



Statewide Grants Cycle FUNDING PRIORITIES & GUIDELINES



FUNDING PRIORITIES

Recent fire seasons in California have been the deadliest and most destructive on record. Despite a promising start to the water year, the state remains in a drought. As weather heats up across California, wildfire risk will increase. Funding priority is extended to those projects that actively address the state's toughest wildfire prevention, preparedness, relief or recovery needs.

OUR FOCUS AREAS

Projects serving California communities that:

- Focus on supporting wildfire safety and preparedness 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
 - Education, Planning or Community Outreach Campaigns
 - Personal Protective Equipment
 - Specialized Firefighting Equipment
 - First Responder Training
- Are grounded in and responsive to under-resourced communities, with particular emphasis given to those serving [high fire-threat areas](#).

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 nonprofit organization**. *Only one submission per Tax ID accepted.*
 - Other groups may apply when doing so in collaboration with one of the three above-referenced entities, including fiscal agents.
 - Fire departments serving and firefighter associations representing the same community or whose personnel/members serve the same geographic region, **are** eligible to individually apply for funding.
- Priority given to under-resourced communities in [extreme or elevated fire-threat areas](#);
- Requested amount should not exceed \$15,000 (requests outside of this range will be considered on an as-needed basis);
- CFF **does not** require matching funds; and

- We generally respond to submitted applications within four to six weeks after the application window closes.

WILDFIRE RISK

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 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, local firefighter associations and other community-based 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.

ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA FIRE FOUNDATION

Formed 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.

APPLY ONLINE

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