



2022 DEFENSIBLE SPACE ASSISTANCE GRANT OPPORTUNITY

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The California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), in partnership with Cal Fire and California Climate Investments Program, is pleased to announce the 2022 Defensible Space Assistance Grant Program.

The objective of the Defensible Space Assistance Grant Program is to assist vulnerable populations (i.e., low-income, disabled, senior/elderly, disadvantaged), in High and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, with defensible space treatment on their property.

Defensible space, coupled with home hardening, is essential to improve a home's chance of surviving a wildfire. Projects will implement a coordinated approach to defensible space compliance with Cal Fire and other stakeholders, with priority for vulnerable populations.

Organizations will develop innovative projects that increase the number of properties in compliance with defensible space standards by reducing barriers to participation.

Funding Available:

A total of \$4 million dollars is available to countywide organizations with a maximum grant amount of \$500,000. Funds can be used for costs related to defensible space treatment, project management, education/outreach materials and activities. Only one application per county will be awarded.

Eligibility:

This program is open to:

- Local governments and agencies
 - Cities
 - Counties
 - Fire protection districts
 - RCDs
 - Special districts
- Tribal Governments/Native American Tribes
- Fire Safe Councils with a 501(c)(3) designation
- Other qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.

The following are **not** eligible to apply:

- For profit companies or corporations
- Individuals
- Homeowners' associations or other associations unless they have 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. These associations may consider applying through a fiscal sponsor such as eligible applicants above.



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The “Defensible Space Assistance” grant is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov.

Deliverables/Expectations:

1. Participate in bi-monthly (every other month) check-in meetings with CFSC staff.
2. Track number of properties and acres treated, vulnerable populations served, and outreach/education activities conducted.
3. Submit quarterly programmatic and fiscal reports.
4. Before and after photos of treated properties
5. Provide a GIS layer of all properties treated.

Suggested Uses of Grant Funds:

- Hire/designate staff to manage the project
- Contract with defensible space fuels crews/landscapers
- Public outreach and education efforts
- Technology needed to implement, communicate, measure, and/or track project progress, including software and technical assistance

Accepting Applications: starting May 15, 2023 (Please note: applications will not be available for viewing until May 15.)

To Apply:

Visit <https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/apply-for-a-grant> to create a new ZoomGrants account or login to your existing account and select “22 Cal Fire Defensible Space Program” to begin. An application handbook will be available on our website.

Grant Opportunity Webinar:

- May 23, 2023, 9:00am – 10:30 am PDT
- Topic: 2022 Defensible Space Assistance Grant Program. Learn how to apply for this grant.

Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpc-mtpz0tHtMK8FhMOKYCoZd24mVy9h-E>

Application submittal deadline is June 15, 2023 at 11:59PM PDT.

Funding period: September 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024 (16 months)

Grant awards will be announced July 2023.

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