



California Fire Safe Council County Coordinators Grant Opportunity

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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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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.