



GENERAL INFORMATION

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-TRIBES
Funding Opportunity Title:	Community Wildfire Defense Grant 2023 Tribes
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Opportunity Category Explanation:	
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Disaster Prevention and Relief Natural Resources
Category Explanation:	
Expected Number of Awards:	75
CFDA Number(s):	10.720 -- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Community Wildfire Defense Grants
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes

Version:	Synopsis 6
Posted Date:	Jul 31, 2023
Last Updated Date:	Jul 31, 2023
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Oct 31, 2023
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Oct 31, 2023
Archive Date:	Nov 04, 2023
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$250,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$10,000,000
Award Floor:	\$0

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants:	Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
Additional Information on Eligibility:	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Agency Name: Forest Service

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.

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

August 9, 2pm-4pm Eastern

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Q-NLfp_HRR2zWoOQZgMprw

August 10, 2pm-4pm Eastern

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yxe-tURVSqqKI7EMJ5zOmQ

August 15, 2pm-4pm Eastern

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.

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

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