

**Sierra County
Board of Supervisors'
Agenda Transmittal &
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MEETING DATE: July 20, 2021	TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Timed <input type="checkbox"/> Consent
DEPARTMENT: Planning Department/OES	
APPROVING PARTY: Tim H. Beals, Director	
PHONE NUMBER: 530-289-3201	

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion and Direction on California Fire Safe Council-County Coordinator Grant due by end of August.

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Memo Resolution Agreement Other

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Grant Announcement, FAQ

FUNDING SOURCE: Grant
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: No General Fund Impact
OTHER FUND:
AMOUNT: \$ N/A

ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED?

Yes, -- --
No

IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET? Yes No

IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED? Yes No

SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE

BOARD ACTION: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken	<input type="checkbox"/> Set public hearing For: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Direction to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Continued to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization given to: _____	Resolution 2021- _____ Agreement 2021- _____ Ordinance _____ Vote: Ayes: Noes: Abstain: Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> By Consensus
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COMMENTS:

CLERK TO THE BOARD _____ DATE _____



California Fire Safe Council County Coordinators Grant Opportunity

June 21, 2021

California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), in partnership with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), is pleased to announce the 2021 County Coordinators Grant Program to assist counties with wildfire mitigation outreach and coordination. The objective of the County Coordinators Grant is to educate, encourage, and develop county-wide collaboration and coordination among various wildfire mitigation groups operating within counties containing State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands. Up to 24 counties will receive a one-time grant of \$175,000 to be used to cover administrative costs relevant to county-wide coordination efforts, including but not limited to the salary, support, and administrative costs for a designated County Coordinator.

Funding Available:

Up to 24 counties will receive a one-time grant of \$175,000.

Eligibility:

Priority will be given to counties with a high percentage of Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and a higher proportion of disadvantaged and/or low-income communities. To apply, counties must be the starting point and invested in the scope and goals of the project. However, counties may choose to direct the application process and funds to the non-profit or public agency that they feel are best equipped to execute the project. Local fire mitigation groups are not eligible to apply unless their county designates them as the primary applicant and provides a letter of support. Only one application per county will be accepted.

For local wildfire mitigation organizations, such as Fire Safe Councils and similar groups, the county must be the starting point to apply for the County Coordinators grant. We encourage groups to communicate closely with their county's board of supervisors to develop a shared plan and determine who is best suited to execute the County Coordinators Project.

Goals

Counties and their Coordinators will work closely with the CA Fire Safe Council's existing Regional Coordinators to:

- (I) Build a census of all active wildfire mitigation groups, contact points, collaboration efforts, and projects.
- (II) Analyze gaps in county-wide wildfire resiliency and emergency preparedness and develop recommendation to fill these needs.
- (III) Develop mechanisms to improve outreach and coordination efforts, such as group

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More information on our
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<https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/2021-county-coordinators-grant-opportunity/>

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formation, funding plans, governance structures, and state/regional/local planning efforts.

(IV) Provide a comprehensive final report summarizing the County Wildfire Outreach and Coordination Plans, key issues, success outcomes and gaps, and recommendations.

Deliverables/Expectations

(I) Participate in monthly check-in meetings with CFSC staff and quarterly meetings with state/regional/county coordinators and other interested county-wide wildfire mitigation groups.

(II) Identify, summarize, and report on local groups, grants, and projects within each county at the onset of the grant project and the conclusion of the grant project.

(III) Track and monitor collaborative efforts, tasks, meetings, workshops, and plans developed by the County Coordinator during the project window.

(IV) Submit quarterly programmatic and fiscal reports.

\$175,000 Grant Suggested Uses:

- Hire/designate a County Coordinator to implement project
- Office space for County Coordinator
- Cost of outreach materials
- Technology/infrastructure needed to communicate, measure, and/or track groups and collaborative efforts
- Develop community wildfire protection plans (CWPP) or equivalent county-level planning effort
- Assist in new group formation (i.e. a county-wide Fire Safe Council)

Timeline:

Applications open **August 1st, 2021** and the application deadline is **August 31st, 2021** at 11:59PM PST. Grants awards will be announced in September 2021.

The project start date is **October 1st, 2021** and all work is required to be completed by **March 31st, 2023**.

To Apply:

Applications open August 1st, 2021. Visit <https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/2021-county-coordinators-grant-opportunity/> to create a new ZoomGrants account or login to your existing account and select "2021 CAL FIRE County Coordinators" grant program to begin.

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[Date]

Dear California Fire Safe Council,

The [County] Board of Supervisors authorizes [organization name] to apply on behalf of [County] for the 2021 California Fire Safe Council County Coordinators Grant Project and serve as the grant subrecipient. Our board is confident that [organization name] can execute the scope of the grant program and meet project metrics and deliverables.

[Organization name] is aware that, as a subrecipient, they will be required to work closely with the [County] Board of Supervisors and other fire mitigation groups within the county to meet the County Coordinators grant objectives of educating, encouraging, and developing county-wide collaboration and coordination. Our Board is prepared to support and assist [organization name] in the execution of these project goals.

Should you require additional confirmation of [County]'s support of [organization name], the Board of Supervisor's office may be reached at [phone number] and [email address].

Signed,

Chair, [County] Board of Supervisors

Date

Clerk to the Board of Supervisors
County of [County Name], State of California

Date

CFSC County Coordinator Grant Opportunity
Frequently Asked Questions



1. What is the application timeline and where do I apply?

Applications will open August 1st, 2021, and close August 31st, 2021, at 11:59pm PST.

Applications will be available at <https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/apply-for-a-grant/>.

2. Who do I contact if I have questions or need assistance with my application?

Please contact CFSC Staff Grant Specialist, Julia Marsili, at jmarsili@cafiresafecouncil.org or 916-538-1852.

3. Is this an ongoing, annual grant opportunity?

Currently, this is a one-time pilot program; however, we hope to obtain additional funding to extend the project in the future.

4. What is the total funding available per county and what is the total length of the grant term? Will there be an option to extend the term if needed?

The funding maximum is \$175,000 per county. The total grant term is 18 months and there will be no extensions available at this time.

5. Can funds from this grant be used to support a paid position for a Fire Safe Council?

Yes, funds may be used to support a paid position for a Fire Safe Council or other fire mitigation organization; however, we will only accept one application per county. Counties must designate the fire mitigation organization as their county's applicant and provide a letter of support.

6. Can the County Coordinator help to prepare grant applications for fuel reduction projects or other administrative tasks relevant to fire readiness?

Yes, the County Coordinator may assist with planning and preparing grant applications, perform outreach and communications, attend meetings, coordinate volunteers, or otherwise support a county's current efforts as needed.

7. Are the funds limited to a single County Coordinator or can they be used to cover time for multiple individuals involved in county-wide programming?

Counties must designate one County Coordinator; however, funds may be used to cover time for positions directly related to the County Coordinator, such as a direct supervisor or assistant.

8. Can funds be used to cover the County Coordinator's benefits as well as salary?

Funds may be used to cover any County Coordinator administrative costs including benefits.

9. Can we offer the County Coordinator position to an existing employee within the county?

Yes, an existing employee may fill the County Coordinator role if they have the capacity to complete the job functions and manage the program. Counties or their designated agencies may also hire a new employee or create a contract position to fill the County Coordinator role.

10. Is my county eligible to apply if we have high fire risk but show limited low-income or disadvantaged communities?

Yes, all counties containing State Responsibility Area (SRA) land are encouraged to apply if they have a need for a County Coordinator. Applications will be evaluated on a combination of factors, including project need/viability, fire risk, past fire activity, and the prevalence of low-income/disadvantaged communities.

Please visit <https://calfire-forestry.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=f767d3f842fd47f4b35d8557f10387a7> to view maps showing your county's Fire Hazard Severity Zones and Low-Income/Disadvantaged communities.

Tim Beals

From: Lee Brown
Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Don Russell
Cc: Tim Beals
Subject: FW: CFSC County Coordinator Grant Reminder & Details

From: Julia Marsili <jmarsili@cafiresafecouncil.org>
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Good afternoon everyone,

Please let this email serve as an additional reminder that the California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), in partnership with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), will open applications for the 2021 County Coordinators Grant Program on Monday, August 2nd, at 9:00AM PST. Applications will close August 31st, 2021, at 11:59PM PST. Grant awards will be announced in September 2021. On August 2nd, you may locate the grant application at <https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/apply-for-a-grant/>. **You will not be able to view the grant application before the opening date.**

The objective of the County Coordinators Grant is to educate, encourage, and develop county-wide collaboration among various wildfire mitigation groups operating within counties containing State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands. Up to 24 counties will receive a one-time, 18-month grant of approximately \$175,000 to be used to cover administrative costs relevant to county-wide coordination efforts.

All interested counties are encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to counties with a combination of:

- High percentage of Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones
- History of frequent/damaging fires
- Higher proportion of disadvantaged and/or low-income communities

For additional information and a recording of the online grant workshop, please visit <https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/2021-county-coordinators-grant-opportunity/> or contact me at (916) 538-1852 or jmarsili@cafiresafecouncil.org.

Sincerely,



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