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**GENERAL INFORMATION**


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<b>Document Type:</b>	Grants Notice
<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-CWSF
<b>Funding Opportunity Title:</b>	Community Wildfire Defense Grant 2023 West
<b>Opportunity Category:</b>	Discretionary
<b>Opportunity Category Explanation:</b>	
<b>Funding Instrument Type:</b>	Grant
<b>Category of Funding Activity:</b>	Disaster Prevention and Relief Natural Resources
<b>Category Explanation:</b>	
<b>Expected Number of Awards:</b>	500
<b>CFDA Number(s):</b>	10.720 -- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Community Wildfire Defense Grants
<b>Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:</b>	Yes

<b>Version:</b>	Synopsis 5
<b>Posted Date:</b>	Jul 31, 2023
<b>Last Updated Date:</b>	Jul 31, 2023
<b>Original Closing Date for Applications:</b>	Oct 31, 2023
<b>Current Closing Date for Applications:</b>	Oct 31, 2023
<b>Archive Date:</b>	Nov 04, 2023
<b>Estimated Total Program Funding:</b>	\$250,000,000
<b>Award Ceiling:</b>	\$10,000,000
<b>Award Floor:</b>	\$0

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**ELIGIBILITY**


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<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments) Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education County governments City or township governments Special district governments State governments Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
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**Additional Information on Eligibility:**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**


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**Agency Name:** Forest Service

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**Description:**

**This announcement contains the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)/Instructions. To apply after reading the NOFO, visit the application portal at [cwdg.forestrygrants.org](http://cwdg.forestrygrants.org).**

The purpose of the Community Wildfire Defense Grant is to assist at-risk local communities and Indian Tribes with planning and mitigating against the risk created by wildfire.

The Act prioritizes at-risk communities in an area identified as having high or very high wildfire hazard potential, are low-income, and/or have been impacted by a severe disaster. More details on these three priorities can be found in the Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs).

The CWDG helps communities in the wildland urban interface (WUI) implement the three goals of the [National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy](#) (Cohesive Strategy):

- **Restore and Maintain Landscapes:** Landscapes, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries, are resilient to fire, insect, disease, invasive species, and climate change disturbances, in accordance with management objectives.
- **Create Fire Adapted Communities:** Human populations and infrastructure are as prepared as possible to receive, respond to, and recover from wildland fire.
- **Improve Wildfire Response:** All jurisdictions participate in making and implementing safe, effective, efficient risk-based wildfire management decisions.

This program is authorized in Public Law 117-58, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

There are two primary project types for which the grant provides funding:

- The development and revision of Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP)

- The implementation of projects described in a CWPP that is less than ten years old

**Applicant Webinars** for CWDG Round 2 have been scheduled as follows. The application process in Round 2 is the same for all applicants (versus Round 1 where there were different processes for different regions), and any applicant in any region, area, or Tribe may attend any webinar, they will all have the same content, however, the August 10 Webinar will be more focused on Tribal applications and Tribal application Q&A.

This information will also be on the Forest Service CWDG website, link below.

To attend a webinar, please register in advance by clicking on the link following each date:

August 4, 2pm-4pm Eastern

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DOtCNZHVRym3gFKdzYILUg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DOtCNZHVRym3gFKdzYILUg)

August 9, 2pm-4pm Eastern

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Q-NLfp\\_HRR2zWoOQZgMprw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Q-NLfp_HRR2zWoOQZgMprw)

August 10, 2pm-4pm Eastern

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_yxe-tURVSqqKI7EMJ5zOmQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yxe-tURVSqqKI7EMJ5zOmQ)

August 15, 2pm-4pm Eastern

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8XdEXfHSYyk\\_XxdkOeGgA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8XdEXfHSYyk_XxdkOeGgA)

Applicant Webinar recordings will be made available soon after the webinars for those unable to attend one of the live offerings, check back on the Forest Service CWDG website for recordings.

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**Link to Additional Information:** [CWDG Homepage](#)

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