



California Fire Safe Council Wildfire Evacuation Route Planning and Development Grant Opportunity

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The California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) is pleased to announce the 2021 Cal Fire “Wildfire Evacuation Route Planning and Development” Grant Program.

The objective of the Wildfire Evacuation Route Planning and Development Grant is to assist counties containing State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands with planning and creating evacuation routes that can be used in the event of encroaching wildfires.

Funding Available: A total of \$1.9 million dollars is available to counties for this work, with a maximum grant amount of \$380,000.

Eligible counties will receive up to \$380,000 to cover costs related to evacuation route planning, construction, and administrative costs including hazardous fuel reduction and signage along evacuation routes

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. Only one application per county will be accepted.

Goals

Counties will use the grant funds to plan and implement improvements to their system of wildfire evacuation routes. This should include an assessment of their current network of evacuation routes and identifying what the most cost-effective use of the grant funds would be to achieve the maximum public benefit.

Counties will also use the grant funds to improve public outreach and education about the county’s wildfire evacuation route network and how it is intended to be used by the public.

Counties will also use the grant funds to provide a comprehensive final report summarizing the County’s Wildfire Evacuation Route Network and Utilization Plan, including key issues, success outcomes and gaps, and recommendations.

Deliverables/Expectations

- (I) Participate in monthly check-in meetings with CFSC staff.
- (II) Track and monitor project tasks, meetings, workshops, and plans developed.
- (III) Submit quarterly programmatic and fiscal reports.
- (IV) Provide a GIS layer of all routes identified, planned, built, maintained, or signed during the project



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Suggested Uses of Grant Funds:

- Hire/designate staff to implement project
- Office space for staff
- Cost of public outreach efforts
- Technology/infrastructure needed to implement, communicate, measure, and/or track project progress, including software and technical assistance

Accepting Applications: starting November 15, 2021

To Apply:

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 “Wildfire Evacuation Route Planning and Development” grant program to begin.

Please note: Applications will not be available for viewing until November 15, 2021.

Grant Opportunity Webinar: Nov. 18, 2021, 10:00 am PST

Topic: 2021 Cal Fire Wildfire Evacuation Route Planning and Development Application
Learn how to apply for this grant.

Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EgClq6l9SD2--r0-aNzNgA

Application submittal deadline is **December 22, 2021** at 11:59PM PST.
Grant awards will be **announced February 2022**.



The “Wildfire Evacuation Route Planning and Development” 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.