

**CAL FIRE Business and Workforce Development Grant Applications -- 2022 Q3**

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Business Development	American Wood Fibers, Inc.	Shavings Plant Expansion with New Innovative Technology- Jamestown, CA	Tuolumne	\$ 882,000	The American Wood Fibers project will increase the shaving capacity at Jamestown by installing an additional shaver that includes new innovative technology prototyped and approved at AWF's Kentucky and Wisconsin wood fiber processing facilities. The new technology increases efficiency and throughput while reducing maintenance costs, and will increase Jamestown's overall production capacity by 40%. The new system will be able to better process burned and/or diseased timber which comprises over 95% of the facilities raw material intake. This project will directly result in reduction of hazardous fuels and improvement of forest health through sourcing an additional 16,000 tons of logs annually.
Business Development	American Wood Fibers, Inc.	Innovative Wood Product Expansion into Western US Market	Yuba	\$ 1,700,000	The project will install a wood flour system that will increase consumption of mill residuals from this facility and other area wood products mills, providing needed markets for waste fiber. Wood flour is made from sawdust, shavings, and chips that are processed into a variety of finely screened wood particles. It is used as a bonder and extender in wood plastic composites thereby reducing the need for raw plastic and increasing sequestration of carbon that would likely have been burned for energy purposes. Wood flour is also used in paper manufacturing, chemical formulations, and multiple other industrial applications.
Business Development	Big Wood Mountain LLC	Piercy Firewood Project	Mendocino	\$ 51,359	The Piercy Firewood Project will utilize small diameter trees to produce firewood as a carbon neutral bioenergy source. The project will develop Big Wood Mountain LLC. into a viable firewood business by obtaining a firewood processor and supporting equipment. The Project will include thinning of forests creating resiliency while providing inventory. The proposed firewood processor and supporting equipment will increase efficiency allowing more forest treatment and a more competitive business model. This project will be located in a high priority landscape.
Business Development	Collins Company	Chester Mill New Dry Kiln	Plumas	\$ 1,689,050	The Collins Pine sawmill currently has five running kilns at full capacity, which is not enough to accommodate the longer drying schedule of Sugar Pine. Collins proposes to add an additional kiln with more steam coils in order to dry White Fir and Sugar Pine more quickly, which would allow the current kilns to be used to dry the salvaged Sugar Pine. Included in this request are upgrades to the boiler to improve steam flow to the kilns. These upgrades will help Collins contribute to post-fire recovery on all lands and continue to support the local sustainable forest management economy into the future.

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Business Development	County of Placer	Cabin Creek Biomass Facility	Placer	\$ 2,000,000	<p>Cabin Creek is a shovel-ready project with a completed and approved EIR and 60% design plans. The facility will be comprised of a 2-megawatt biomass-to-energy facility located on Eastern Regional Landfill (ERL) green waste processing site in North Tahoe. This project will increase local biomass outlet capacity by 18,000 BDT per year and provide renewable energy to local areas and county facilities. The project will reduce catastrophic wildfire risk by utilizing existing green waste produced at ERL supplied from forest service land and residential defensible space clearing to produce energy.</p> <p>Additional benefits span from offsetting rising electricity costs with green renewable energy, powering the County's public transportation vehicles as they transition to zero emission electric buses, reducing the overall SB 1383 Calrecycle procurement requirements, and providing resiliency and an additional 24/7 energy input into the local power grid allowing for adaptability during power outages.</p>
Business Development	Forestree Collective	Forestree Collective: Innovative Small Diameter Timber Manufacturing	Sonoma	\$ 105,000	<p>Forestree Collective is a wood products manufacturing company that utilizes small diameter, dead, and dying feedstock from forest restoration and fuel load reduction projects in Sonoma County. This project will leverage the latest in robotics and milling technology to maximize efficiency, consistency, and profits to transform low-value timber into value-added products.</p> <p>We are working to grow and expand Forestree Collective from a secondary wood products manufacturing company to also become Sonoma County's only primary wood products manufacturing company with a specific focus on milling small diameter timber from fuel load reduction projects for millworks, furniture, pallets and other non-structural applications.</p> <p>With this grant we will purchase a single pass small diameter scragg mill and log handling equipment to launch our milling operation. Resulting lumber products will be sold direct to consumers and manufacturers from our mill and warehouse in Sebastopol, CA.</p>
Business Development	J&C Lumber Inc	Expanding a Community-Run Sawmill for Wildfire Recovery	Plumas	\$ 449,485	<p>J&amp;C Lumber will purchase a new, automated band sawmill for producing large specialty timbers. The new equipment will expand existing operations of a sawmill that launched in response to the 2021 Dixie Fire and ensure its long-term viability. The expanded facility will generate 2.9 MMBF of lumber annually. This outlet for sawlogs will enable important post-fire recovery work and other forest health activities in the region. Large timbers manufactured by J&amp;C Lumber will be incorporated into fire-resilient post-and-beam timber frame construction currently planned for rebuilding businesses and homes that were lost in Greenville, CA from the Dixie Fire. CAL FIRE grant funding will ensure the long-term viability of the operation so that it can continue to directly benefit the community through job creation, economic stimulation, keeping post-fire rebuilding dollars local, and creating an outlet for byproducts of post-fire recovery and forest restoration.</p>

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Business Development	Mt. Lassen Power Inc.	Mt. Lassen Power Restart	Lassen	\$ 1,500,000	Mt. Lassen Power Inc. is restarting the 10 MW biomass to energy facility located in Westwood, Lassen County. Requested grant funds will be used for a feedstock drying shed that will protect wood chips and maintain a consistent moisture content, thereby supporting boiler efficiency, decreased fuel costs, and air permit compliance. Grant funds will also be used to purchase an articulated rubber-tracked loader to transport chips from the stockpile to the infeed more quickly and efficiently than otherwise possible. Plant restart will accelerate wildfire recovery, advance resilient forests and support the region's wood industry and forestry workforce. The plant will facilitate forest treatments on 8,000 acres annually, and create 20 jobs including two specific to the proposed equipment. Without this facility, recovery from the State's second largest fire may not be possible.
Business Development	Napachar, LLC	Napachar: producing biochar in Napa-area forests for use in local vineyard soils	Napa	\$ 500,000	Napachar uses waste timber from forest fuel reduction projects in Napa area forests to make biochar for soil enrichment. Napachar serves two main customers: forest owners needing waste timber removal and vineyards seeking to reduce water and fertilizer use without sacrificing vine productivity. If funded, Napachar will acquire the equipment needed to treat 100 acres of local forest in 2023, producing enough biochar for 75 acres of vineyard soil and sequestering 1150 tons of CO2. We have teamed with the Pacific Union College, which manages over 1000 acres of Napa forest, to integrate biochar production into their existing forest management plan. And we have written commitment from Silver Oak Cellars to purchase biochar at market value for their vineyards. Operations are scalable, and Napachar estimates that by the end of the project they would be able to treat 400 acres of forest per year, employing 12 individuals in fuel reduction operations.
Business Development	Northstar Community Services District	NCSD Biomass Heat Energy Project - September 2022 Application	Placer	\$ 2,000,000	NCSD requests \$2,000,000 to help fund a boiler system and building for a biomass district energy system. In 2008, NCSD implemented a forest fuels management program and has treated over 2,000 acres. Approximately 850 BDT of biomass is extracted annually, most of which is diverted to compost/landfill. The project entails construction of a biomass energy system utilizing regional forest biomass to generate heat for fourteen large buildings, reducing methane gas dependence. The project will accelerate NCSD's fuels management program while improving its environmental footprint by creating a local use for otherwise non-merchantable material. The project could serve as a catalyst for other biomass energy systems in the region, helping to promote landscape-level forest management. The project will also help to develop a sustainable regional biomass industry to achieve hazard reduction, improved ecosystem health, and lowered greenhouse gas emissions, which support the goals outlined by CALFIRE and U.S. Forest Service.

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Business Development	Phoenix Biomass Energy, Inc.	Phoenix Energy's North Fork Community Power Operations Launch	Madera	\$ 1,999,996	The North Fork Community Power Facility will be a 2MW biomass plant when it commences operations in June of 2023. This small-scale forest bioenergy facility is located in North Fork, CA and will create renewable energy and biochar derived from forest biomass. Grant funds will support hiring and training the staff required to begin and sustain plant operations for the first 3 years. Beginning in Q1 2023, they will recruit, hire, and train 14-22 staff for multiple positions in preparation for the facility's initial launch. These employees will require regulatory and compliance training as well as training on plant equipment, operations, and maintenance. The plant will be staffed with a 14-person 24/7 on-site operations group that needs to be recruited and trained prior to the plant opening. Phoenix will hire an additional 7 FTEs to recruit, manage trainings and finances, and develop biochar products and markets.
Business Development	Red Rock Biofuels Holdings, Inc and Shasta Biofuels LLC	Development of a Commercial Scale Waste Woody Biomass to SAF Biorefinery in Anderson, California	Shasta	\$ 1,996,250	California is facing significant challenges on two important and interrelated issues: wildfires and greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions. Both have major impacts on climate change. Wildfires in California have grown in size and severity over the past several decades and are damaging forest health and human health and safety, while also serving as a major GHG emissions source. In California transportation is the largest source of GHG emissions, accounting for 41% of total emissions. Shasta Biofuels LLC ("Shasta") and its project partners propose to develop a 40 million gallon per year ("MGY") biorefinery in Anderson, CA to convert waste woody biomass ("WWB"), including post-fire charred residues, into cellulosic, low-carbon sustainable aviation fuel ("SAF"), renewable diesel ("RD") and other renewable fuel products fuel via gasification, Fischer-Tropsch refining, and upgrading technologies (the "Project"). Shasta's planned activities under this Wood Products and Bioenergy Business Development grant application constitute the "Scope of Work".
Business Development	Tubit Enterprises, Inc.	Tubit Sawmill Project	Shasta	\$ 2,000,000	The Tubit Sawmill Project in Burney, Shasta County, CA, will increase forestry operations and enhance sawmill productivity. Tubit is developing a 11.2 MMBF sawmill concurrently with the 5 MW Burney Bright Bioenergy facility, which will supply electricity and thermal energy to the sawmill and dry kilns. Grant funds are requested for procurement and installation of four dry kilns. The sawmill will manufacture, kiln-dry and finish specialty wood products using logs supplied by Tubit and logs and cut lumber supplied by Shasta Green Inc. sawmill, enabling the use of sugar pine and logs that exceed Shasta Green's diameter limits, and accommodating maintenance shutdowns. This project will establish a forward-thinking model that can be replicated in other regions to create new and expand existing wood markets. The Tubit sawmill will facilitate forest treatments on 4,600 acres annually, and create a total of 18.5 direct jobs.

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Business Development - Tree Nursery	Garlandco LLC	Garlandco LLC Tree Nursery	Humboldt Shasta Trinity	\$ 2,822,190	Garlandco LLC proposes to launch its operations of a native California seed-zone specific nursery. They plan to create a tree nursery that produces 300,000 saplings per year, with an expanding production yield of 100,000 saplings in addition after each harvest.
Business Development - Tree Nursery	Healdsburg Farm LLC	Healdsburg Farm - Native tree nursery - Launch and validation	Sonoma	\$ 50,841	<p>The US needs to reforest 133 million acres by 2040. Current seedling production is less than half what is needed, and 99%+ coniferous. California forests are 30%+ hardwoods in their natural state.</p> <p>This project will create a tree nursery, growing local, native hardwoods. Seedlings will be sold (ideally aged ~12 months) to private and other landowners for reforestation projects.</p> <p>The first year of operation (the scope of this application) will be to establish the nursery and test/evaluate some key factors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seed gathering methods</li> <li>- Various growing containers</li> <li>- Germination rates</li> <li>- Market demand/creation for various species</li> <li>- Marketing material development</li> <li>- Sales channel development</li> </ul> <p>They anticipate growing hundreds of seedlings in year one</p> <p>After this first phase, they will scale according to the lessons learned - leaning into the species with the highest market demand potential, using the most efficient gathering, growing and marketing techniques.</p>
Business Development - Tree Nursery	Jaime Barros da Silva Filho, Mega Clone	Tree Nursery Development in Southern California to Produce Pinus Seedlings	Riverside	\$ 2,824,726	This project will construct greenhouses for the production of native, seed-zone-specific seedlings for private and public forestland owners for the purpose of native tree reforestation.
Business Development - Tree Nursery	Ojai Valley Land Conservancy	Rewild Ojai: Native Plant Nursery Expansion and Capacity Building	Ventura	\$ 152,331	Rewild Ojai is OVLC's initiative to upgrade its native plant nursery at the Ojai Meadows Preserve in Ventura County (contract unit) and build staff capacity to accomplish four outcomes: increase the quantity and diversity of native plants grown; initiate seed conservation program; assist private landowners with oak woodland, chaparral, and riparian habitat restoration; and expand leadership in native plant propagation and restoration. OVLC's expanded nursery will have the capacity to produce over 10,000 native seedlings/year and is projected to generate more than \$75,000 net revenue annually from sales across three target markets " Plant Sales, Contract Orders, and Private Lands Restoration. Increase in production will focus on long-living hardwoods like oaks (Quercus agrifolia, Q.lobata), black walnut (Juglans californica), and western sycamore (Platanus racemosa) and chaparral shrubs like bigpod ceanothus (Ceanothus megacarpus), bigberry manzanita (Arctostaphylos glauca), and hollyleaf cherry (Prunus ilicifolia) that contribute to local biodiversity, wildfire adaptation, and climate resilience.

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Business Development - Tree Nursery	Pacific Land Design	Business Development Grant_Tree Nursery_Pacific Land Design	El Dorado Nevada Placer Plumas Sacramento Yuba	\$ 446,944	The intent of this working nursery project is to support and continue building California's reforestation needs as identified through the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Action Plan and Reforestation strategy. The project will provide a variety of conifer, hardwood and riparian seedling tree species for both private and public lands. This proposed private landowner working nursery will also support Workforce Development through critical ecological training in nursery operation.
Business Development - Tree Nursery	Sierra Pacific Industries	Gazelle Conifer Nursery- Phase 1	Siskiyou	\$ 3,000,000	Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) recognizes the need for a nursery that specializes in production of native conifer seedlings for restoration, research, and conservation projects. Current nursery capacity in the Western U.S is not nearly sufficient to fill the current need for seedlings for reforestation projects. SPI proposes to construct a nursery in Gazelle, CA, at the company's seed orchard that will help alleviate this deficit of production facilities. A local conifer nursery that is similar in size employs as many as 110 seasonal employees. This influx of jobs will benefit a small town in northern California. It is anticipated the annual production of seedlings at full capacity will be 25 million. However, full capacity is not expected to be met until the spring of 2026. The nursery will require a "ramping-up. They anticipate the first crop sow will be approximately 6 million seedlings, and the second crop sow will be 12 million seedlings.
Business Development - Tree Nursery	Sierra Resource Conservation District	Southern Sierra Regional Nursery and Reforestation Center	Fresno Kern Madera Mariposa Tulare	\$ 2,900,000	The goal is to establish a nursery operation within the southern Sierra region for the collection, propagation and distribution of conifer and other native plants that complements CAL FIRE's Lewis A. Moran Forestry Center. The nursery will be 24,000 square feet of an environmentally controlled all weather facility with a maximum production capability of 1 million seedlings. It is anticipated that 500,000 seedlings will be produced within the 2nd year of operation. The design and operational capabilities will be developed in close coordination with CAL FIRE personnel utilizing their professional expertise. Initial estimates for a fully operational facility and its infrastructure is \$1.4 million. The applicant is also looking at the feasibility to acquire an existing native plant nursery operation that has been in existence for 40 years. Estimated cost is \$1.1 million. A seed banking source of 240 acres of private forestlands may be acquired for approximately \$400,000.
Business Development - Tree Nursery	The Sierra Institute for Community and Environment	Northern Sierra Nevada and Southern Cascades Native Plant Propagation Capacity Development	Lassen Plumas	\$ 70,530	Support for this proposal will allow development of critical infrastructure in the Northern Sierra-Nevada and Southern Cascades bioregion of California that will create capacity to propagate native plant material for nearby restoration work. The proposed additionality as a result of funding will be a 20 foot by 20 foot wooden lath shade house built on the Sierra Institute owned Wood Products Campus in Crescent Mills, CA to facilitate the propagation of 3,000 native plants annually for restoration work at Lassen Volcanic National Park (LAVO). While the scale of this project is small, it will pilot a novel business model to the region that is in demand: producing rare and often endemic plant species that are difficult to find elsewhere for restoration work in the region.

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Research & Development - Business	Biogas Energy	Upscale Pyrolysis Design and Test Pyrolysis of Burnt Wood (2nd attempt to add budget)	Placer	\$ 500,000	<p>This project will achieve 2 tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Design &amp; development of scaled-up manufacturing process. This will enable a 200ton/day pyrolysis facility based on the successful 20ton/day pyrolysis facility operating at WPWMA. Bioenergy Concept, the supplier of the pyrolysis technology, will be hired as contractor/consultant to perform design work.</li> <li>2. Test pyrolysis of burnt wood. This will enable 3 months of testing various proportions of burnt wood in the pyrolysis process to determine optimal ratio (burnt-to-regular wood) and corresponding outputs of bio-oil and biochar. Biogas Energy's team will operate the existing pyrolysis facility at WPWMA using burnt wood.</li> </ol> <p>Completing these two tasks will enable Biogas Energy to develop their business model for a State-wide network of pyrolysis plants in forest areas. Although match funds are not required since this is R&amp;D, use of the pyrolysis facility is contributed to the project.</p>
Research & Development - Business	Cloud Forest Institute & Polecraft Solutions	Market and Feasibility Study: Beneficial Use of Small Diameter Trees for Pole-Based Housing	Mendocino	\$ 58,450	<p>Project Objective: Define the market feasibility of harvesting and processing small diameter (primarily trees of 11" or less DBH) Douglas fir for beneficial use. This project will result in a feasibility and market analysis for the potential utilization of small diameter Douglas fir, which are harvested as part of either a forest health tree thinning initiatives or for beneficial use of small trees from traditional THPs, to build fire resistant pole-based housing (low income, affordable, moderate, and high income). Project implementation may potentially offer the following benefits: improved forest health and fire resiliency and up-cycling of a "waste product" for creation of homes and construction jobs. There is a lack of innovative research and market creation in the forest products industry for small diameter logs, yet ubiquitous natural resource needs a market as these logs negatively impact fire safety and forest health.</p>
Research & Development - Business	Humboldt Sawmill Company, LLC	Scotia Biomass Plant Upgrade Engineering Analysis	Humboldt	\$ 309,000	<p>Humboldt Sawmill Company, which owns and operates the combined heat and power biomass plant in Scotia, CA, will commission two front-end-engineering-design (FEED) studies that provide preliminary engineering, design, and cost estimates for upgrades that will increase power output and improve efficiency. The facility, built in 1989, runs below capacity due to outdated turbine technology and a diesel fuel-intensive feedstock handling process. The proposed upgrades will be analyzed through the FEED study process by leading engineering firms in their respective fields, giving HSC tools to proceed with confidence implementing the proposed upgrades, benefiting communities and forest health in the North Coast region by offsetting fossil fuel use, providing a reliable renewable energy source, and utilizing woody biomass. The facility uses over 200,000 tons of biomass, powers a sawmill that produces over 200 million board feet of lumber, and delivers over 100,000 MWh of electricity to the power grid annually.</p>

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Research & Development - Workforce Research & Development - Business	California Indian Forest and Fire Management Council	Hooknay Initiative	Humboldt	\$ 466,868	<p>The Hooknay Initiative is an R&amp;D project designed to convert forest slash/waste into biochar and then convert that biochar into a honeycomb designed clean burning CharFuel product. Hooknay CharFuel will compete in the Charcoal and Wood burning product markets as both a cooking and heating fuel. Additionally, Hooknay BioChar Initiative will enhanced and package biochar for domestic soil amendment applications.</p> <p>CharFuel Briquettes have been made for over two hundred years in the developing world. The honeycomb-designed briquette was awarded the best product of the year award by Lockheed Martin in India. Daniel Lustyan Sr., consulting with Lockheed Martin, was shown honeycomb-designed briquette product with the hope that he could bring to the world's poorest people this cheap, clean energy product and the jobs required to make it.</p>
Workforce Development	American Forests	Regional Reforestation Workforce Development Teams for Seed Program	Statewide	\$ 3,922,000	<p>The project will create regional reforestation teams to address workforce development needs that build on CA Wildfire &amp; Forest Resilience Task Force goals by supporting Emergency Forest Restoration Teams with direct landowner project assistance, while helping to fill the State seed banks through a first-time training program focused on cone surveys and collection.</p>
Workforce Development	California Forestry Association	California Forestry Sector Jobs Initiative	Statewide	\$ 400,500	<p>The broad goals of the California Forestry Sector Jobs Initiative are to: 1) Educate the public, especially K-12 students and potential workers, about the forestry sector; 2) Promote training, jobs, and careers available in the sector by partnering with community based organizations that serve underrepresented communities; and 3) Create a centralized, online hub that informs intrigued individuals of the vocational and professional training and educational programs that are established along with all forestry sector jobs opportunities.</p>



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Workforce Development	Chico State Enterprises	Higher Education Prescribe Fire Training	Butte Plumas	\$ 1,210,615	Catastrophic wildfires have devastated Northern California in recent years. Prescribed and cultural fire is a critical tool to mitigate the impact these fires have on our communities and ecosystems. In order to utilize prescribed fire at the required scale, a motivated and experienced prescribed fire workforce must be developed. Chico State Enterprises and Feather River College will build upon an already established strong prescribed fire training partnership to formally design and implement the Higher Education Prescribed Fire Training (HEFT) program which will result in a trained, professional, and accessible workforce for private and public land managers pursuing prescribed fire projects throughout Northern California. The HEFT program will provide over 200 federally recognized certifications through National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) standards to over 60 participants over three years. For a minimal investment of \$20,177 per participant, these 60 practitioners will provide an immediate impact on prescribed fire project capacity across California.
Workforce Development	El Dorado County Office of Education	El Dorado Fire Academy	El Dorado	\$ 1,217,455	EDCOE will expand its partnership with Future Fire Academy (FFA) to provide workforce development for veterans, young adults, tribal members, and justice-involved men and women to prepare them with the experience and certifications for a fire service career. The program provides hands-on job specific training, preparation to pass certifications and character development. CAL FIRE funds will support expansion to train and place 216 cadets in fire prevention and suppression. This will be accomplished through three Basic 40 Wildland academies per year and a Structural Firefighter I academy. Cadets will gain hands-on skills in fuels reduction to support fire prevention in El Dorado and surrounding counties by assisting private homeowners, HOA's and fire safe councils to increase defensible space. Workforce development will be provided by training captains with background in professional firefighting to support our cadets to be prepared and highly skilled for employment in the fire service.
Workforce Development	Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board/Fresno Area Workforce Investment Corporation	Central Valley Forestry Corps - Reedley & Mother Lode	Amador Calaveras Fresno Madera Mariposa Tuolumne	\$ 1,973,615	The Central Valley Forestry Corps (CVFC), developed by the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB), is a best-practice model to recruit, train, provide work experience, and link local residents to quality entry-level jobs in the forestry sector. CVFC's activities center on outreach to underserved and underrepresented populations, vocational classroom and hands-on training, industry-based curricula and certifications, work-based learning, paid work experience, needs-related stipends, educational support services, and wraparound services.  With our partners at the Mother Lode Workforce Development Board (MLWDB), Reedley College, the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission's Local Conservation Corps (Fresno EOC LCC), ValleyROP, Yosemite Adult School, Columbia College, Sierra Resource Management, and Associated California Loggers (ACL), the CVFC will expand this best-practice model to provide valuable forestry training to 85 residents in Fresno County and the Mother Lode region, including but not limited to Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne counties.
Workforce Development	Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District	Siskiyou Prescribed Fire Capacity Project	Siskiyou	\$ 536,620	The Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD) will support the Siskiyou Prescribed Burn Association (SPBA) through the Siskiyou Prescribed Fire Capacity Project to conduct prescribed fire trainings to continue developing a local prescribed fire workforce among Siskiyou County and the greater Northern California region.  The (SPBA) is a partnership made up of the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD), Scott River Watershed Council (SRWC), Mid Klamath Watershed Council (MKWC), Quartz Valley Indian Reservation (QVIR), and Torchbear with the primary goal of increasing local capacity for prescribed fire. This project will support these SPBA partners to train fire practitioners about the skills and methods used for prescribed burning, including conducting live-fire events, and providing scholarships to individuals to attend other regional prescribed fire trainings and burns. The project will expand workforce skills and increase local capacity to build a local prescribed fire workforce.

Total Request = \$39,735,825