

Aliso Canyon Green Schoolyards Grant Solicitation

Informational Webinar

March 19, 2026



HOUSEKEEPING

- This webinar is being recorded and will be available on our website.
- Please use the chat to ask questions, these will be addressed either in writing or read aloud at the end of the webinar.
- If you have any project-specific questions, please reach out to your Regional Urban Forester or our Green Schoolyards Specialist (Jazmyn) directly.

WEBINAR GOALS

- 1. Purpose of Green Schoolyards Grants**
- 2. Eligibility**
- 3. Eligible Activities**
- 4. Application and Required Documentation**
- 5. Reporting, Invoicing, and Inspections**
- 6. Helpful Resources**
- 7. Important Dates**

PURPOSE OF GREEN SCHOOLYARDS GRANTS

1. **Protect the health, well-being, and educational opportunities** for children most vulnerable to increasing temperatures and extreme heat across California.
2. Projects shall be centered around **improving the environmental conditions and experiences for school children** with the highest levels of co-benefits.
3. Projects will invest in **nature-based climate solutions** that deliver multiple benefits.

Primary focus: More trees and more shade in child-accessible areas

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants:

- **Cities**
- **Counties**
- **Qualifying districts**
 - **Districts include, but are not limited to, school or park districts**
- **Nonprofit organizations with active 501(c)(3) status**

Per the California Urban Forestry Act of 1978 (Public Resources Code § 4799.06 – 4799.12)

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Please see grant guidelines for map and eligibility updates

Budget Specifications:

- Amount per campus must be between \$150,000 - \$1,500,000
- 25% matching requirements (may be reduced or waived)

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Eligible Activities:

- **Greenery:** Planting of trees, removal of pavement, installment of natural features for learning and recess, pocket forests, rain gardens, botanical gardens, bioswales, outdoor classrooms, food producing gardens and landscapes
- **Staffing and Maintenance:** Staff recruitment and training for maintenance, improvements to policy, procedures, best practices, plans, monitoring systems, and staff time for project reporting
- **Learning:** Education including curriculum development to enhance hands-on learning and environmental literacy for new green spaces
- **Post-grant maintenance**
- Projects shall be centered around **improving the environmental conditions and experiences for school children** with highest levels of co-benefits
- **Focus on in-need educational facilities**

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APPLICATION

Required for Project:

- Information on the applicant's organization
- Primary & secondary contact
- Budget & matching budget
- Source of technical advice
 - ISA certified arborist
 - CA licensed landscape architect
 - Architect
 - Structural engineer etc.
- Project background, objectives, deliverables

APPLICATION

Required for Each Campus:

- Project background
- Objectives
- Scope of Work and Goals
- Deliverables
- Tree Information
- Timeline
- Plan for Stakeholder Engagement
- Site photos and aerial images

Application Process

1. View the Aliso Canyon Green Schoolyards Grant application on the CAL FIRE Public Solicitation Page.



California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

2025-2026 Aliso Canyon Green Schoolyards

✓ Apply

Overview

Eligibility

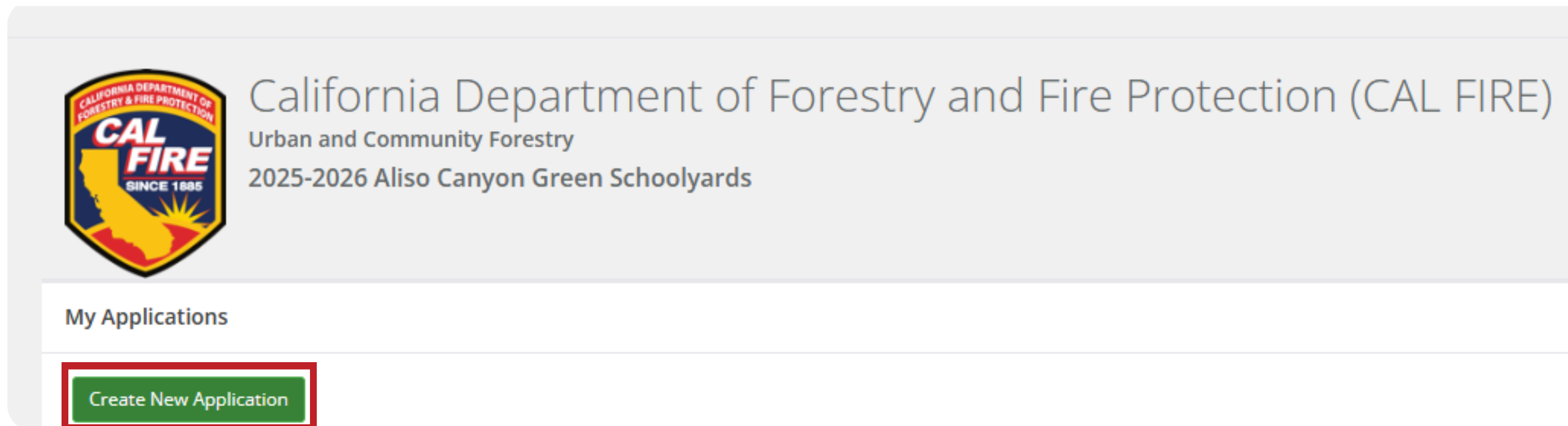
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Application Process

2. Sign into your Grants Portal and click “Create New Application.”
 - If you do not have a Grants Portal account, select “Create an Account.”



Application Process

3. The system will prompt you to sign in again. Then you can start your application!

Application Submissions

Sign In/Sign Up Instructions

For New Users:
By clicking **Sign Up**, you will be prompted to enter your email address and create a password. Once you have chosen your password, your account will be created and you will gain access to the portal.

For Returning Users:
Sign into the portal using the email address and the password you created when you originally signed up for the portal. If you have forgotten your password, click "**Forgot your password?**" and follow the prompts to reset your password.

Sign In

Log in with your Grant Management System account

Please confirm your account before applying

Portal Login

eCivis® Login

Application Sections to Complete

There are three sections of the application that you need to complete:

- 1. Profile
- 2. Application (*includes Campus sections*)
- 3. Budget

The screenshot shows a web interface for 'Application Budget'. At the top, there are three tabs: 'Application Submissions', 'Untitled', and another 'Untitled' tab. Below the tabs, the 'Application Budget' section is visible. It includes a search bar, a 'Show 10 entries' dropdown, and a table with the following data:

Project Title	Create Date	Status	Total Requested	Actions
N/A	03/24/2026	Draft	\$0.00	[Menu Icon]

Below the table, it says 'Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries'. To the right of the table, there are navigation buttons: 'Previous', '1', and 'Next'. A 'Reload' button is located at the bottom right of the interface.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Required for Each Campus:

- STD .204
- AD-1048
- CAL FIRE Environmental Checklist
- CAL FIRE Mature Tree Pledge
- Urban Forestry Grants Resolution

Required Documentation:

- Conceptual site plans
- Signed MOU from each school campus
- Signed Letters of Commitment from Project Partners
- Proof of serving a Priority Population

REPORTING, INVOICING, & INSPECTIONS



QUARTERLY PROGRESS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Project description, project location, funds allocated, matched funds, activities completed, number of trees planted, vegetation planted and location, maintenance activities conducted



QUARTERLY INVOICING

Grants are on reimbursement basis and require supporting documents for all charges



ANNUAL AND POST-GRANT REPORTING

Climate and social benefits reports and site photos



ANNUAL INSPECTIONS BY CAL FIRE

RESOURCES



GRANT GUIDELINES



- CAL FIRE Regional Urban Foresters
- Project Learning Tree
- Green Schoolyards America
- California Schoolyard Forest System
- SelectTree
- California Grants Portal

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM



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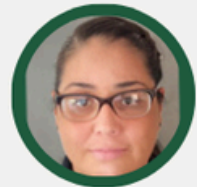
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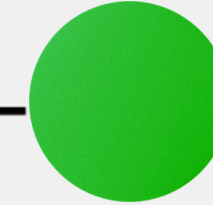
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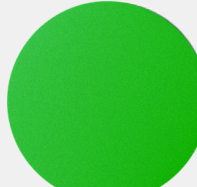
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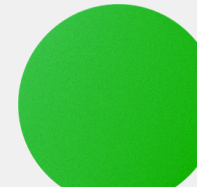
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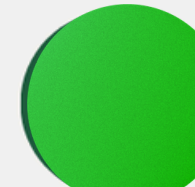
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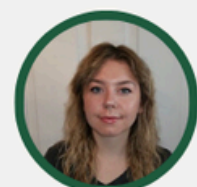
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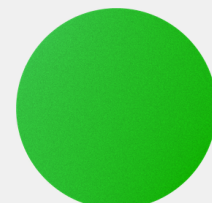
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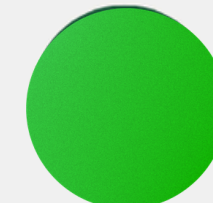
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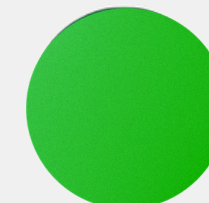
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Resources

- For technical assistance with Grants Portal contact the UCF Grants Email: CALFIRE Urban Forestry Grants UrbanForestryGrants@fire.ca.gov
- Guides posted on the UCF Website:
 - *Applicant Portal Instructions Video*
 - *Navigating the Budget in a Grant Application Video*
 - eCivis Grants Portal - Application User Guide

IMPORTANT DATES

 **APPLICATION OPENS:** April 1, 2026

 **OFFICE HOURS:** Weekly on Thursdays
April 16 - May 21, 2026 from 10 - 11 am

 **APPLICATION CLOSES:** MAY 29, 2026 at 5:00
PM