Fire Risk Reduction Community List Application

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

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# Purpose and Background

The Board of Forestry & Fire Protection (Board) is responsible for maintaining a Fire Risk Reduction Community List of Local Agencies located in a State Responsibility Area (SRA) or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) which meet best practices for local fire planning (Public Resources Code § 4290.1). By qualifying for the List, a Local Agency demonstrates both compliance with the Board’s requirements and dedication to fire planning that exceeds state minimum standards. The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is required to prioritize local assistance grant funding applications from Local Agencies based on the List (Public Resources Code § 4124.7).

Please allow 60 days from the submission of this application form and response from Board staff. During this review period you may be contacted by staff to provide additional information. To ensure your application is not delayed please provide current contact information. You will receive confirmation of your applications status once Board staff have completed their review. Applications received during the 2025 open application period will be reviewed for placement on the list effective July 1, 2026. The lifespan of the list is 2 years after its effective date. All application questions can be directed to LandUsePlanning@bof.ca.gov.

# Local Agency Information

Agency name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Agency type Choose an item.: If “Other” selected, describe here: Click or tap here to enter text.

Agency Mailing address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Agency Fax number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Point of contact #1: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact #1 Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact #1 Phone number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Optional point of contact #2: Click or tap here to enter text.

Optional contact #2 Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Optional contact #2 Phone number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Does the Local Agency meet the definition of a Low-Income Local Agency in 14 CCR 1268.00? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Local Agency location: Choose an item.

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# Section 1- City and County Application

Applicants which are not cities and counties should skip this section and only complete the section titled “Section 2- Non-City and County Application.”

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants which are cities and counties must meet criteria (1)-(4) as specified below.

| Requirements  | Meets | N/A | Attached supporting evidence file name(s) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (1) Adoption of local ordinance designating Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) pursuant to Government Code § 51179(a) and submission to the Board pursuant to 14 CCR § 1280.02. **Include ordinance or, if previously submitted, date of submission to the Board.** |[ ] [ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (2) **Counties only:** Submission of findings for all tentative and parcel maps approved for areas located in SRA or LRA VHFHSZ to the Board pursuant to 14 CCR § 1266.02. **Provide a list of subdivisions submitted to the Board since January 1, 2019, or the last time the applicant submitted an application for the Fire Risk Reduction Community List, whichever is most recent.**  |[ ] [ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (3) The safety element of the Local Agency’s general plan has been submitted to the Board for review pursuant to Government Code § 65302.5(b) within the last eight years, and all recommendations have been adopted. **Provide the adopted Safety Element and the year of submission for Board review.** |[ ] [ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (4) After July 1, 2022, a progress report on implementation of the most recent fire safety recommendations from the Board upon subdivision review in a Fire Safety Survey, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1267.01, for each community reviewed within the jurisdiction. **Provide this progress report or the date this report was submitted to the Board. Note: there is no required format for this report. If no progress has been made, a report with that information will be accepted.**  |[ ] [ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |

Applicants which are cities and counties must meet two of criteria (5) - (10). Low-Income Local Agencies shall qualify if two or more of criteria (5) - (10) have not yet been met but are included in the safety element of the Local Agency’s general plan as policy objectives. **Provide appropriate evidence demonstrating that each criterion the applicant meets has been satisfied. If using criterion 5-8, which require exceeding state minimum regulations, please specify which state regulation code and section your local agency is exceeding along with the local code and an analysis on how it exceeds the state minimum. Only one example is needed. Please provide the page numbers which contain the information that is pertinent to the criteria you are trying to meet.**

| Requirements  | Meets | Attached supporting evidence file name(s)  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (5) Adoption of one or more local regulations which exceed the minimum regulations adopted by the state in the Fire Safe Regulations (14 CCR §§ 1270.00-1276.04). |[ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (6) Adoption of one or more local defensible space ordinance, rule, or regulation which exceeds state minimum regulations in 14 CCR § 1299.03.  |[ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (7) Adoption of a Wildland Urban Interface code stricter than Chapter 49, Part 9, of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations. |[ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (8) Adoption of a zoning ordinance, special district, or special overlay zone that includes fire hazard mitigation requirements which exceed state minimum requirements. Such requirements may address safe zones or areas of refuge, structure density, ornamental vegetation, subdivision design, structure design features, or other fire safety features. The applicant shall cite which state minimum requirements the local requirements exceed. |[ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (9) Adoption of a comprehensive retrofit code or plan for existing homes. |[ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (10) Identification of wildfire as a high priority hazard in a Local or Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP or MJHMP) updated within the last five years, or as a low- or medium priority hazard with the inclusion of one or more mitigation actions, and has adopted the LHMP or MJHMP into the general plan safety element.  |[ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |

## Local Agency Verification

Signature of Local Agency representative: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

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## Board Evaluation

Does the applicant satisfy all four mandatory criteria (1)-(4)? Yes [ ]  No[ ]

Does the applicant satisfy at least two of optional criteria (5)-(10)? Yes [ ]  No[ ]

 1. Choose an item.

 2. Choose an item.

Applicant qualifies for placement on the Fire Risk Reduction Community List [ ]

 Effective date: July 1, 2026 Click or tap here to enter text. Applicant does not qualify for placement on the Fire Risk Reduction Community List [ ]

If applicant does not qualify, specify reasons: Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature of Board staff evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

# Section 2- Non-City and County Application

Applicants which are cities and counties should skip this section and only complete the previous section titled “Section 1- City and County Application.”

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants which are not cities and counties must meet two of criteria (1) – (7) as specified below. Low Income Local Agencies shall qualify for the list if one or more of criteria (1) - (7) has been met, and one or more is included as an objective or expected outcome in that Agency’s management or strategic plan or similar planning document (such as but not limited to a capital improvement plan, climate adaptation plan, or resiliency plan). Provide appropriate evidence demonstrating that each criterion the applicant meets has been satisfied. **Please provide the page numbers which contain the information that is pertinent to the criteria you are trying to meet. For planning documents, please provide the page number which names the applying jurisdiction as a contributor as well as verification of adoption.**

| Requirements  | Meets | Attached supporting evidence file name(s) |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (1) Identification of wildfire as a high priority hazard in a Local, Tribal or Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan updated within the last five years, or as a low- or medium priority hazard with the inclusion of one or more mitigation actions. |[ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (2) Adoption of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan; critical infrastructure protection plan; evacuation plan; Integrated Resource Management Plan including a Fire Management Plan; or similar plan addressing fire protection within the Local Agency’s jurisdiction within the last five years. |[ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (3) Sponsorship, coordination of, or active engagement with a community disaster preparedness council or group, including but not limited to a Firewise USA community or a Fire Safe Council, with events or meetings at least quarterly. Calendars, meeting schedules, minutes, flyers, and brochures can be used to qualify if the named applicant along with the community group can be identified on the document.  |[ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (4) Adoption of a plan within the last five years or implementation of an ongoing program to conduct a hazardous fuels reduction project or projects, including but not limited to California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) projects, Forest Management and Fuels Reduction Plans (FMRFP), Program Timberland Environmental Impact Reports (PTEIR), prescribed or cultural burns, and community fuels reduction work days. |[ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (5) Adoption of a plan within the last five years or implementation of an ongoing program to conduct public outreach and education about water conservation, wildfire prevention, vegetation management and fuels reduction, home hardening, evacuation preparedness, defensible space, Traditional Ecological Knowledge pertaining to fire, fire risk reduction, or similar topics. |[ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (6) Adoption of a special benefit assessment or tax measure or fee that addresses wildfire prevention. This would be specific to wildfire prevention and would not include facilities, equipment and personnel for fire suppression programs. |[ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (7) Submission of substantial evidence demonstrating an equivalent means of local fire planning, if a Local Agency is unable to meet at least two of the criteria within (1)-(6) because the criteria are inapplicable to that agency. |[ ]  Click or tap here to enter text. |

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## Local Agency Verification

Signature of Local Agency representative**:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date:Click or tap to enter a date.

## Board Evaluation

Does the applicant satisfy at least two of criteria (1)-(7)? Yes [ ]  No[ ]

 1. Choose an item.

 2. Choose an item.

Applicant qualifies for placement on the Fire Risk Reduction Community List [ ]

 Effective date: July 1, 2026 Click or tap here to enter text.

 Applicant does not qualify for placement on the Fire Risk Reduction Community List [ ]

If applicant does not qualify, specify reasons: Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature of Board staff evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.