

Frequently Asked Questions

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

Applications will open October 3, 2022, and close November 15th, 2022, 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, for CAL FIRE's Northern Region, at jmarsili@cafiresafecouncil.org.

Please contact CFSC Staff Grant Specialist, Nina Evans, for CAL FIRE's Southern Region, at nevans@cafiresafecouncil.org.

3. Is this an ongoing, annual grant opportunity?

Currently, this is a one-time 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 for this round of County Coordinator funding?

Counties who do not currently have a County Coordinator grant through the California Fire Safe Council are eligible to apply for the 2022 County Coordinator Statewide grant program.