



Wildland Urban Interface Grant Program

BACKGROUND

The Western States Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Grant Program supports Shared Stewardship, state Forest Action Plans and the goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy:

- Establishing fire adapted communities
- Restoring resilient landscapes
- Fostering safe and effective response to wildland fire



Source-funding is USFS State and Private Forestry (S&PF) dollars which are allocated nationally. Within the western region, funds are awarded through a competitive process to 22 western states and territories. These funds are used by the states and territories exclusively for projects on non-federal lands and cannot be used to compensate federal labor or expenses.

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PROJECTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING INTENT:

- Protect communities within the WUI through outcome-driven, cross-boundary, innovative projects that align with priority areas identified in the Montana Statewide Wildfire Risk Assessment.
- Qualifying projects should fall into one or more categories:
 - Reduce hazardous fuels in the WUI
 - WUI-based prevention and education
 - Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) development or update.

GRANT AMOUNT & REVIEW

- Budget requests should be \$255,000 or less.
- A Request for Proposals is distributed annually to partners statewide in January/February.
- Applications are reviewed annually. The DNRC Forest Stewardship Program works with partners to edit their proposals before sending them on to the regional review process, which occurs in September.

MATCH

- Requires a 25% match, calculated as a percentage of total grant funds requested.
- For WUI hazardous fuels reduction projects, match should be met by the landowners through contributions towards the completion of their project.

The funding for this program is derived from a federal award of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, to the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Forestry Division. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.