

# 2022 CAL FIRE County Coordinator Statewide Grant Opportunity

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California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) is pleased to announce the 2022 County Coordinator Statewide Grant Program to assist counties with wildfire mitigation outreach and coordination. The objective of the County Coordinator Grant is to educate, encourage, and develop county-wide collaboration and coordination among various wildfire mitigation groups. Up to 21 counties will receive a one-time grant of \$175,000 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 21 counties will receive a one-time, 18-month grant of \$175,000.

## **Eligibility:**

The application is open to any county that has not received County Coordinator funding as part of the 2021-2022 Northern or Southern Region Grant Programs. 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 Coordinator 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 Coordinator Project.



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#### **Goals:**

Counties and their Coordinators will work closely with the California 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 formation, funding plans, governance structures, and state/regional/local planning efforts.

## **Deliverables/Expectations:**

- (I) Participate in quarterly 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.
- (V) Collect GIS data about local groups and project locations within the county to share with CFSC.

#### Timeline:

Applications open October 3rd, 2022 and the application deadline is November 15th, 2022 at 11:59PM PST. Grant awards will be announced in December 2022. For accepted applications, the length of the grant term will be 18-months.



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## **To Apply:**

Applications open October 3rd, 2022. Visit

https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/apply-for-a-grant/ to create a new ZoomGrants account or login to your existing account and select "2022 CALFIRE County Coordinator - Statewide" grant program to begin. Applications will not be available for viewing until October 3rd, 2022. More information about the grant and the application handbook (coming soon) are available here:

https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/2022-county-coordinator-grant-opportunity-statewide/.

The 2022 County Coordinator Statewide Grant, a program of the Community Wildfire Preparedness Project, is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment-particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investment website at: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov



