

# Award Announcement

2023-2024 State Fire Capacity Grants

**\$1,575,000**

**17 Projects**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**



*Funding provided by the Cooperative Fire Program of the US Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Pacific Southwest Region.*

Funding # 22-DG-11052012-141 & 23-DG-11052012-164



# Funding Summary

\$1,575,000 | 17 Projects Awarded



## Award Announcement

California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) is pleased to announce that 17 organizations have been selected to receive funding awards for the 2023-2024 State Fire Capacity Grant Program.

CFSC approved \$1,575,000 in federal grant funds to support wildfire risk reduction projects in 15 at-risk communities across California.

## Funding Source and Background

Funding for the 2023-2024 State Fire Capacity Grant Program is provided by CFSC from the Cooperative Fire Program of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Department of Agriculture, Pacific Southwest Region.

## Goals and Strategy

The selected projects help California communities respond to the growing concern over catastrophic wildfire and exemplify efforts to create fire-adapted communities through:

- 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

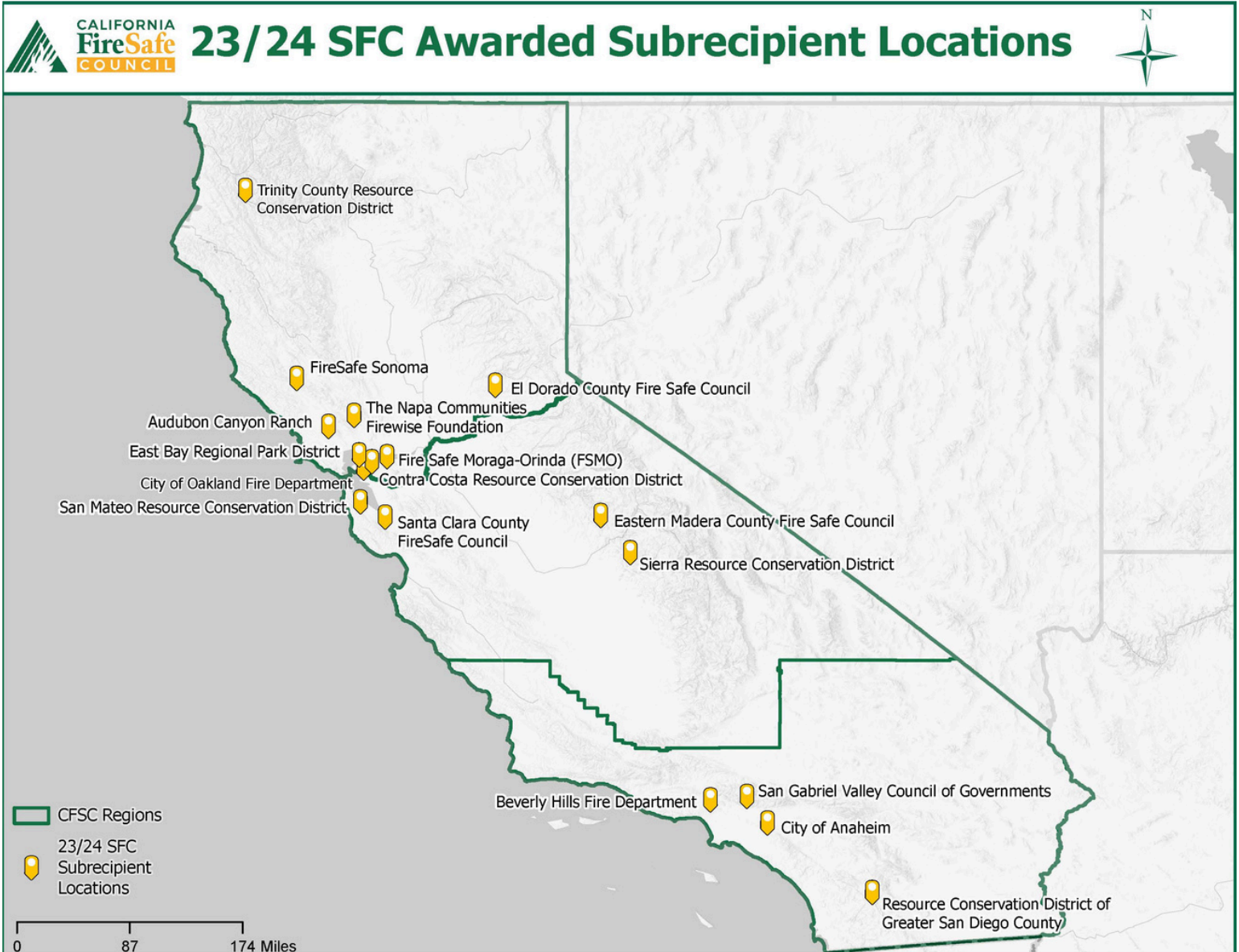
Funded projects will also bolster efforts to increase awareness and engage the public in creating more wildfire resilient neighborhoods and communities, as well as provide planning and capacity funds to identify and prioritize shovel-ready projects for future funding opportunities.



# Funding Distribution

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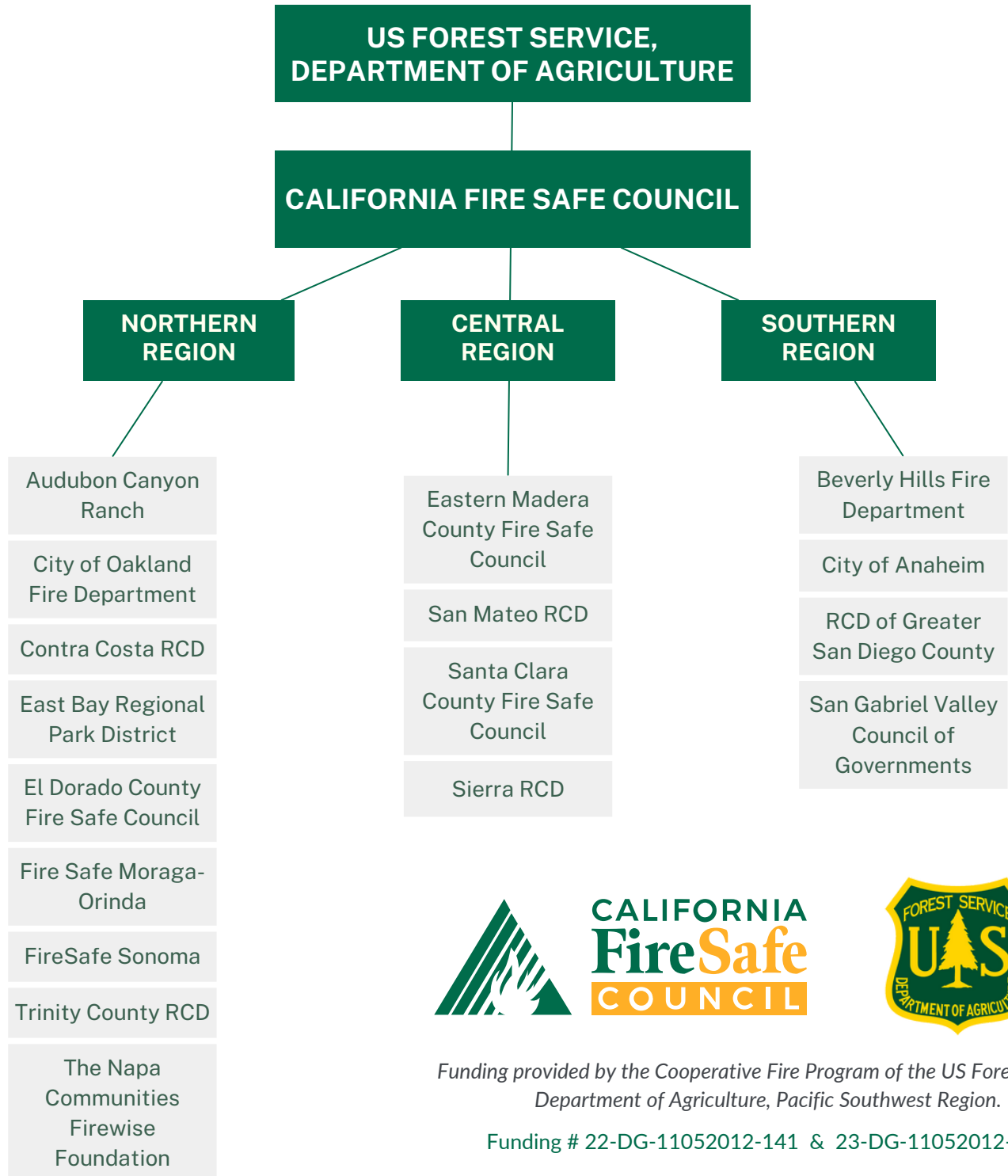
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# The Awards

2023/24 State Fire Capacity Grants  
Northern Region

## Audubon Canyon Ranch

Fire Forward: Building a Larger, More Diverse & Effective Workforce for Prescribed Burning & Equitable Access in California's North Bay Area  
\$100,000 | Tracking # 465642

The Audubon Canyon Ranch Fire Forward project will reduce wildfire hazards and build ecological resilience in and near the WUI of the North Bay Area by mobilizing community skills, knowledge, and capacity for using prescribed fire for fuels mitigation. Since its inception in 2017, this program has already trained more than 440 people and mitigated more than 5,000 acres.



## City of Oakland Fire Department

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Project: Goat Grazing Services for Vegetation Management in VHFSZ  
\$107,275 | Tracking # 463847

The City of Oakland Fire Department will conduct goat grazing for vegetation management on open space within the city limits. This will reduce fuel loads and create a firebreak for nearby structures and private property in the Wildland Urban Interface in the Oakland Hills.



## Contra Costa Resource Conservation District

Community Wildfire Awareness & Education Program

\$49,431 | Tracking # 466076

Through a series of webinars, demonstration days, and digital media efforts, this grant will fund an event series that will increase literacy of the ecological context in which fuel reduction occurs, and how it benefits both human and non-human communities.



## East Bay Regional Park District

East Bay Hills Wildfire Hazard Reduction & Community Protection Project

\$100,000 | Tracking # 464524

The East Bay Hills project will reduce hazardous fuels on more than 58 acres and four recommended treatment areas within Wildcat Canyon Regional Park. The work in Wildcat Canyon has merit on its own, but in combination with the other fuels reduction projects in the area, it will amplify the work to have a regional impact.





# The Awards

2023/24 State Fire Capacity Grants  
Northern Region (Continued)



## El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

El Dorado County Community Outreach and Planning Project  
\$100,000 | Tracking # 464963

The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council, serving 31 associate Fire Safe Councils (FSCs) throughout the western slope of El Dorado County, will fund micro-grants for enhanced community engagement, outreach, and education strategies at the neighborhood level, along with the creation of a western slope-wide educational campaign designed to reach untapped audiences.



## Fire Safe Moraga-Orinda

FSMO Residential Defensible Space Project  
\$100,000 | Tracking # 464406

This residential defensible space project will remove hazardous fuels on an estimated 120 residential properties (approximately 60 acres) within the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District. By establishing a 50/50 cost share between Fire Safe Moraga Orinda and the selected group of neighbors, ten neighborhood projects will be supported.



## FireSafe Sonoma

Sonoma County Wildfire & Earthquake Safety Expo  
\$100,000 | Tracking # 467041

This grant will support the 2025 and 2026 Wildfire & Earthquake Safety Expo - the largest public safety education event in Sonoma County. Activities will include live fire demonstrations of vulcan vents and wood treatments, demonstration of whole-home sprinklers, vegetation management livestock, and more.



## The Napa Communities Firewise Foundation

Veteran's Home of California, Yountville Priority Fuel Break  
\$100,000 | Tracking # 464415

This project will fund a critical 17-acre fuel break to safeguard the Veterans Home of California Yountville (VHC-Y). This expansion seamlessly connects with an existing 103-acre Cal Fire Forest Health project, creating a vital 120-acre buffer zone. This comprehensive firebreak prioritizes the safety of VHC-Y's vulnerable residents and staff by significantly reducing the risk of evacuations during wildfires.



# The Awards

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Northern Region (Continued)



## Trinity County Resource Conservation District

### Campbell Ridge Risk Reduction

\$85,068 | Tracking # 466405

This project will use matching funds from a PG&E grant to reduce hazardous fuels over 27 acres of High Fire Hazard Severity Zone in the Sayler and Willow Creek communities. The priority project areas were identified by the 2020 Trinity County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).



# The Awards

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Central Region



## Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council

### Eastern Madera County Grazing Initiative for Wildfire Hazard Fuel Reduction and Project Maintenance

\$100,000 | Tracking # 467701

The Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council, in partnership with Coarsegold RCD, PG&E, and landowners, will use goats to graze 30 acres of densely overgrown, steep hillside that is inaccessible to equipment. The project will result in the development of a goat grazing fuels management protocol, along with a public education campaign, to build sustainable wildfire fuels management practices for the region.



# The Awards

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Central Region (Continued)



## San Mateo Resource Conservation District

### San Mateo County Neighborhood Chipper Program

\$100,000 | Tracking # 467685

The San Mateo County Neighborhood Chipper Program will reduce fuel loads for communities at risk by supporting neighborhood chipping events in at least 21 communities in San Mateo County. The program will complement chipper days with outreach and engagement efforts to increase education around wildfire preparedness and defensible space.



## Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council

### Community Education and Volunteer Neighborhood Ambassador Program

\$93,456 | Tracking # 467228

The Community Education and Volunteer Neighborhood Ambassador Program aims to enhance Fire Adapted Communities (FAC) efforts by implementing a pilot volunteer Neighborhood Ambassador program. Utilizing the Firewise USA® program and collaborating with partners such as San Jose Water, the project employs a "train the trainer" model to expand capacity at the neighborhood level for wildfire preparedness.



## Sierra Resource Conservation District

### Strengthening Forest Stewardship and Fire Resilience in Eastern Fresno County

\$99,770 | Tracking # 467549

Through collaborative partnerships, planning, and landowner outreach, this project aims to empower Sierra RCD to plan larger-scale community wildfire mitigation projects within 6 of the 17 identified at-risk communities outlined in the Fresno-Kings Unit Fire Plan. The goal of this funding is to support Sierra RCD in establishing non-federal land projects greater than 15 acres in preparation for future grant opportunities.





# The Awards

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Southern Region



## Beverly Hills Fire Department

City of Beverly Hills - Community Wildfire Protection Plan  
\$50,000 | Tracking # 466964

The goal of this project is to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone and the surrounding areas of the City of Beverly Hills. The plan will identify existing wildland fire hazards, address effective vegetation management, and build collaborative partnerships among stakeholders.



## City of Anaheim

City of Anaheim Wildfire Evacuation Plan  
\$90,000 | Tracking # 467823

The goal of this project is to prevent wildfire-related injury and death through the development of 1) a wildfire evacuation plan, and 2) a prevention, mitigation, and evacuation education campaign. The priority community is Anaheim Hills, a residential area with significant fire history in the eastern part of the City of Anaheim.



## Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County

Wildfire Resilience Education and Assistance in San Diego County  
\$100,000 | Tracking # 467574

The RCD of Greater San Diego County will take the lead on increasing wildfire resilience through outreach and education, home assessments, defensible space assistance, train the trainer programs, and partnership development. The communities prioritized for this project have been designated at-risk, low-income, and are within Very High Fire Severity Zones.



## San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

FirePrep SGV Defensible Space Outreach and Education  
\$100,000 | Tracking # 467736

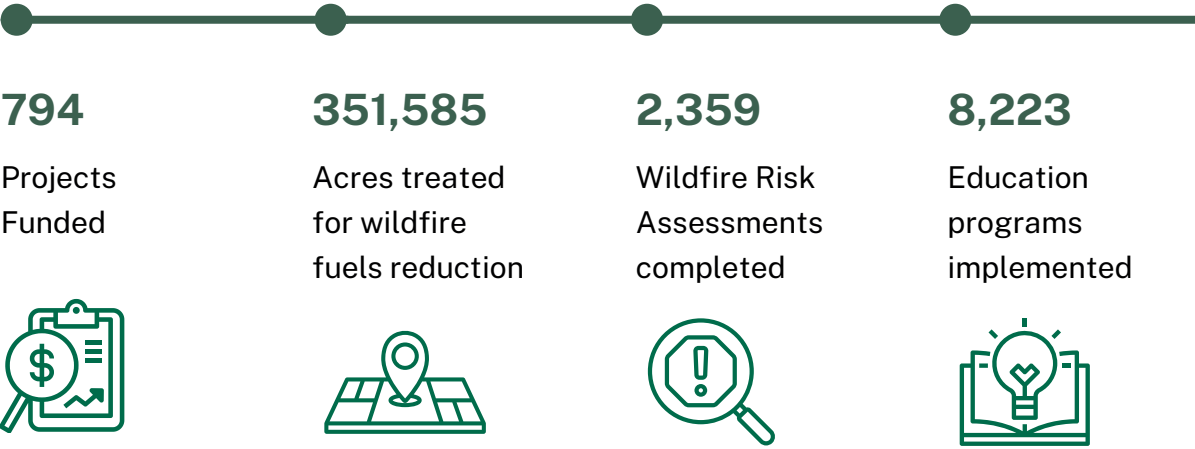
This program will support home hardening education for residents in High and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones of the San Gabriel Valley, and provide comprehensive, no-cost defensible space and home hardening assessments conducted at residents' homes. Through a collaborative approach and targeted outreach efforts, the project aims to foster a culture of resilience and wildfire preparedness.



## 20-Year History with USFS Funding

Since 2004, the California Fire Safe Council has partnered with the US Forest Service to provide funding to improve wildfire resilience throughout California.

With master grants from the US Forest Service, the California Fire Safe Council has dispersed more than \$88M to communities across California. The funds have contributed to projects that build wildfire resilience through fuels reduction projects, community risk assessments, CWPP development, workforce and volunteer training, and public outreach and engagement.





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