



California Fire Safe Council Regional Workshop

**Wildfire Readiness and Resiliency:
*Working with the California Conservation Corps***

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Today's Topics

- About the CCC
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- CCC Special Funding for Wildfire Readiness and Prevention
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About the California Conservation Corps (CCC)

- The CCC is a State department within the California Natural Resources Agency.
- The CCC program provides young adults 18-25 years old a year of paid service to the State of California. During their year of service, Corpsmembers work on projects to protect, preserve, and conserve the State's natural resources, including natural and man-made disasters.
- Since 1976, the CCC has provided 74.1 million hours (and counting) of natural resource work throughout the state.
- The CCC is a cost-effective labor force, working for hundreds of local, state, and federal agencies each year on projects related to emergency response, habitat restoration, vegetation management, trails, and more.



Types of CCC Projects

The CCC is hired for natural resource projects in two ways:

- **Sponsor-funded Projects (Reimbursement)**
- **CCC-funded Projects (Special legislation)**

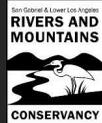


1. Sponsor-funded Projects

The CCC generates revenue through reimbursement contracts (“fee-for-service”) and is hired by non-profit 501(c)(3)s and local, state, and federal entities to complete natural resource projects. Entities who hire the CCC are called Sponsors.

Besides emergency response, the most common projects the CCC is hired for are:

- Vegetation management and fuel load reduction (constructing fuel breaks, brushing, thinning, invasive species removal, etc.)
- Trails rehabilitation and construction
- Habitat restoration
- Urban greening and forestry

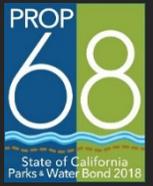


2. CCC-funded Projects

The CCC receives special funding from the California legislature and federal agencies to develop special programs for projects related to natural resource protection and conservation.

The CCC has numerous special programs, including:

- Active Transportation
- Backcountry Trails
- Climate Adaptation & Resiliency
- Energy Corps
- Forest Health & Wildfire Prevention
- Salmon Restoration
- Statewide Trails
- Watershed Stewards

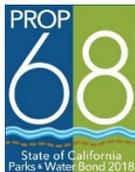


CCC Special Funding

— for Wildfire Readiness & Prevention

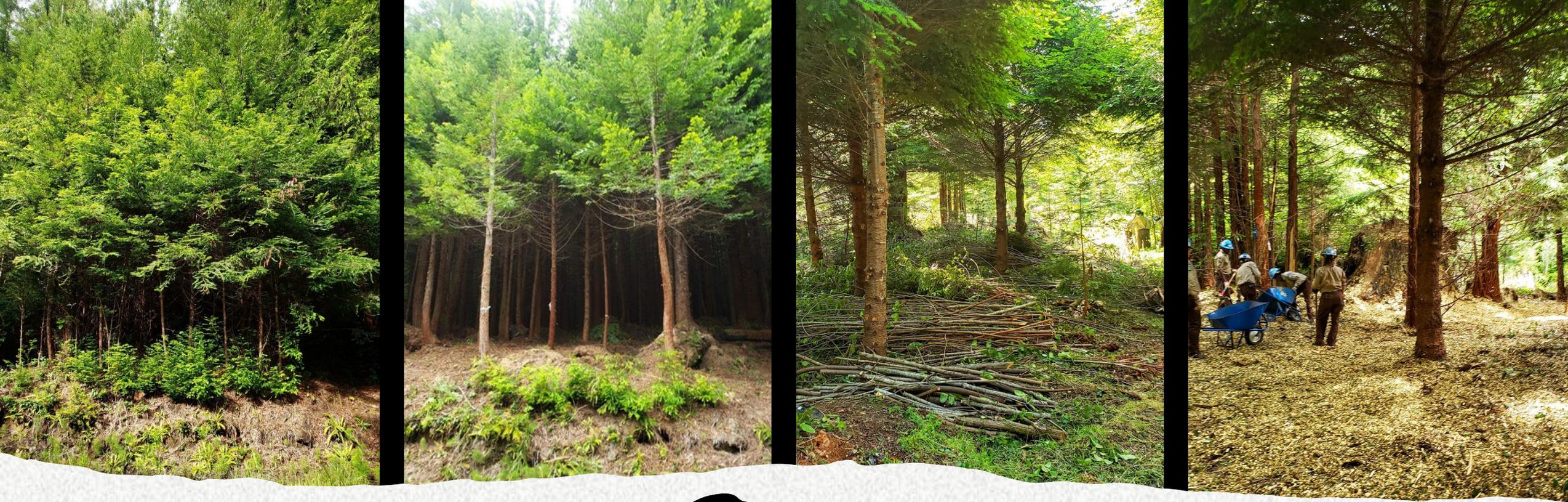
The CCC currently has two programs that fund projects related to wildfire readiness and prevention:

- **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund**
Projects must be related to forest health and wildland fire protection and prevention, including activities related to fuel load reduction, native planting, fire recovery and rehabilitation, invasive species removal, and other vegetation management methodologies.



- **Proposition 68**
Projects must be related to climate adaptation and resiliency, including fuel load reduction, habitat restoration, water conservation, and outdoor recreation.





PROJECT EXAMPLE: Shaded Fuel Break

Who: Fortuna Center

Where: McKay Community Forest

What: Crews performed vegetation management activities to reduce fire fuel hazards and slow the threat and spread of wildland fire. Crews removed ladder fuels by thinning, brushing, stacking, and chipping.



PROJECT EXAMPLE: Emergency Ingress/Egress Fuel Break

Who: Monterey Bay Center

Where: DeLaveaga Park

What: Crews cleared vegetation along roadside areas and behind properties to reduce fire fuel hazards and create a roadside fuel break for emergency response and evacuation.

To explore CCC funding opportunities for your project, go to:

www.ccc.ca.gov

WHAT WE DO

Funding Your Projects

Then find the CCC Center located nearest your project location:

www.ccc.ca.gov

CONTACT

FIND A LOCATION

Call the main line and ask for the project coordinator.

Or, submit an inquiry through the website and it will be routed

Additionally, CCC Centers network and reach out to existing and new project partners to request eligible projects that meet the applicable legislative requirements.

Once a project has been identified, the CCC project coordinator will work with the Sponsor to develop the proposal based on program guidelines and will submit it to the Environmental Programs Unit.

Project
Development
with CCC Center

CCC Center
submits
proposal to CCC
EP unit

Project is
reviewed for
eligibility and
processed.

Project is
approved by
CCC EP Unit.

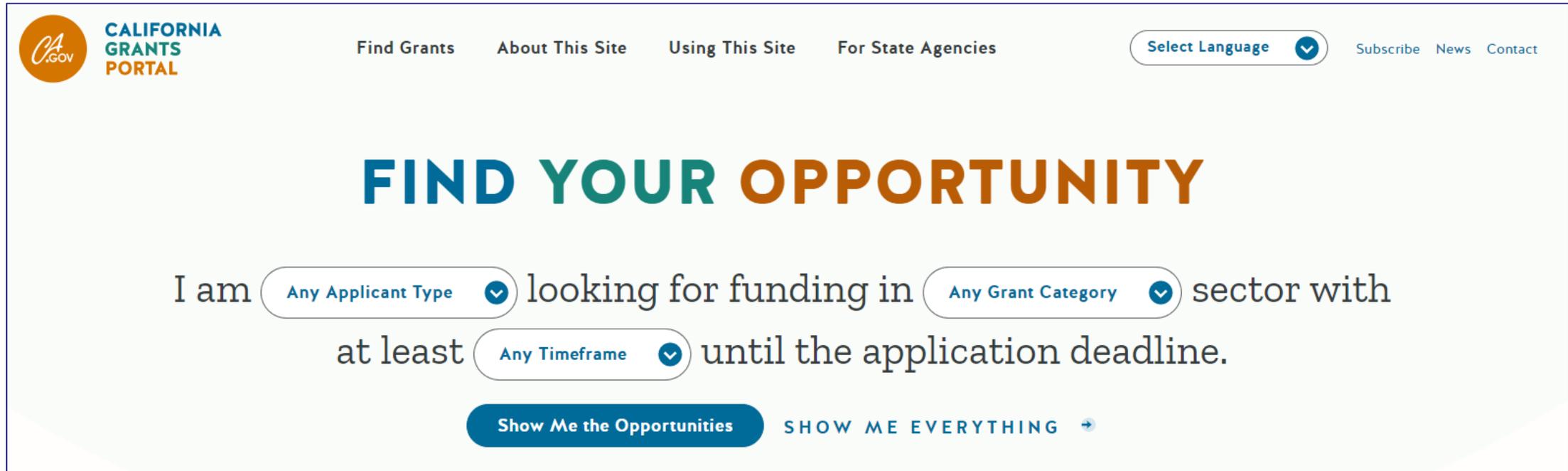
How to apply for CCC Special Funding

CCC Special Funding – Eligibility and Other Considerations

- CCC special funding programs are NOT grant programs – the CCC funds the project directly and there is no exchange of funds.
- CCC special funds can only pay for direct project costs related to CCC labor and materials/supplies. We cannot pay for Sponsor's labor/staff time, other components of the overall project not involving the CCC, or indirect project costs.
- GGRF and Proposition 68 can fund wildfire prevention and protection projects on private land, but projects must provide a public benefit and rise to community-level. Vegetation management projects on a single private property for the benefit of one individual landowner cannot be approved.
- Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is legally required. Many wildfire protection projects are exempt from the full breadth of CEQA compliance, but not all. Additionally, non-public agencies such as non-profit fire safe councils cannot be lead agency for CEQA. The CCC may be able to complete CEQA on behalf of a fire safe council in limited/special circumstances.
- The CCC is a training and workforce development program. All CCC projects must have corpsmember development incorporated into the project, for example on-the-job training related to tool use and safety, native plant and tree identification, and/or personal growth and development.

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Project Development & Coordination

- **Building Project Scope & Deliverables**
 - Pre-Start Meetings & Project Walks
 - Technical Oversight
 - Sponsor Responsibilities
- **What CCC Crews Can and Can't Do**
 - Schedule to be worked
 - How much can CCC accomplish
 - Safety Tailgate Meetings
 - On-site sponsor supervision
 - Amenities
- **Project Paperwork/Expectations**
 - CCC 58
 - CCC 96
 - CEQA



QUESTIONS?

