CALIFORNIA FIRE FOUNDATION

Frequently Asked Questions







Proposition 4 Wildfire Prevention & Firefighter Safety

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Who is eligible to apply?

The California Fire Foundation directs support to the following California-based organizations providing services to their communities and throughout the state:

- Fire Departments
- Firefighter Associations
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Tribal Governments and Tribal Nonprofit Organizations

Other groups may apply when doing so in collaboration with one of the above-referenced entities, including fiscal agents.

What focus areas are supported?

The California Fire Foundation supports projects actively addressing wildfire and other climate-caused disaster 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
- Firefighter Health & Safety
- Specialized Firefighting Equipment

What Does the California Fire Foundation prioritize funding requests?

Yes. In this cycle, funding priority will be given to applicants whose projects provide meaningful and direct benefits to vulnerable populations or disadvantaged communities as defined in 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

How much funding can my organization request?

Grant awards may be available up to $1,000,000, depending on project scope and impact.

Is there an Indirect Cost Policy?

Yes, click here for the Indirect Cost Policy

Are subawards eligible?

No

Do you require matching funds as a condition for receiving a grant?

No

May a grant be used to help satisfy another funder's matching funds requirement?

Yes

Can I submit more than one request?

Each organization is allowed to submit multiple applications, but only one application per each funding area (**name areas). Fire departments and firefighter associations serving/representing the same community are eligible to individually apply.**

May I email or mail our application to the California Fire Foundation?

No. The California Fire Foundation accepts grant applications through our online system. If you don't have access to the internet, or you are having technical difficulties with your application, please contact us directly.

How long can a project period be?

Projects are typically expected to be completed within 12 months of receiving funds, if awarded.

How often can my organization apply for funding?

If your organization was previously awarded funding for a project that has not yet been completed, you may still apply for another grant in this cycle.

If your organization was previously awarded funding for a project **and** that project ended more than 45 days ago, you may apply for another grant in this cycle **IF** you have submitted your end-of-project report for that previously awarded grant.

Prior grantees with outstanding reporting requirements may not be considered for funding. End-of-project reports are completed and submitted online through your dashboard in the grants portal.

How much funding should my organization request?

The requested amount **should not** exceed $1,000,000. Requests outside of this range will be considered on an as-needed basis.

When will I be contacted about the status of my proposal?

Funding decisions are generally communicated within four weeks **after the application window closes**. At any time, applicants may view the status of their submission on their grants portal dashboard. *Due to the volume of grant applications received, your dashboard will be the **quickest** way to check your proposal status.*

What happens after my application is submitted?

Applications and related attachments received by the deadline will be reviewed by California Fire Foundation's grants review team. If additional details are needed to evaluate your proposal, a member of our team will reach out to you directly via the email address we have on file to request follow-up information. *Follow-up requests **are time sensitive** and, if not responded to in a timely manner, your application **will not move forward** in the review process.*

If my organization is awarded funding, what are our responsibilities as a grantee?

- Submit required grant award materials, including signed grant agreement and complete W9 using the 2024 form.
- Complete the measurable goals and objectives for the project awarded;
- Immediately update California Fire Foundation's grants management team if any major changes associated with the grant arise (including major changes in project budget, scope of work or timeline);
- Promote funding partnership on your social channel(s) and submit pictures of your grant "in action"; and
- Submit quarterly grant reports as assigned. When submitting your required reports online, you will be asked to provide project progress and upload a financial summary of grant-related expenditures, as well as copies of invoice(s)/receipt(s).
- Complete a brief, online End-of-Project report
- Any other requirements set forth by 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.

Is the grant reimbursable?

No. If you receive a grant, funding will be remitted by mail via check **after** the California Fire Foundation receives your executed grant agreement. All projects must start after receipt of funds if awarded. When submitting your required quarterly reports online, you will upload a progress report, financial summary of grant-related expenditures, as well as copies of invoice(s)/receipt(s).

Should You Apply?	Yes	No
Your project serves a community located in an elevated or extreme wildfire or other 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		X
Lobbying Effort		X
Capital Project		X
Annual Fundraising Appeal		X