

§ 1665.8. Grant Program.

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Chapter 13. State Responsibility Area Fees

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(a) When funds are appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose, the Board shall administer the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund Grant Program from the Fees collected. Grants shall be awarded to organizations providing fire prevention activities, including, but not limited to those specified below, that reduce the risk and potential impact of wildfire to habitable structures within the State Responsibility Area (SRA).

(1) Public education, including defensible space education, to reduce fire risk in the SRA.

(2) Creation, administration, monitoring and updating of strategic wildfire planning documents, such as a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) or a County Fire Plan.

(3) Hazardous fuel reduction projects using manual, mechanical, prescribed fire, herbivory, or herbicide treatments to meet at least one of the following objectives:

(A) Create or maintain fuelbreaks.

(B) Remove ladder fuels and thin crown fuels to reduce the risk of crown fires and the production of flying embers that can cause spot fires during wildfire activity.

(C) Reduce fuel loading in locations identified in the CAL FIRE Unit/Contract County Fire Plan, Community Wildfire Protection Plan, or other strategic fire plan to reduce wildfire intensity and rate of spread.

(D) Community level fire prevention programs such as community chipping days, roadside chipping, and green waste bin programs.

(E) Modify vegetation adjacent to roads to provide for safer ingress and egress of evacuating residents and responding emergency personnel during wildfire activities.

(F) Reduce fuel loading around critical community infrastructure, including, but not limited to, domestic and municipal water supplies, powerlines, and communications facilities.

(4) Other activities designed to reduce the risk and potential impact to habitable structures in the SRA. These will need to explain the projects' wildfire risk reduction benefits to habitable structures within the SRA.

(b) Grants shall be distributed commensurate with the amount of Fees collected from the owners of structures within the SRA. Proportional distribution of funds will be measured over the following spatial and temporal scales.

(1) The Cal Fire Unit/Contract County shall act as the geographic boundaries when accounting for fire prevention fees received and project expenditures.

(2) Expenditures over a rolling 7 year period (current year plus six (6) prior years) from this Grant program in any Cal Fire Unit/Contract County will be proportional to the amount of fees collected from that Cal Fire Unit/Contract County, and the amount appropriated by the Legislature for these purposes.

(3) Funding will be determined to have been distributed proportionally if it is within 10% of the calculated benefit amount determined in subsection (2) above.

(c) Grants will only be awarded in Counties that contain SRA. The following organizations shall be eligible to participate in Fire Prevention Fund Grant Program specified above.

- (1) Counties.
- (2) Local Agencies or Special Districts, such as Fire Protection Districts or Resource Conservation Districts.
- (3) Fire Safe Councils
- (4) The California Conservation Corps or other certified local conservation corps.
- (5) Qualified non-profit organizations with a demonstrated ability to satisfactorily plan, implement, and complete the proposed fire prevention project.

(d) Grant applications shall be submitted on those forms designated in the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund Grant Program Procedural Guide as adopted by the Board on XX/XX/XX and incorporated herein by reference. Projects shall be evaluated and grants shall be awarded based solely on information required to be included with the application.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4212 and 4214, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 4102, 4111, 4112, 4113, 4114, 4740 and 4741, Public Resources Code.

HISTORY

1. New section filed 1-23-2012 as an emergency; operative 1-23-2012 (Register 2012, No. 4). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 7-23-2012 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
 2. New section refiled 7-9-2012 as an emergency; operative 7-24-2012 (Register 2012, No. 28). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 10-22-2012 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
 3. New section refiled 10-18-2012 as an emergency; operative 10-23-2012 (Register 2012, No. 42). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 1-22-2013 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
 4. Certificate of Compliance as to 10-18-2012 order, including amendment of subsections (a) and (b) and repealer of subsections (b)(1)-(4), transmitted to OAL 1-22-2013 and filed 3-6-2013; amendments effective 7-1-2013 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(a)(3) (Register 2013, No. 10). This database is current through 5/23/14 Register 2014, No. 21
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