



CFSC 2021 Utility Grant Opportunities Informational Webinar:

**2021 PGE Wildfire Ready and Resilient
2021 SCE Fire Safe Council Capacity Grants**



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Survey & Questions

- After the webinar a survey will show in your web browser and will be sent via email
- Survey:
 - Organization Information
 - Grant application
 - County
- Q&A: if you have questions, please put them in the Q&A portion of Zoom
- This PowerPoint will be available on the website after the webinar concludes



California Fire Safe Council Introduction

- Created by the California Fire Alliance and CFSC
- Find us Online at www.cafiresafecouncil.org
- Agencies that provide funding for the CFSC grants clearinghouse
 - U.S. Forest Service
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - National Park Service
 - Fish and Wildlife Service
 - State Farm Insurance
 - Utility Companies



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- Early days were spent creating a thriving statewide network of interested individuals and organizations.
- Since that first grant cycle in 2004, California Fire Safe Council has provided over 900 grants totaling over \$100 million to organizations and agencies located throughout California.

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The Role of the Grants Clearinghouse

**Primary Funding Source:
PGE/EI**

- Provides funding to promote wildfire resilience, prevention, and preparedness.

Recipient/Pass-through

- CFSC: a pass-through organization

Subrecipient

- Applicant Organization
- Fiscal Sponsor, if applicable

YOU!

Beneficiaries

- The public and specific groups that are supported by the grant activities

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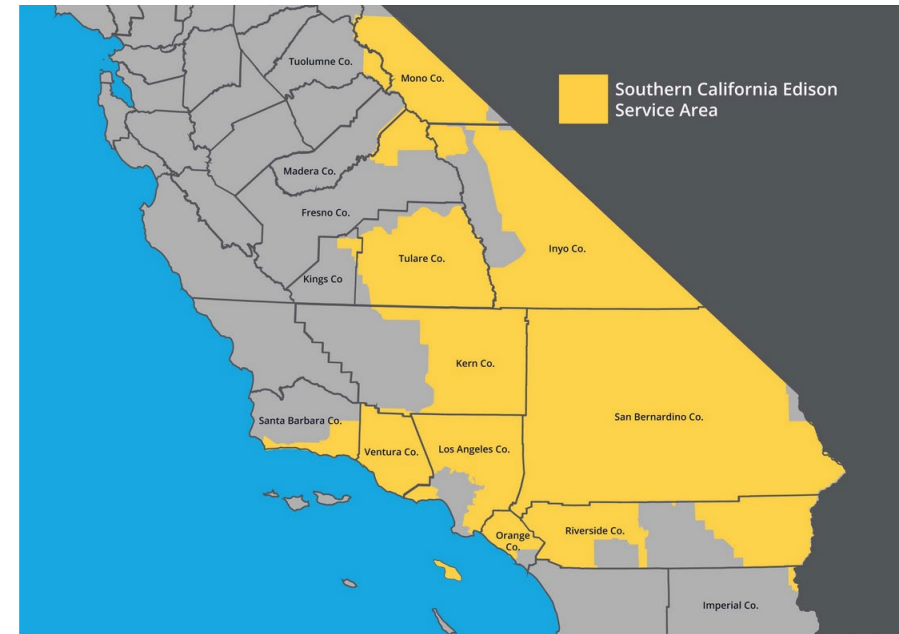
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Edison International- Southern California Grant Opportunity

California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) and Edison International are pleased to announce a joint collaboration to provide grants to communities in Southern California Edison-serviced territories.



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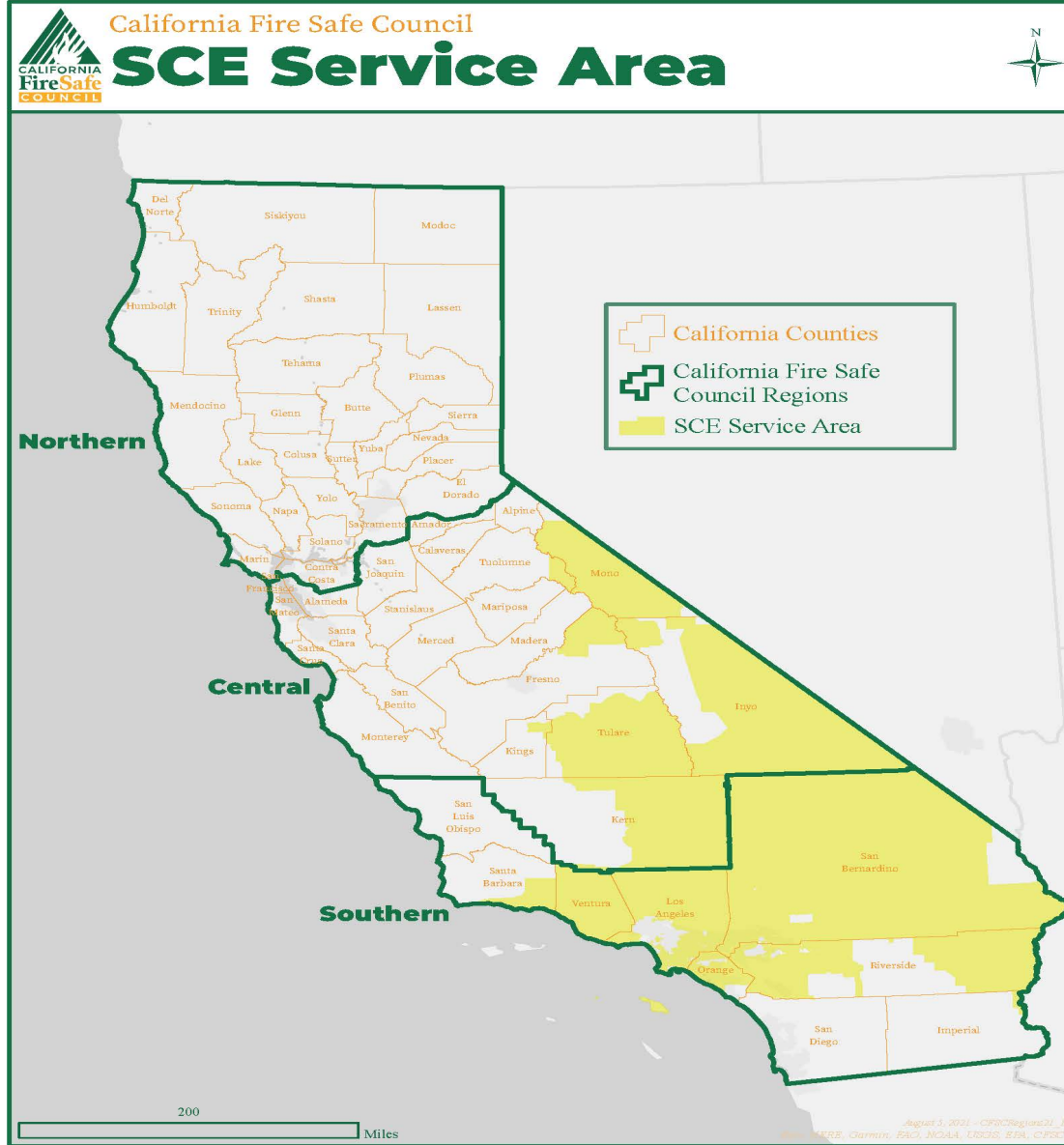


Eligibility

- Funded projects are required to be within Southern CA Edison International service-area boundaries.
- Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with their local community-based Fire Safe Council or similar organization.
- Applicants may request grants of \$25,000 per application
- No individuals or for-profit entities may apply.



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Examples of Projects



Capacity Building

- Capacity building for new or emerging Fire Safe Councils.
- Organizational infrastructure and/or equipment.

Community Outreach/Preparedness

- Developing or acquiring fire safety educational publications.
- A community-area risk assessment to identify possible mitigation projects.
- Community workshops on Hardened Homes and/or Defensible Space.
- Help developing a CWPP after a community risk assessment is done.

Hazardous Fuel Treatment

- A chipper day or weekend for the community to chip brush and branches.
- Defensible space assistance for special needs populations.
- Permit-ready fuel treatments.
- Purchase of small equipment, such as chippers or chainsaws.

Other projects of this nature will be considered as well.

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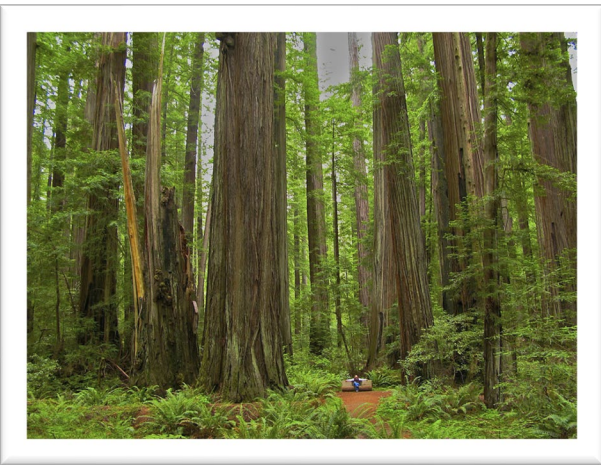


Important Dates

- Call for applications: **August 10, 2021**
- Final application deadline: **September 8, 2021**
- The projects will begin on **October 1, 2021**.
- All work is required to be completed and reports submitted by **November 30, 2021**.



PGE Wildfire Ready and Resilient Program *Utilities-based grant opportunity in Pacific Gas and Electric service areas.*



The California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) is pleased to partner with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) to provide \$500,000 dollars in funding to distribute to counties within PG&E's service territory.

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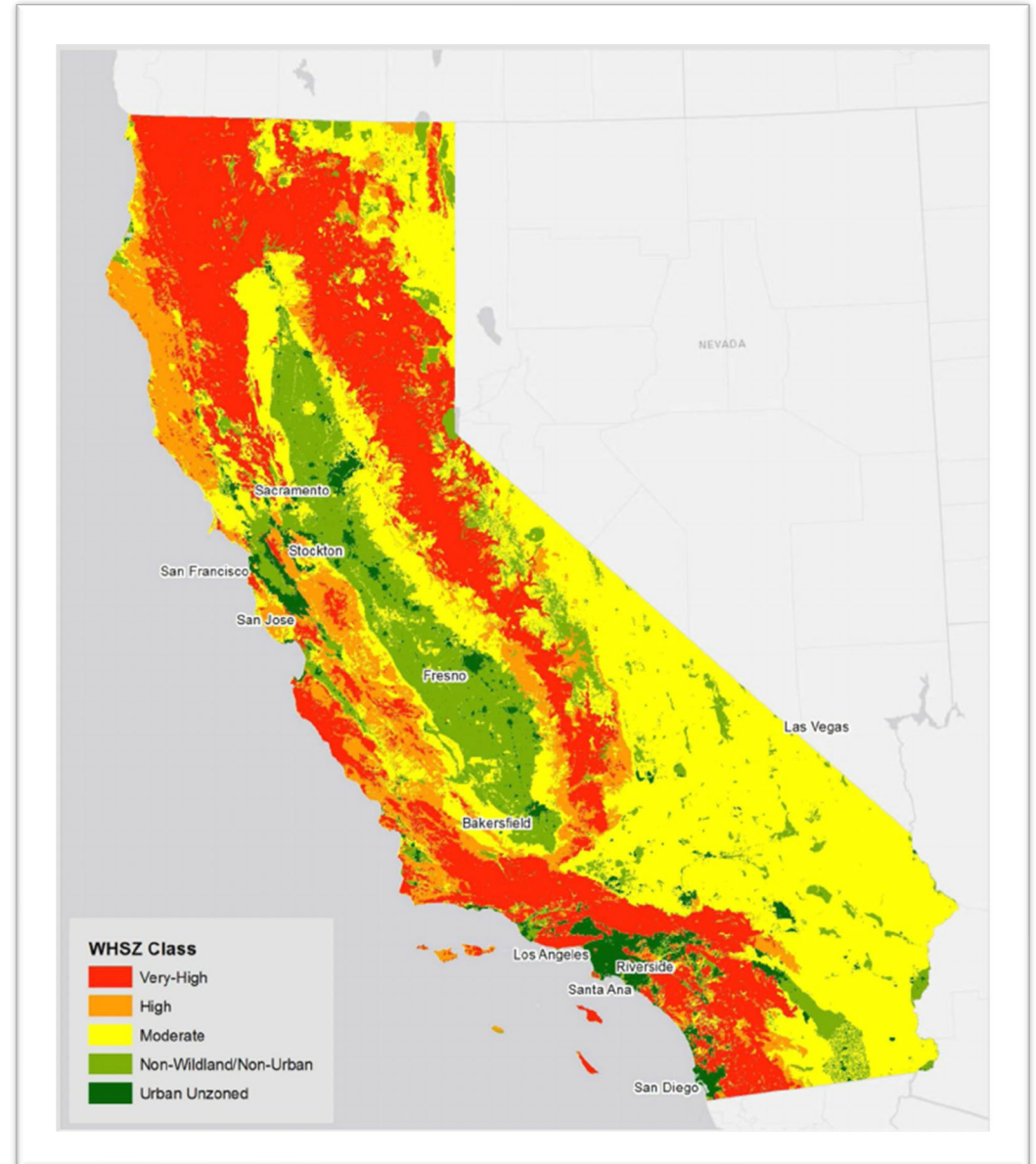
PGE Service Area Map



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California Wildfire Risk Zone Map



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Program Specifics



- **Five counties** will be awarded this grant opportunity.
- Each grant award will be **\$100,000.00**
- The grant term is approximately **14 months**.



Eligibility

- Funded projects are required to be within PGE service-area boundaries.
- Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with their local community-based Fire Safe Council or similar organization.
- The emphasis is upon organizations doing county-wide work, to provide maximum benefit.
- Successful applicants will receive grants of \$100,000 per application
- No individuals or for-profit entities may apply.



Examples of Projects

Capacity Building: The most important emphasis!

- Capacity building for new or emerging county-wide Fire Safe Councils.
- Organizational infrastructure and/or equipment.

Other possible projects include:

Community Outreach/Preparedness

- Developing or acquiring fire safety educational publications.
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The Goal of the Projects



- Our goal is to improve county hardening with coordinated communications and capacity-building.

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Coordination of Efforts



This grant will be used to help coordinate among several existing state and/or federal grant programs such as:

- fuels management
- home-hardening
- resource capacity building
- hazard mitigation
- climate resiliency
- It may also be used as matching funds for appropriate state or federal grants received by the CFSC within the PGE service territory.



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Bringing People Together

Built Environment

Windows: Single pane and large windows are the most vulnerable. Install windows that are double-paned and utilize tempered glass on the exterior pane.

Roof: Homes with wood-shake shingle roofs are much more likely to be destroyed during a wildfire than homes with fire resistant roofs. Consider replacing wood-shake or shingle roofs with Class-A fire resistant type (composition, metal or tile).

Firewood: Stacks should be kept at least 30 feet away from the house on the uphill side if possible.



Decks: Decking material made of wood and wood-plastic materials are often combustible. All decking material should be kept in good condition. Combustible debris such as pine needles, twigs and leaves should be removed and kept from gaps between deck boards.

Siding: Wood products (boards, panels and shingles) are common siding materials. However, they are combustible and not a good choice for homes in fire prone areas. Stucco, brick, cement board and steel are better non-combustible siding choices. If using non-combustible siding is not feasible, keeping siding in good condition.

Rain Gutters: Gutters can trap flying embers. Always keep rain gutters free of leaves, needles and other debris. Check and clean them several a times a year.

Deck Enclosure: Where possible, enclose the base of decks with a non-combustible material. Do not store items underneath decks.

Propane Tanks: Should be kept at least 30 feet away from the house.

- The program will focus on developing the operational coordination and capacity of the many various local and regional efforts toward county hardening for wildfire.



Capacity Building: Evacuation and Community Buffers

- Capacity-building will be focused on evacuation planning, home hardening, and community fire buffers.



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Program & Outreach

- Help Local Fire Safe Council's Build a Foundation for a Comprehensive Communications Plan
- Strategies for Demonstrating Impacts of the FSC and their Projects
 - Eye Catching Visual Materials
 - Writing Concise and Informative Press Releases
 - Engaging Social Media Content
 - Website Development and Design
 - Community Outreach and Partnership Building



Program Specifics



- **Specific elements will include:**
 - **Coordination** between volunteer groups and local agencies/volunteers.
 - **Collection** and coordination of community data to assist in risk assessment and decision-making.



Important Dates and Application Information

- The application launched **August 10, 2021**.
- The open application period closes on **September 8, 2021**.
- The projects begin on **October 1, 2021**.
- Projects conclude on or before **December 31, 2022**
- Login at <https://cafiresafecouncil.org/zoomgrantslogin/> to create a new account and select “**2021 PGE Wildfire Ready and Resilient**” grant program to begin.



To apply:

Edison International:

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Pacific Gas & Electric:

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Resources

- Edison International Southern California Grant Opportunity:
 - [Website](#)
 - Application Handbook: [SCE-Grant-Applicant-Handbook.pdf \(cafiresafecouncil.org\)](#)
 - Grant information
 - Timeline
 - Service Areas
 - Application Questions
- PGE Grant Opportunity:
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Additional Resources

- To learn more about the California Fire Safe Council please visit: cafiresafecouncil.org/AboutUs
- Review our annual grant reports at cafiresafecouncil.org/AnnualReports
- For more information on Fire Safe Councils in your area or how to start a local fire safe council, please visit cafiresafecouncil.org/resources
- For additional information for community wildfire practitioners and resources on hardened homes and defensible space, please visit <https://cafiresafecouncil.org/resources/community-wildfire-practitioners/>



Questions?

- Type them in the Q&A Section
- Raise hand in Zoom

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