



## United States Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense

### Planning & Project Funding Opportunity

#### Frequently Asked Questions

**What is the Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG)?** The United States Forest Service has established and authorized a \$1 billion-dollar, five-year CWDG Program, under the bipartisan infrastructure law. This CWDG Program provides opportunity for funding to create Community Wildfire Protection Plans as well as funding for completion of Wildfire Mitigation Projects. Several projects and plans have been approved in states such as Massachusetts, New York, and Maine. Projects that are funded must be completed in five years from being awarded.

**What is a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)?** A CWPP is similar to a hazard mitigation plan, however it is a standalone document pertaining to wildfire risk and mitigation in a specific geographical area such as a town, county, or other community. A CWPP must be created with collaboration between the local government, local fire department, and the state.

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants include: non-profit organizations, including homeowner associations. Units of local governments representing communities located in an area with a risk of wildfires and other organizations/agencies. For more information: [Who Is Eligible to Apply and How? | US Forest Service \(usda.gov\)](#)

**How are Applications Chosen?** Applications are prioritized by the following categories: wildfire risk, low-income criteria, hazard potential, and severe disaster impact. Applicants can use the following link to see how their community scores: [Community Wildfire Defense Grants \(wildfirerisk.org\)](#)

#### Other Helpful Links Regarding CWDG:

[Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#)

[CWDF 2023 Application FAQ's \(usda.gov\)](#)

[Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program](#)