



# 2017 Grants Clearinghouse Competitive Grants Program Report

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## 2017 Highlights

**21 PROJECTS AWARDED**

**15 COUNTIES**

**27,558 ACRES**

**GRANT AWARDS**

**PROVIDED:**

**\$2,100,000**

**PROJECTED MATCH**

**COMMITTED:**

**\$2,925,156**



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California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) is pleased to announce the selection of 21 projects for preliminary project awards under its 2017 Grants Clearinghouse. CFSC will provide over \$2.1 million in federal grant funds to support wildfire risk reduction activities in at-risk communities in 15 counties across California.

The selected projects help California communities respond to the growing concern over catastrophic wildfire and exemplify efforts to create fire adapted communities. Through subgrants from CFSC, these projects provide support to implement fuel reduction projects such as community chipper programs, fuel breaks, and roadside and defensible space projects. These projects will also utilize educational tools to spread the Fire Safe message and engage community members.

Funding for the 2017 Grants Clearinghouse is provided through master grants to CFSC by the Cooperative Fire Program of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Department of Agriculture, Pacific Southwest Region. These State Fire Assistance (SFA) grants provide \$2,100,000 for subgrants to support:

- ◆ Hazardous fuels reduction and maintenance projects on non-federal land
- ◆ Community Wildfire Protection Plans and other plans or assessments
- ◆ Prevention and mitigation education and outreach opportunities.

In addition to the federal funds, the projects will utilize over \$2.5 million in matching funds, both in-kind and cash contributions. This generous support demonstrates the value of collaboration and partnerships among agencies and organizations to create Fire Adapted Communities.

Congratulations to the Fire Safe Councils, resource conservation districts, fire protection agencies, and other organizations whose projects were selected for funding!

Special thanks to USFS for supporting these vital projects!

**For more information on California Fire Safe Council's Grants Clearinghouse, please visit [www.cafiresafecouncil.org](http://www.cafiresafecouncil.org).**



# SELECTED PROJECTS

## CALAVERAS

### **Blue Lake Springs Home Owners Association**

*"Blue Lake Springs Fire Prevention"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$200,000 **Match Amount:** \$ 200,000

**Summary:** The goal of this project is to add 85 acres of shaded fuel breaks to the current system, the new fuel break system in combination with compliance to PRC 4291 throughout the 1,600 acre Subdivision will provide the fire service with a defensible landscape to defend BLS and greater Arnold against catastrophic fire.

## EL DORADO

### **El Dorado County Fire Safe Council**

*"Chipper El Dorado"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$199,622 **Match Amount:** \$ 234,277

**Summary:** Since its inception, the chipping program has been successful in reducing hazardous fuels in these areas by encouraging El Dorado county communities to clean up their properties. The proposed program funding request will allow these efforts to continue and will assist EDCFSC in its continuing efforts to perpetuate the message that 'defensible space works'.

### **Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safe Council**

*"SS Fuel Reduction P1"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$50,000 **Match Amount:** \$ 70,789

**Summary:** This project will conduct fuel removal on roadsides, in shaded fuel breaks and in tree mortality areas in Sierra Springs and Sly Park Hills and neighboring communities at the 3,000-4,000 foot elevation level in El Dorado County.

## HUMBOLDT

### **Mattole Restoration Council**

*"Doreen Drive Neighborhood Fuel Break"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$29,650 **Match Amount:** \$ 29,767

**Summary:** The goal is to reduce the fuel load along Doreen Drive to increase safety for both evacuating residents and access for fire personnel in the event of a wildfire, and to increase the resilience and footprint of a once grassy ridgeline that served as a natural fire break while promoting healthier forest dynamics at the edges.

## LOS ANGELES

### **North Topanga Canyon Fire Safe Council**

*"Route 27 Evacuation and Safety Enhancement Phase 4 - Neighborhoods (27 EASE Phase 4 - Neighborhoods)"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$70,000 **Match Amount:** \$ 84,000

**Summary:** The 27 EASE Phase 4- Neighborhood Project has four components. It will create safer egress and ingress in neighborhood canyons, present educational events to increase resident awareness, provide 40 Home Ignition Zone Evaluations and continue existing outreach in the Santa Monica Mountain region.

## NEVADA

### **Fire Safe Council of Nevada County**

*"Egress/Ingress Fire Safety Paradigm Change"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$200,000 **Match Amount:** \$ 265,000

**Summary:** The goal of this project is a paradigm change in roadside vegetation management by Nevada County to increase the effectiveness in fire safe egress and ingress and drastically increase longevity of treatment effectiveness.

## PLACER

### **Northstar Fire Department**

*"2017 Northstar/Truckee Fire Neighboring Fuels Reduction Project"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$32,250 **Match Amount:** \$ 43,759

**Summary:** This initial entry would help mitigate the forest fuels issue, help induce a healthy forest stand and begin returning the forest back to its historic composition. It would carve a path for future entries which would "fine tune" the stand, allow it to be declared in a maintenance mode, and significantly reduce the cost per acre for future treatments.

### **Carnelian Woods Townhouse Association**

*"Carnelian Woods Fuel Reduction, Upper Lots 2017"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$17,000 **Match Amount:** \$ 17,000

**Summary:** The area targeted by the grant is a 17 acre parcel originally intended to be built out with townhouses. Mechanical fuel treatment methods will be used: lop and scatter, tree felling and removal, thinning, and chipping, accomplished by CWTA staff. A chipper will be contracted for chipping.



# SELECTED PROJECTS

## PLACER

### **City of Auburn Fire Department**

*"Bolstering the American River Canyon Shaded Fuel Break: Robie Point-Jordan Lane fuels treatment project extension"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$50,000 **Match Amount:** \$ 50,000

**Summary:** The project site is located on Jordan Lane in the Robie Point neighborhood within the City of Auburn, CA. The fuel treatment method will be for contractor to remove vegetation by hand using hand saws, pole saws, chain saws, weed wackers, rakes, etc. The cut materials will be hauled, stacked in piles, chipped with a mechanical chipper, and scattered within the project area.

## SAN BERNARDINO

### **Big Bear Fire Authority**

*"Got Chip? A Way of Life"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$137,500 **Match Amount:** \$ 198,250

**Summary:** Got Chip? A Way of Life Chipping Program is designed to be a fuels reduction program by chipping biomass within the residential forest. Substantial focus is placed on education and information regarding vegetation management and that it is a "way of life" within a forested community.

## SAN DIEGO

### **Pine Valley Fire Safe Council**

*"Brush Chipping Maintenance"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$10,040 **Match Amount:** \$ 34,739

**Summary:** Pine Valley FSC volunteers will provide free brush chipping for residents of Pine Valley, Guatay & Corte Madera (San Diego County) (approximately 5 square miles).

### **FSC of San Diego County/RCD of Greater San Diego County**

*"Brush Chipping Maintenance"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$20,000 **Match Amount:** \$ 450,000

**Summary:** This project will contain components of brush and chipping services, educational outreach programs developing CWPP's and will be managed by the staff and oversight boards of the RCD and the FSC.

### **Urban Corps of San Diego County**

*"San Diego Back Country Fuel Reduction Project"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$88,660 **Match Amount:** \$ 96,419

**Summary:** The proposed project will reduce wildfire risk to the backcountry community of Alpine in San Diego County. Project activities include vegetation management for fuel reduction and a Wildfire Preparedness Day event to educate residents and connect them with resources for building a resilient community.

## SAN LUIS OBISPO

### **San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council, Inc.**

*"SLO County Chipping Project"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$68,200 **Match Amount:** \$ 102,500

**Summary:** This grant will provide 100 days of curbside chipping crews in non-SRA WUI areas of cities of Pismo Beach, Atascadero, San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles, Arroyo Grande, and Morro Bay and the non-SRA WUI areas in Los Osos, Templeton, and Nipomo

### **San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council, Inc.**

*"SLO County CWPP & WUI Pre Plans"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$67,100 **Match Amount:** \$ 95,600

**Summary:** This project will update the 2013 County-wide CWPP and complete WUI Pre-Plans in non SRA areas. It will also provide fire prevention education handout materials for the California Mid State Fair in 2018 and 2019.

## SAN MATEO

### **Fire Safe San Mateo County\***

*"San Mateo County Hazardous Fuel Reduction Program"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$133,254 **Match Amount:** \$ 191,233

**Summary:** This project connects, expands and increases the viability of past and current hazardous fuels reduction projects near homes within the SRA .

*\* This project has a reduced award amount*

## SANTA BARBARA

### **Santa Barbara City Fire Department**

*"Santa Barbara FY2018 Community Fuels Hazard Reduction Project"*

**Awarded Amount:**\$17,500 **Match Amount:** \$ 17,500

**Summary:** By targeting these species, the project aims to reduce the overall impact invasive species have on wildfire in the community.



# SELECTED PROJECTS

## SANTA CLARA

### **Santa Clara FireSafe Council**

*"Santa Clara County Essential Wildfire Education and Fuel Reduction"*

**Awarded Amount:** \$186,413 **Match Amount:** \$ 392,061

**Summary:** This project will provide essential wildfire education to communities in Santa Clara County. Nine "Smokey Story Time" youth fire prevention and seven adult outreach events will be presented. To help residents prepare their "Go Bag" and be ready to evacuate, six evacuation preparedness and planning workshops will be conducted. Ember Awareness materials distributed through email, social media and outreach events will also be part of this campaign.

## SISKIYOU

### **Lake Shastina Property Owners Association**

*"Lake Shastina POA Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Community Protection Program 2017"*

**Awarded Amount:** \$44,308 **Match Amount:** \$ 44,680

**Summary:** The Lake Shastina Property Owners Association (LSPOA) will implement a hazardous fuels reduction program in which high risk areas would be prioritized and abated of dense brush and ladder fuels.

## TRINITY

### **Trinity County Resource Conservation District**

*"Trinity County CWPP Implementation Ph. II and FSC Coordination"*

**Awarded Amount:** \$198,503 **Match Amount:** \$ 207,592

**Summary:** Trinity County Fire Safe Council will coordinate outreach and education programs and activities, and implement critical fuels reduction work in three project areas.

## VENTURA

### **Ojai Valley 2018 Wildfire Preparedness Initiative**

*"Ojai Valley 2018 Wildfire Preparedness Initiative"*

**Awarded Amount:** \$100,000 **Match Amount:** \$ 100,000

**Summary:** All of the work in this project will be done within the Ojai Valley. The fuel break and defensible space vegetation management work will directly address approximately 83 acres on the valley floor. The Wildfire Safety Fair will appeal to the population of approximately 28,000 residents, as well as visitors from within Ventura County and surrounding areas.





# 2017 Clearinghouse Statistics

## Applications Vs Selected Projects Statistics



37 Applications Submitted



21 Projects Selected



\$3,381,660 Total Requested



\$2,100,000 Total Awarded



\$7,245,627 Total Match Proposed



\$2,925,156 Total Match Expected



\$109,086 Average Award Amount Requested per Application



\$100,000 Average Award Amount Requested per Selected Project

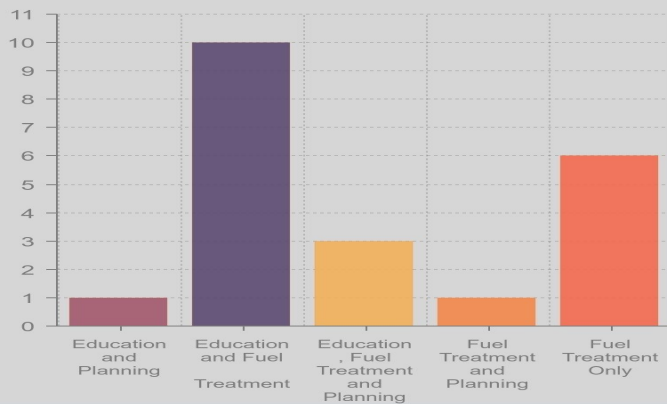


30,248 Total Acres of Fuel Treatment Proposed



27,558 Expected Acres of Fuel Treatment

### Grant Awards By Project Type



### Grant Awards by Organization Type



2 Home owner Associations



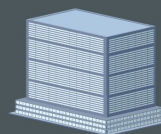
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2 Non-Federal Government Agencies



11 Non Profits

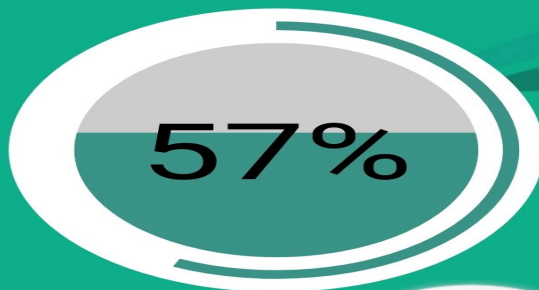


3 Other



2 Special Districts

### Percentage of Projects Selected



37

2016

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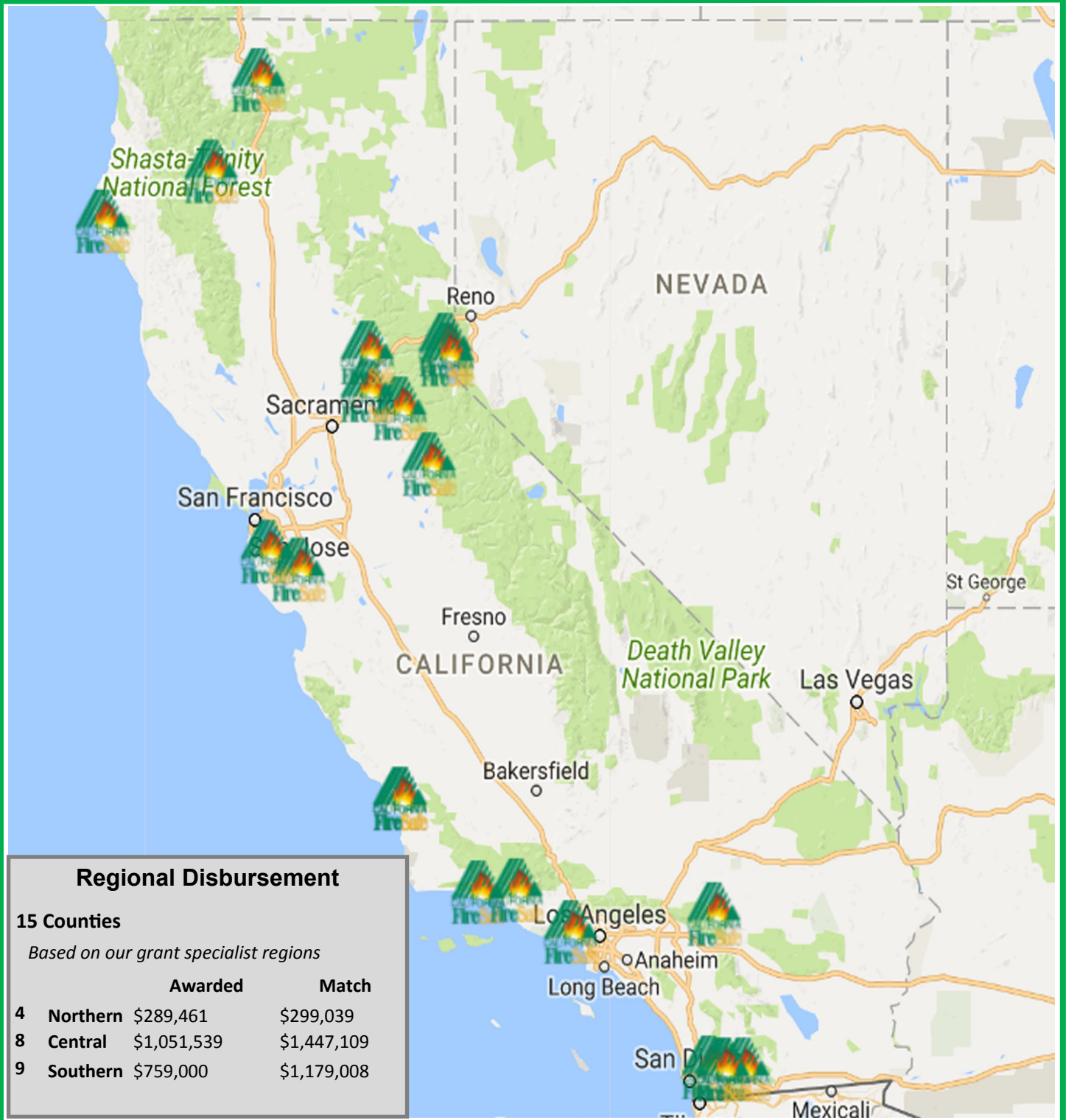
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2014



# Regional Disbursement Map



## Regional Disbursement

### 15 Counties

*Based on our grant specialist regions*

	Awarded	Match
4 Northern	\$289,461	\$299,039
8 Central	\$1,051,539	\$1,447,109
9 Southern	\$759,000	\$1,179,008