

CCI & Prop 4 Wildfire Prevention Grants

Workshop FY 2025-2026



Wildfire Prevention Grants Program



Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Fewer wildfires
Reduction in total acres burned
Structures not damaged or destroyed by wildfire



Benefits low-Income and disadvantaged communities



Protection of people, structures, and communities

Grant Projects

Activity Types:

- Hazardous Fuels Reduction
 - Prop 4 can only fund Hazardous Fuels Reduction Projects
- Wildfire Prevention Planning
- Wildfire Prevention Education

Priorities for CCI Funded Projects

Grant Allocation Priority

- Fire Risk Reduction Community List (FRRCL)
- Low Income Communities, Disadvantaged Communities (Health and Safety Code 39713)
- Projects conducted by any local governmental entity qualified to perform defensible space assessments pursuant to Section 4291.5, if they utilize the common reporting platform

Priorities for Prop 4 Funded Projects

Grant Allocation Priority

- Projects that benefit disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities, or vulnerable populations.
- Projects that includes the use of services of the California Conservation Corps or certified community conservation corps.
- Projects that leverage private, federal, and local funding or produce the greatest public benefit.
- Proposition 4 requires that at least 40 percent of the total funds available shall be allocated for projects that provide meaningful and direct benefits to vulnerable populations or disadvantaged communities. Of this 40 percent, at least 10 percent of the total funds available shall be allocated for projects that provide meaningful and direct benefits to severely disadvantaged communities.

Priority for All Funding

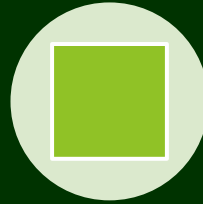
Maintenance

- Projects that demonstrate that they are providing maintenance of existing fuels reduction projects paid for by CAL FIRE or any other funding sources (i.e., other state funds, federal funds, or private funds) will also receive priority.
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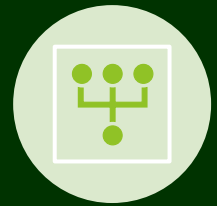
Eligible Applicants



State Agencies



Native American
Tribes



Joint Powers
Authority (JPA)



Local government
and special districts



Non-profit
organizations with a
501(C)3 designation

Highlights for FY 2025-2026



Grants Portal Application
Process

*Project tracking numbers auto-
assigned*



Recommended funding amount is \$950,000 or less



Purchase of equipment not to exceed \$750,000 cumulative

Application Process

Grants Portal



Solicitation link and Grants Portal user guides posted on [WP Grants Website](#)



Grant application

Open date: June 25, 2025

Close date: August 06, 2025, 3:00 PM PST

Application Package Best Practices

- Grant Guidelines
- Relationship with local CAL FIRE Unit Foresters
- Submit all required documents in the Grants Portal
 - View the complete list in the Grant Guidelines
 - Remember to complete the Budget Worksheet
 - Remember to submit the application
 - Verify that signature forms are signed

Application Package Best Practices Continued

Project Naming and File Upload Guidelines

- Use a file standard naming convention for all uploaded documents:
 - Unique Project Tracking Number plus document name
 - 25-WP-UUU-XXXXXXXX-STD 204.pdf
 - The **Project Tracking Number** is auto-generated in the Grants Portal
 - Zip multiple files of the same type before uploading
(e.g., maps, photos, etc.)
- Ensure consistency-data should match across all submitted forms and documents.

Application Package Best Practices Wrap-Up

- Report accurate treatment acreage
- Funding total should match across all forms
- Complete and submit early!

Scope of Work



Project description

Include the number of acres to be treated for fuels reduction projects



Section I: Primary Activity Type



Section II: Degree of Risk



Section III: Community Support

Letters of Support & Commitment



Letters of Support

Letter writer supports the project
Uploaded in Grants Portal



Letters of Commitment



Letter writer a partnering agency or collaborator



Identify involvement and specific contributions



Required for projects with matching funds or services

Scope of Work Continued...



Section IV: Project Implementation



Section V: Administration



Section VI: SOW Budget

Narrative of costs

List budget breakdown by category



Section VII: California Climate Investments

Budget

- Use correct budget categories (Grantee vs Contractual)
 - Supplies or Other <\$5,000
 - Equipment >\$5,000
- Include CEQA/NEPA costs, if applicable
- Acres must match the application and SOW acres
- Mileage rates cannot exceed IRS allowable rates
- Complete the budget narrative at the bottom

Goals

- Acres of Fuels Reduction
- Acres of Prescribed Fire
- Educational Events
- Community Plans

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Projects requiring CEQA review must provide documented compliance within 12 months from the grant execution.

Groundwork cannot begin until **CEQA** requirements have been completed.

Include CEQA costs into application package and budget.

Coordinate with your local Unit Forester for further CEQA details.

Post Award



Advances

Specific eligibility and requirements in Grant Guidelines



Reporting

Financial
Progress and Final
Treatment acres and data



Project photos; pre and post work

Project Mapping Program



All projects must submit a Geopoint

Geopoint should be the center of your project



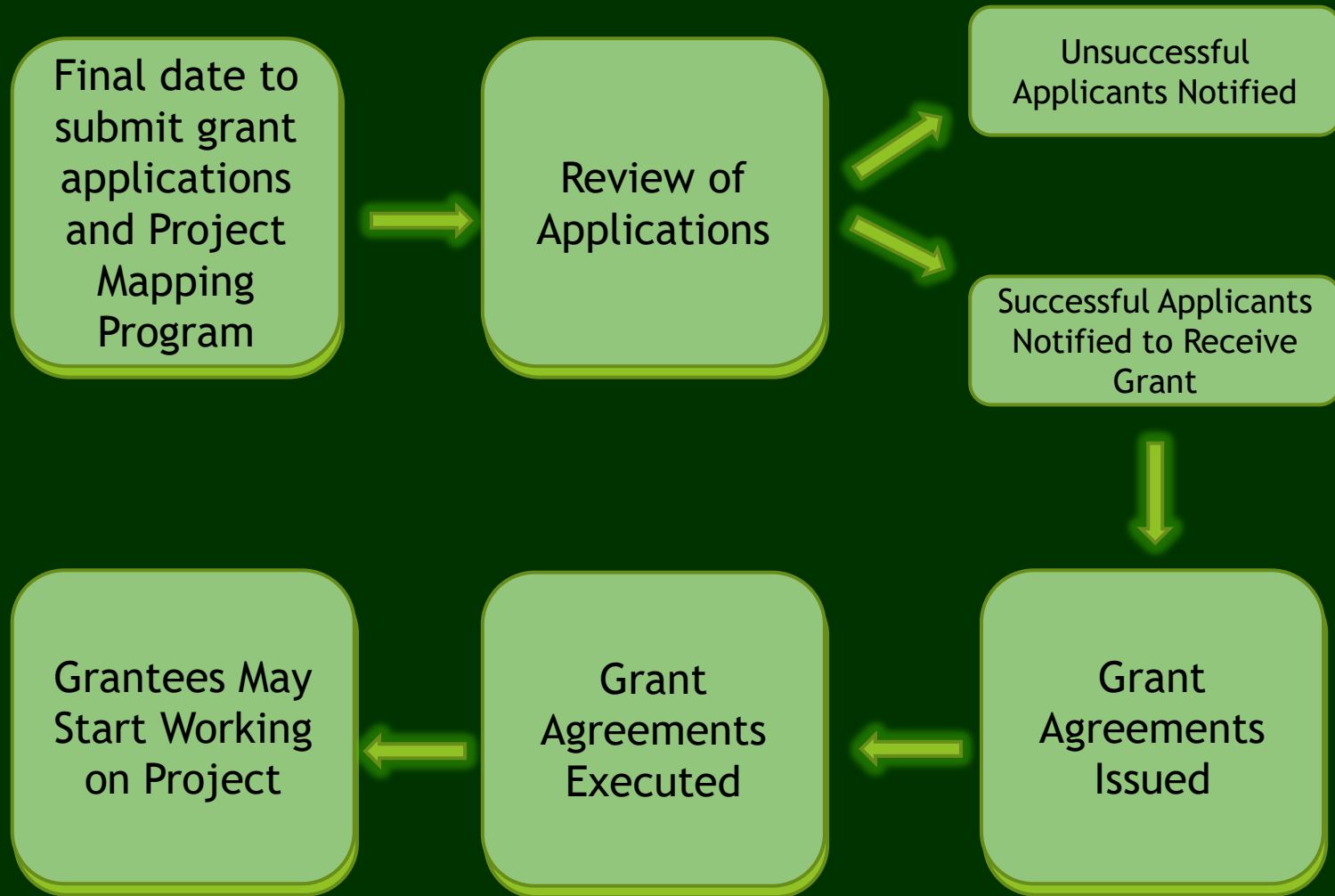
Fuels Reduction projects require a Geopoint and Treatment polygon(s)

Drawing a polygon for the entire state of California is not acceptable



Request access: [Project Mapping Program](#)

Review and Award Process



Office Hours

Join Our Virtual Office Hours for Additional Assistance

- Dates and topics posted on our website

July 9th: *Application and Scope of Work*

July 16th: *Miscellaneous*

July 23rd: *Budget*

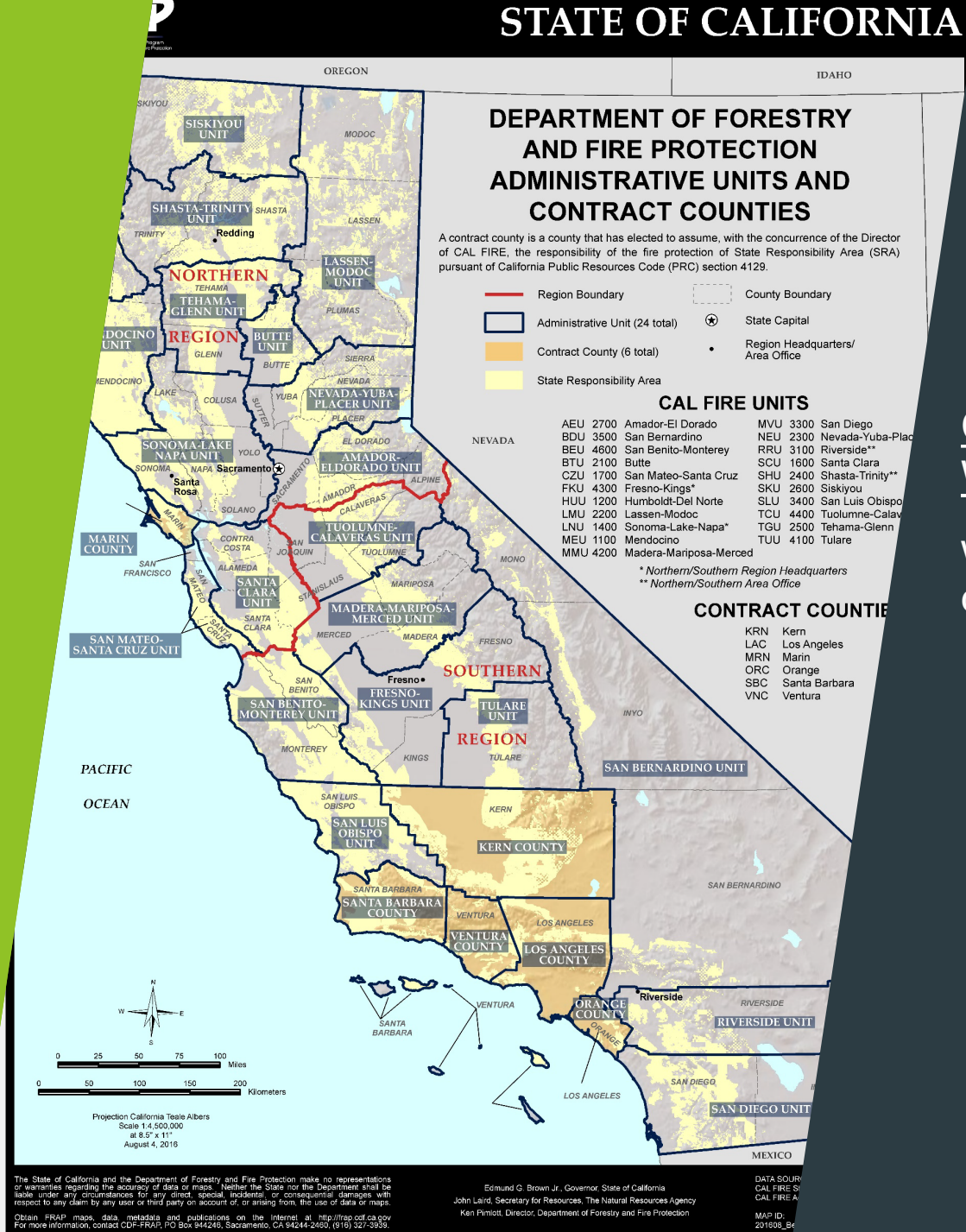
July 30: *Project Mapping Program*

Resources

CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grants Website

www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/wildfire-prevention-grants

- How to apply, tutorials, links, and user guides
- Grants Portal solicitation link
- Grant Guidelines
- Workshop recording and slides
- Local CAL FIRE Unit Contact List



Conclusion

- We encourage applicants to email questions to:
WPgrants@fire.ca.gov
CNRgrants@fire.ca.gov
SouthernRegionGrants@fire.ca.gov
- Thank you for your dedication to wildfire prevention and for attending the CCI & Prop 4 Wildfire Prevention Grants Workshop. Your continued commitment plays a vital role in protecting California's communities and natural resources.
- Q&A



Captain Cal Needs You:
Help Protect California from
Wildfires!