



Fire Prevention & Preparedness Grants FOCUS AREAS, FUNDING PRIORITIES & GUIDELINES

ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA FIRE FOUNDATION

Created in 1987, the [California Fire Foundation](#) (CFF), a statewide nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization, provides public safety prevention education initiatives, emotional and financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters and the communities they protect. CFF's mandate includes [an array of programs](#) that honor fallen firefighters and provide survivor and victim assistance, as well as public safety education initiatives aimed at preventing injuries and death from preventable safety hazards.

WILDFIRE RISK MITIGATION

California is in a perpetual state of disaster alert. Few areas of the world have felt the impact of climate change more acutely than California: devastating wildfires fueled by punishing drought and heat waves; flooding and mudslides driven by torrential rains; erosion and coastal damage from rising sea levels. Communities across the state are experiencing first-hand this new normal; with drought, extreme weather variations, and increasingly dangerous wildfires plaguing our state on a regular basis.



CFF is committed to ensuring that all California residents are ready for the next wildfire. Catastrophic, climate change-driven events pose a significant risk to the public's safety. But, too often, under-resourced communities in high-fire threat areas lack the resources and information needed to stay safe.

CFF, fire departments, firefighter associations, community-based and local safety-focused organizations are positioned to work in partnership -- directly providing needed prevention and preparedness resources to Californians, which help mitigate the risk of wildfires and other climate change-driven disasters.

FUNDING PRIORITIES



Recent fire seasons in California have been the deadliest and most destructive on record. And, the state continues to battle a drought of historic proportions -- the worst megadrought in centuries.

Even without the coronavirus outbreak, as weather heats up across California and increases wildfire risk, our state is likely bracing for another long, hot summer due to the record drought.

OUR FOCUS AREAS

Fire prevention or preparedness projects or programs that:

- Focus on supporting wildfire preparedness and/or prevention efforts, which protect and enhance the public's safety and/or the safety of California's firefighters and other first responders, including -
 - Vegetation Mitigation & Fuels Reduction
 - Personal Protective Equipment
 - Education, Planning or Community Outreach Campaigns
 - First Responder or Fire Victim Behavioral Health & Wellness
 - Specialized Firefighting Equipment
 - First Responder Training
- Are grounded in and responsive to under-resourced communities or populations throughout California, with particular emphasis given to those located in or serving the following high fire-threat areas, as defined by the [California Public Utilities Commission](#)):

TIER 3 (Extreme) Counties

Extreme high fire-threat areas are located within the following counties --
Alameda; Amador; Butte; Calaveras; Contra Costa; El Dorado; Fresno; Humboldt; Kern; Lake; Los Angeles; Madera; Marin; Mariposa; Mendocino; Monterey; Napa; Nevada; Orange; Placer; Plumas; Riverside; San Diego; San Bernardino; San Luis Obispo; San Mateo; Santa Barbara; Santa Clara; Santa Cruz; Shasta; Sierra; Siskiyou; Sonoma; Trinity; Tulare; Tuolumne; Ventura; and Yuba

TIER 2 (Elevated) Counties

Elevated high fire-threat areas are located within the following counties --
Alameda; Alpine; Amador; Butte; Calaveras; Colusa; Contra Costa; Del Norte; El Dorado; Fresno; Glenn; Humboldt; Inyo; Kern; Lake; Lassen; Los Angeles;

Madera; Marin; Mariposa; Mendocino, Modoc; Mono; Monterey; Napa; Nevada; Orange; Placer; Plumas; Riverside; San Bernardino; San Benito; San Diego; San Luis Obispo; San Mateo; Santa Barbara; Santa Clara; Santa Cruz; Shasta; Sierra; Siskiyou; Solano; Sonoma; Stanislaus; Tehama; Trinity; Tuolumne; Tulare; Ventura; Yolo; and Yuba

Who and what we cannot support:

- Capital projects;
- Annual appeals; or
- Funding for political candidates, appointees or ballot initiatives

FUNDING GUIDELINES

- Applicant must be a **California-based fire department, firefighter association** or recognized **nonprofit organization**.
 - Others may apply if they apply for funding in collaboration with one of the three above-referenced entities.
 - Fire departments and firefighter associations representing the same service area or whose personnel/members serve the same geographic region are eligible to individually apply for funding.
- Program or project must serve the residents of California;
- Requested amount should not exceed \$15,000 (requests outside of this range will be considered on an as-needed basis);
- We do not require matching funds; and
- CFF generally responds to submitted applications within four to six weeks after the application window closes.

APPLY

Additional Questions? Contact Us!

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