



California Fire Safe Council

2021 Wildfire Evacuation Route Planning and Development Grant Opportunity Webinar

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Zoom Poll

**All answers are
anonymous**

**What type of grant are you
applying for? (Planning,
signage, etc.)**



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Agenda

- 1. Intro to CFSC and our team***
- 2. Important Dates***
- 3. Grant program overview & eligibility***
- 4. Goals/Deliverables/Expectations***
- 5. Grant Application/Selection/Award Process***
- 6. Q & A***





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California Fire Safe Council

The California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), a California non-profit corporation, was first formed as a project of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) in 1993.

Our Vision: “Eliminate Destructive Wildfires”

Our Mission: “To be California’s leader in wildfire risk reduction and resiliency”



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The Grants Clearinghouse

- **Created by the California Fire Alliance and CFSC**
 - Operated by CFSC: Find us Online at <https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/apply-for-a-grant/> or www.zoomgrants.com
 - California Fire Safe Council has provided over 900 grants totaling over \$100 million to organizations and agencies located throughout California since 2014.
- **Agencies That Have Traditionally Funded the CFSC the Grants Clearinghouse**
 - U.S. Forest Service
 - USDI Bureau of Land Management
 - National Park Service
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Cal Fire
 - Electricity providers and Insurance companies



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Important Dates

Application Period Opens	November 15, 2021
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PART 1:

2021 Wildfire Evacuation Route Planning & Development Grant Program

Overview & Eligibility

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State Government

- Governor/State Legislature
- Department/Agency (CAL FIRE)

Recipient/ Pass-through

- CFSC: Grant Recipient and Pass-through Organization

Subrecipient

- Counties, including their subordinate departments

Beneficiaries

- Local governments and the communities and citizens they serve

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Program Funding

Wildfire Evacuation Route Planning and Development Grant Program

Assisting counties with planning and developing wildfire evacuation routes.

- *Goal of the program is to assist counties with planning and implementing strategies intended to improve the ability of the public to safely evacuate when threatened by approaching wildfires.*
- *Priority given to hazardous fuel reduction work and signage along evacuation routes*
- *All costs related to planning and implementing wildfire evacuation strategies are eligible.*
- *No matching contribution requirement.*
- *Grant Term: January 2022 through March 2023 (specific dates TBD)*
- *A total of \$1.9 million is available for awards, with a maximum of \$380,000 per county.*



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Funding Eligibility

- ***Only Counties are eligible to apply for this grant.***
- ***If a county is awarded the grant, they may engage other public, non-profit, or for-profit organizations to execute the project for them.***
- ***Only 1 application per county will be accepted***



Application Scoring Priorities

- *Priority will be given to:*
 - *Counties with a high percentage of its land in High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones*
 - *A history of frequent damaging fires*
 - *A high proportion of disadvantaged, elderly, and low-income citizens*
 - *A high proportion of structures built before 2009*

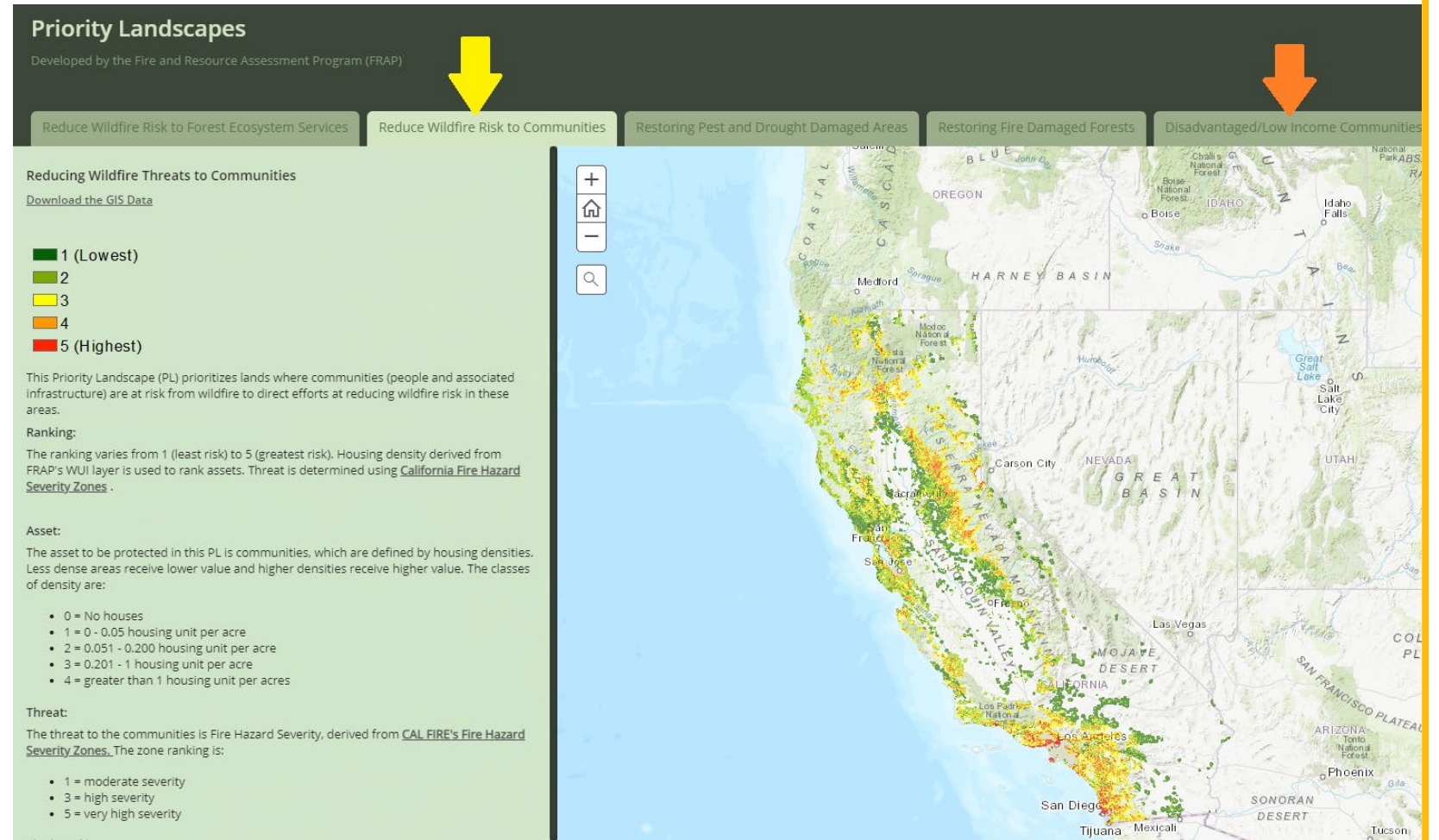


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CAL FIRE FRAP Maps

- <https://calfire-forestry.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=f767d3f842fd47f4b35d8557f10387a7>
- Reduce Wildfire Risk to Communities Tab (Fire Hazard Severity Zones) tab
- Disadvantaged/Low Income communities' tab



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Eligible Grant Costs

- *Hiring/designating and training staff to implement the project*
- *Office space, transportation, communications, and other costs associated with planning, building, implementing, and maintaining evacuation routes*
- *Technology and infrastructure to evaluate and acquire project resources*
- *Communicating implementation strategies to cooperators and the public, and measuring the effectiveness of outreach efforts*
- *Developing plans and recommendations for continued implementation of evacuation routes.*
- *Software purchase and subscription costs. Software should be used to produce "public-facing" products.*
- *Grant funds will be paid on a reimbursement basis only.*

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PART 2:

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, & Expectations

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Program Goals and Objectives

- *To create or enhance the ability of counties to quickly and safely evacuate its citizens in the event of an approaching wildfire.*
- *To develop an on-going county program of evacuation route planning, construction, maintenance, and operation.*
- *To develop an on-going county program of public education and awareness of how to use those evacuation routes.*

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Deliverables and Expectations

- Participate in check-in meetings with CFSC staff and other project stakeholders.

Track and monitor all activities, costs, and matching contributions associated with the project.

- Submit quarterly reports to CFSC, including accomplishments, problems, and solutions.

- Submit periodic reports of expenditures and requests for payment reimbursement.

- Provide a final report summarizing project activities, including key issues, accomplishments, outcomes, gaps, recommendations and GIS data of evacuation routes within the county.



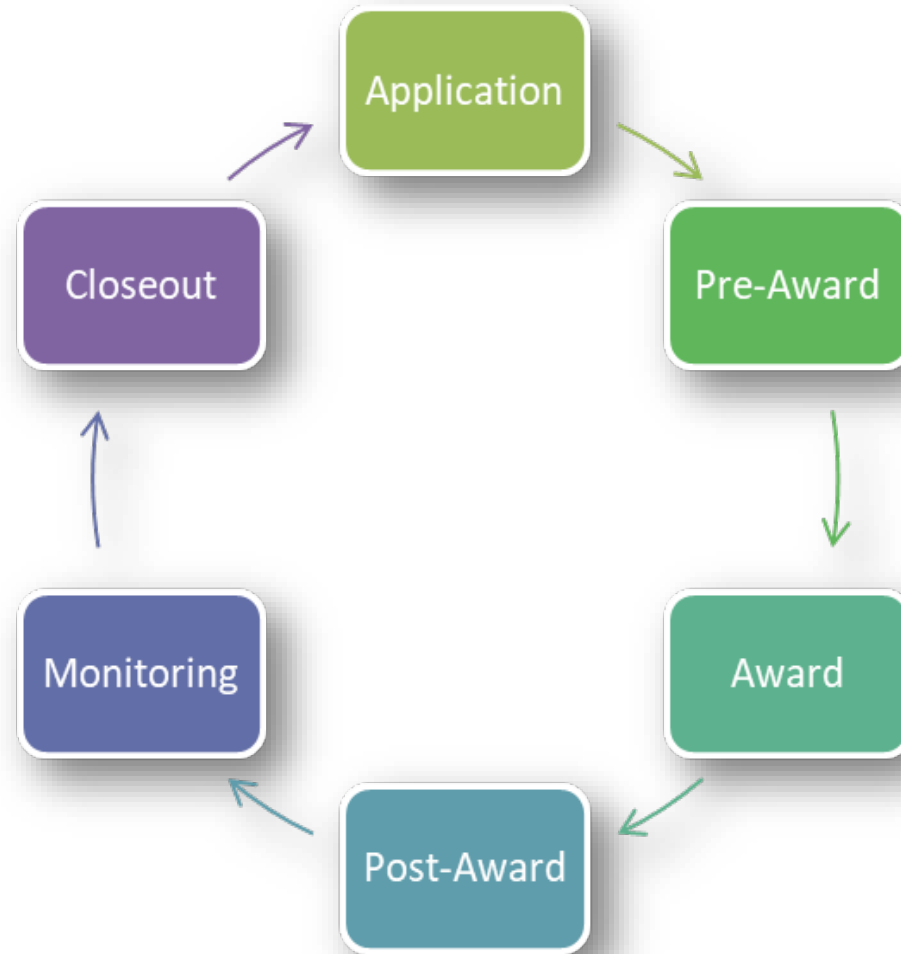
PART 3:

Grant Application, Selection, & Award Process

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The Grant Lifecycle



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Application Phase

PREPARATION

- *Attend a Grant Application Webinar*
- *Evaluate your capacity to manage grant project*
- *Plan your project and budget*

SUBMISSION

- *Complete the Application Package*
- *Submit by the Deadline*



Where do I apply?

<https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/apply-for-a-grant/>



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- 2021 COUNTY COORDINATORS GRANT OPPORTUNITY
- 2021 EDISON INTERNATIONAL FIRE-SAFE COMMUNITY GRANT OPPORTUNITY
- 2021 PG&E WILDFIRE READY AND RESILIENT GRANT OPPORTUNITY
- 2021 SFA GRANT PROGRAM



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A screenshot of the California FireSafe Council website. The header includes the council's logo, navigation links (NEWS, ABOUT US, GRANTS & FUNDING, RESOURCES, EVENTS, CONTACT), a search icon, and a "CURRENT WILDFIRES" button. The main content area features the title "2021 COUNTY EVACUATION ROUTE GRANT OPPORTUNITY" and a red "APPLY NOW" button. Below this, it states "APPLICATIONS OPEN NOVEMBER 15, 2021" and "APPLICATIONS CLOSE DECEMBER 15, 2021 AT 11:59PM PST". Contact information for Senior Grant Specialists Dan Lang and Dave Farley is provided. A "GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT" section describes the \$1.9 million grant for wildfire evacuation route projects. A "KEY DATES" section lists the application period opening on November 15, 2021, a webinar on November 18, 2021, and the application deadline of December 15, 2021. On the right side, there is a "GET NOTIFIED OF CFSC FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES" section with a "Newsletter Signup Form" containing an email input field and a "SUBMIT" button.

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Pre-Award Phase

- *During the Pre-Award phase applications are reviewed and scored by CFSC based on:*
 - *How well the application meets the requirements of the grant program*
 - *The degree to which the Project Work Plan and Budget are realistic and achievable*
 - *A financial "risk assessment" by CFSC*



Post-Award Phase

Project Implementation

- *Begin work as described in the grant application*
- *Complete Project Tasks*
- *Continually monitor and track project accomplishments & progress*
- *Regular check-ins with your designated CFSC Grant Specialist*
- *Submit quarterly progress and financial reports*



Post-award Phase (continued)

Project Implementation

- *Hire/designate project staff*
- *Initiate Project Tasks*
- *Monitor and Track Project Accomplishments & Progress*
- *Develop success stories*
- *Monthly check-ins with CFSC Grant Specialist*
- *Submit quarterly Progress Reports*



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Post-award Phase (continued)

Proper Grant Management

- Track all project activities and costs
- Submit completed **Quarterly Progress Reports** and **Reimbursement Requests on time**
 - Reports on work accomplishments
 - Reimbursement requests with receipts, payroll records, and other supporting documents
 - ***Maintain an organized grant file***



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Closeout Phase

- *Complete final Progress Report*
- *Complete Grant Closeout report*
- *Submit final Success Stories*
- *Examples of project outreach materials*
- *GIS maps of all routes planned, built, etc.*





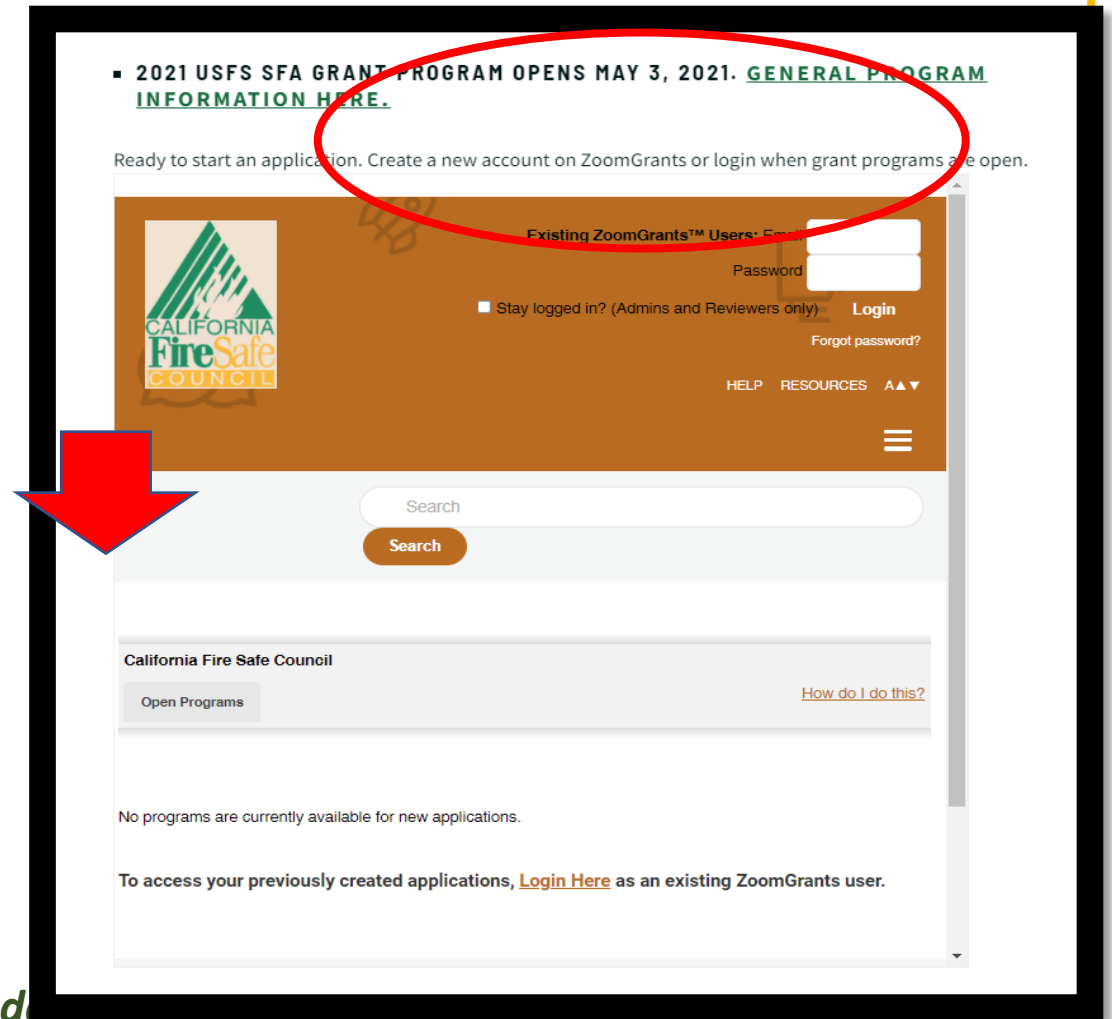
Things You Can Do NOW To Submit a Successful Application:

- *Determine which agency within your county government will apply for the grant.*
- *Determine your project goals, scope, timeline, budget, and schedule*
- *Contact CFSC for assistance*



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- Create a new account in ZoomGrants
- Once the grant application is open, CFSC staff will send an email. The grant program will appear under the Open Programs tab.





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