



Forest Health & Fire Prevention Grant Program

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Overview

California Climate Investments

Grant Types

Forest Health

Urban & Community Forestry

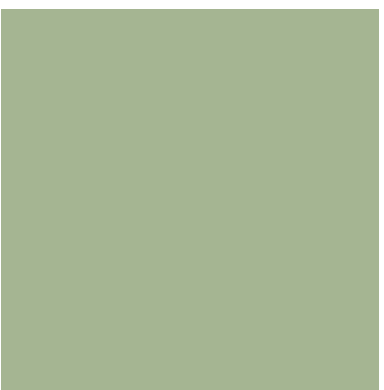
Fire Prevention

California Forest

Improvement Program

Volunteer Fire Assistance

Contact Information



California Climate Investments

The most recent California budget allocated close to \$160 million to CAL FIRE CCI Programs:

- Over \$150 million for Forest Health, Forest Legacy, and Fire Prevention grants
- \$5 million to the CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry Program
- An additional \$3 million is available for Research-only grants.



California Climate Investments



Cap-and-Trade Auctions



Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF)

Annual Budget Appropriations

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State Agencies



Authority

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California Climate Investments

CAL FIRE Administers Five Types of Grants

Types of Grants



- Forest Health
- Urban and Community Forestry
- Fire Prevention
- California Forest Improvement Program
- Volunteer Fire Assistance



Forest Health Grants

Types of Grants



- CAL FIRE funds projects that;
- Proactively restore forest health to reduce greenhouse gases
- Protect upper watersheds where the state's water supply originates
- Promote the long-term storage of carbon in forest trees and soils
- Minimize the loss of forest carbon from large, intense wildfires
- Further the goals of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32).



Priority projects will implement a mix of activities:

Forest Health
Grant

Examples



- Forest Fuels Reduction
- Prescribed Fire
- Pest Management
- Reforestation
- Biomass Utilization

- Research
- Conservation – Forest Legacy

Forest Health Grant

Research Program

Example



- Stand-alone research in support of goals of Forest Carbon Plan
- Identify outstanding questions, prioritize needs, and fund sound scientific studies
- Support forest landowners, resource agencies, and fire management organizations in California



Forest Health Grant

California Forest Legacy Program

Example



- Protect environmentally important forestland threatened with conversion to non-forest uses
- Ensure CA forests remain a carbon storage sink
- Conservation easements or fee title
- Voluntary



Urban and Community Forestry Grants

Types of Grants



- CAL FIRE funds projects that;
- Work to optimize the benefits of trees and related vegetation specified in the California Urban Forestry Act of 1978
- Further the goals of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32)
- Result in a net greenhouse gas benefit, and provide environmental services and cost-effective solutions to the needs of urban communities and local agencies.
- Co-benefits of the projects include increased water supply, clean air and water, reduced energy use, flood and storm water management, recreation, urban revitalization, improved public health, and producing useful products such as bio-fuel, clean energy, and high quality wood.



Priority projects will implement a mix of activities:

Urban & Community Forestry Grant

Examples



- Developing program guidance documents such as management plans, tree ordinances, policy manuals
- Conducting tree resource inventories or tree canopy analyses
- Improving the community forest through tree planting demonstration projects or structural pruning
- Training and education for tree management and maintenance staff
- Develop and adopt a tree care standards of care manual to guide community tree maintenance practices

Fire Prevention Grants

Types of Grants



- CAL FIRE funds projects that;
- Reduce the risk of wildland fires to habitable structures and communities
- Maximize carbon sequestration in healthy wildland habitat
- Minimizing the uncontrolled release of emissions emitted by wildfires.



Priority projects will implement a mix of activities:

Fire
Prevention
Grant

Examples



- Program Partners:
 - Local, state, tribal, federal agencies
 - Private forest landowners
 - Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations
- Collaborative, public-private partnerships
- Leverage resources to achieve an outcome larger than sum of individual projects
- Use existing agreements to demonstrate cooperation: Good Neighbor Authority, Prescribed Fire MOU, local agreements.
- Forest Fuels Reduction
- Fire Prevention Planning or Education

California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)

Types of Grants



- Cost Share Program that encourages;
- Private and public investment in the improved management of California forest lands and resources.
- Ensure adequate high quality timber supplies, related employment and other economic benefits,
- The protection, maintenance, and enhancement of a productive and stable forest resource system for the benefit of present and future generations.



Priority projects will implement a mix of activities:

California Forest Improvement Program Grant

Examples



Cost-share assistance is provided to private and public ownerships containing 20 to 5,000 acres of forest land. Cost-shared activities include;

- Management Planning
- Site Preparation
- Tree Purchase and Planting
- Timber Stand Improvement
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Improvement,
- Land Conservation Practices.

Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants (VFA)

Types of Grants



- A Federally-funded grant program that allows California to provide local and rural fire departments with minor firefighting, training, communications and safety equipment for their volunteer firefighters.



Funding may be used for the following categories:

Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant (VFA)

Examples



- Communications - such as radios, handie-talkies, pagers, alarm systems, etc.
- Equipment - such as hand tools, fire hoses, nozzles, clamps, etc. which will be used for Wildland firefighting.
- Safety Gear - Includes PPE firefighting such as Nomex suits, hoods, goggles, Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), fire shelters, hydration packs, etc.
- Training - Includes any skill learned through videos, books, training components, tuition for training offsite.



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