2022 – Announce awards
- January 20, 2022 – Project start date

Q: What is the performance period of the grant?

A: We anticipate the performance period will begin in January 2022 and go through March 2023. Specific dates are still being worked out.

Q: How long do you estimate it would take from the time a reimbursement request is submitted until payment is issued. This will be important when hiring sub-contractors to perform some of this work.

A: Since this is a new process, we don't have an exact time frame, but we will have more clear information when/if we issue you a subaward.

Q: Could this grant be used to pay for a service such as Zonehaven?

A: Yes, software that is necessary for evacuation route planning and the product is public facing and will benefit the local agency and the public.

Q: As a Regional Transportation Planning Agency, we work closely with the County and local transit agency in coordinating evacuation efforts. Does the County need to be the applicant, or would we be eligible to apply?

A: Yes the Applicant must be a county

Q: Can you apply if you have been awarded a CFSC grant in the past?

A: The grants are designated for counties. So yes, if the county has authorized your agency to apply.

Q: If a planning project application spans the SRA and LRA would it still be eligible?

A: Yes.

Q: If multiple entities applied within a county seeking the same end result, could they form a partnership and pursue a common project with shared interest in a common outcome? And, would the partnership need to be established (e.g. MOU) prior to application or could it be finalized after grant award?

A: Yes, that sounds like a great idea. The partnership should be established prior to submitting the application.

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