CALIFORNIA FIRE FOUNDATION

# Funding Priorities & Guidelines





# Proposition 4 Wildfire Prevention & Firefighter Safety

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## Overview

The California Fire Foundation (CFF) is a statewide nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization based in Sacramento, CA. Formed in 1987 and is pleased to announce the Proposition 4 Wildfire Prevention & Firefighter Safety Grant Program, funded through the voter-approved $10 billion Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act.

Of the historic statewide investment, approximately $1.5 billion is dedicated to wildfire and forest resilience. CFF has been entrusted with $13.8 million of these funds to strengthen firefighter safety, community preparedness, and prevention efforts statewide.

California based fire departments, local firefighter associations, federally recognized tribes, and nonprofit organizations will be able to access grant awards up to $1million for projects. These grants are designed to strengthen firefighter safety, enhance community preparedness, and support proactive wildfire prevention at the local level.

As wildfire risk continues to grow across the state, local agencies and community-based organizations remain on the front lines. Proposition 4 funding provides critical resources to ensure those closest to the work have the tools, equipment, and support they need to protect lives, property, and natural landscapes.

**Please read Proposition 4 FAQ's before applying.**

## Focus Areas

The California Fire Foundation supports projects that actively address wildfire preparedness and/or prevention needs, which protect and enhance the public's safety or the safety of California's firefighters and other first responders, including:

- **Vegetation Mitigation & Fuels Reduction:** Grants in this category will support disaster mitigation and fuel reduction projects
- **Firefighter Health & Safety:** Grants in this category focus on protecting firefighters' physical, mental, and behavioral health
- **Specialized Firefighting Equipment:** Grants in this category will support equipment that directly protects firefighter health and strengthens emergency response capacity

# Guidelines

- Applicant must be a California-based fire department, firefighter association, federally recognized tribe, or a nonprofit organization*. Other groups may apply when doing so in collaboration with one of the three above-referenced entities;*
- If your project is fiscally sponsored, the application **must** be submitted through the fiscal sponsor's grant portal to be considered
- Project must benefit California communities, with priority given to projects that serve vulnerable populations or disadvantaged communities
- Fire departments and firefighter associations representing the same community, or whose personnel/members serve the same geographic region, **are eligible** to individually apply for funding
- Each eligible organization is allowed to submit **one application per each funding focus area**;
- Requested amount should not exceed $1,000,000 (requests outside of this range will be considered
- on an as-needed basis);
- CFF **does not** require matching funds
- This opportunity is **not a reimbursable grant,** all awarded project must start upon receipt of the grant funding from CFF;
- Funding decisions are generally communicated several weeks **after** the application window closes. *Applicants may track the status of their submissions on their grants portal dashboard.*
- Applicants are required to follow the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Cooperative Fire Protection – Safety Program Firefighter Health and Safety, Vegetation and Fuel Reduction, and Community Resilience Grant Guidelines and requirements stipulated in the executed grant agreement between California Fire Foundation and the grant awardee.

| Should You Apply? | Yes | No |
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| **Your project serves a community located in a high disaster-risk area of California?** | X | |
| **Fire Department** | X | |
| **Firefighter Association** | X | |
| **Nonprofit Organization** | X | |
| **Tribal Entity** | X | |
| **Individual** | | X |
| **Private Business** (Corporation, LLC, sole proprietorship) | | X |
| **Political Campaign or Lobbying Effort** | | X |
| **Capital Project** | | X |
| **Annual Fundraising Appeal** | | X |