

**Sierra County
Board of Supervisors'
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MEETING DATE: September 20, 2022	TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Timed <input type="checkbox"/> Consent
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DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works
APPROVING PARTY: Tim Beals, Director
PHONE NUMBER: 530-289-3201

AGENDA ITEM: Further discussion and direction as may be needed for the development of an application for grant funding under the Federal Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program.

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Memo Resolution Agreement Other
Two page email dated 8-22-22 identifying the grant program and containing link to information.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Initially discussed before Board of Supervisors on September 6, 2022.

FUNDING SOURCE: Federal
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: General Fund Impact
OTHER FUND: To Be Determined
AMOUNT: \$-Up to \$10Million One Time Expense

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DATE

From: Uma Hinman <uhinman@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 2:25 PM

To: Uma Hinman <uhinman@comcast.net>

Subject: FW: USFS Community Wildfire Defense Grant Open for Applications

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The Biden Administration has announced a five-year, \$1 billion program through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to provide grants to at-risk communities for planning and mitigation wildfire events. The Community Wildfire Defense Grant program will fund individual grants up to \$250,000 to create and update community wildfire protection plans or conduct outreach and education, and up to \$10 million for associated infrastructure and resilience projects. Applications are being accepted through October 7, 2022 and instructions for interested local governments in the western U.S. can be downloaded [here](#).

Community Wildfire Defense Grant

The Community Wildfire Defense Grants are intended to help at-risk local communities and Tribes plan and reduce the risk against 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) below.

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 across all jurisdictions are resilient to fire-related disturbances, in accordance with management objectives.
- **Create Fire Adapted Communities:** Human populations and infrastructure can better withstand a wildfire without loss of life and property.
- **Improve Wildfire Response:** All jurisdictions participate in making and implementing safe, effective, efficient risk-based wildfire management decisions.

The grants are funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

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

The development and revision of Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

- The implementation of projects described in a Community Wildfire Protection Plan that is less than ten years old.

Details: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/grants>

Please let me know if you are interested

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