

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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### CAL FIRE NOW ACCEPTING WILDFIRE RESILIENCE BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS

*\$10 million in funding available to support private forestland owners*

(Sacramento) CAL FIRE is announcing up to \$10 million in funding available for Wildfire Resilience Block Grants. Funding to support private forestland owners is provided through the Budget Act of 2021 and supports California's goals of improved forest health, resilience to climate change, and reduced forestland impacts due to devastating wildfires as outlined in California's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan.

The purpose of the Wildfire Resilience Block Grant is to meet the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Action Plan goals 1.09 – 1.15 by providing grant funding to regional applicants who serve as aggregators to provide technical and financial assistance to groups of nonindustrial forestland owners in a specific region. Eligible individual landowner sizes range from 3-5000 acres. Under this grant, the grantee serves as the supervising entity, receives the grant from CAL FIRE and then provides outreach and/or technical/financial assistance to nonindustrial forest landowners so they can conduct forest restoration or management activities on their property.

CAL FIRE will accept proposals starting February 14, 2022, with proposals due no later than April 1, 2022. A virtual workshop to introduce the Wildfire Resilience Block Grant Guidelines and the on-line application process will be held on February 24, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Additional application information including grant guidelines, eligibility requirements and deadlines can be found on our website. All grant work must be completed by March 30, 2026.

Applicants are limited to counties, resource conservation districts, special districts, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that have the capacity to deliver a forestry-based assistance program.

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