



### SUMMARY:

The West Region Wildfire Council (WRWC) promotes wildfire preparedness, prevention and mitigation education throughout Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel counties. Our mission is to mitigate loss due to wildfire in wildland urban interface communities while fostering interagency regional partnerships to help prepare counties, fire protection districts, communities and agencies to plan for and mitigate potential threats from wildfire. The WRWC has secured grant funding which is intended to support private landowners living in the wildland urban interface in their effort to implement fuels reduction and wildfire mitigation projects.

The West Region Wildfire Council is offering private landowners, and collective groups of private landowners, the opportunity to apply for funding assistance in an effort to implement recommendations outlined in approved Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs). Funding is available to assist homeowners/landowners with completing defensible space and/or specific landscape-scale fuels reduction projects outlined in approved CWPPs, help communities engage residents in the responsibility of wildfire mitigation by sponsoring community chipping days and provide financial assistance to communities for the completion of mitigation demonstration sites to encourage further mitigation work.

Applications will be accepted March 14 through December 31, or until available funding has been expended.

### WRWC offers financial assistance for the following fuels reduction activities:

**DEFENSIBLE SPACE:** Provides *up to* a 75/25 cost-share reimbursement opportunity for homeowners or groups of homeowners to implement defensible space around their homes in wildland urban interface communities.

**LANDSCAPE-SCALE FUELS REDUCTION:** Provides *up to* a 75/25 cost-share reimbursement opportunity for private landowners and/or communities to implement landscape-scale fuels reduction projects.

#### Defensible space and landscape-scale project eligibility:

- ◆ Projects must be located in an Extreme, Very High or High rated community identified in an approved Community Wildfire Protection Plan within Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray or San Miguel county.
- ◆ Landscape scale fuels reduction projects should be identified projects in an approved CWPP.
- ◆ Applicants are required to consult with the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) or other equally qualified natural resource professional for project design and standards.

#### Application must also include:

- ◆ A detailed map of the project area including total acres treated (provided by CSFS or natural resource professional).
- ◆ A detailed scope of work summary (provided by CSFS or natural resource professional).
- ◆ Project bids from at least three (3) different contractors. Bids should provide **cost/acre**.
- ◆ At least three (3) pictures of the project area.

**COMMUNITY CHIPPING PROGRAM:** Provides *up to* a 75/25 cost-share reimbursement opportunity for groups of homeowners who wish to participate in a community chipping program. Awarded funds will be used to reimburse homeowners for the cost of chipping hazardous vegetation/fuels only. Homeowners are expected to remove and pile vegetation in preparation for chipping.

**Eligibility:**

- ◆ Successful applications will have projects which are located in an Extreme, Very High or High rated community identified in an approved Community Wildfire Protection Plan with in Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray or San Miguel county.
- ◆ At least five (5) homeowners must be grouped together and willing to participate in the chipping program.
- ◆ Project bids from at least three (3) different contractors. Bids should provide **cost/ pile**.
- ◆ Individual homeowners must track their time spent clearing, cutting and piling vegetation to be chipped.
- ◆ Piles must be located curb-side or within an easily accessible location. Piles should not exceed seven feet wide by seven feet long and five feet tall (7'x7'x5'). **Individual homeowners are allowed up to two (2) piles meeting qualifying measurements.** Additional piles or piles exceeding maximum measurements can be completed at the expense of homeowner.

**DEMONSTRATION SITES:** Provides funding assistance to communities wishing to complete mitigation projects on open space and common areas in order to demonstrate wildfire mitigation and encourage future mitigation projects. This opportunity provides *up to* a 75/25 cost-share reimbursement for communities. Demonstration sites may not exceed five (5) acres.

**Eligibility:**

- ◆ Projects must be located in an Extreme, Very High or High rated community identified in an approved Community Wildfire Protection Plan with in Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray or San Miguel county.
- ◆ Projects must also be located in a community where **no previous mitigation work has been completed.**
- ◆ Applicants must demonstrate expected visual impact/ justification for project location and be willing to display mitigation signs following project completion.
- ◆ Applicants are required to consult with the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) or other equally qualified natural resource professional for project design and standards.

**Application must also include:**

- ◆ A detailed map of the project area including total acres treated (provided by CSFS or natural resource professional).
- ◆ A detailed scope of work summary (provided by CSFS or natural resource professional).
- ◆ Project bids from at least three (3) different contractors. Bids should provide **cost/acre**.
- ◆ At least three (3) pictures of the project area.

**IMPORTANT-BEFORE YOU APPLY:**

- ◆ All available WRWC funding programs are **reimbursement opportunities**. Applicants will be reimbursed upon project completion, final project review and submittal of a stamped paid invoice from the contractor. **Matching funds must be documented through payment to selected contractor.**

**All funded projects must be completed within 90 days of funding award date.**

- ◆ Fuels reduction funding assistance award amounts are based on reasonable and similar work recently completed in the area, as well as project details in the Scope of Work summary and chosen contractor's bid. Funded projects will be awarded **up to a 75/25 cost-share match.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please read the application requirements thoroughly and fill out the application provided. Completed applications can be submitted to:

West Region Wildfire Council  
Attn: Lilia Falk  
102 Par Place, Suite #1  
Montrose, CO 81401

Applications may also be emailed to: [wrrwc.lilia@gmail.com](mailto:wrrwc.lilia@gmail.com)

***Applications will be reviewed by the West Region Wildfire Council Steering Committee at the end of each month. Applicants will be informed of their funding status within the first week of the month following application submittal. Successful applicants will receive an award letter and a request for final applicant signature.***

Questions regarding funding eligibility or application requirements may be directed to Lilia Falk, West Region Wildfire Council Coordinator.

[wrrwc.lilia@gmail.com](mailto:wrrwc.lilia@gmail.com)  
(970) 249-8407x125

**APPLICATION** (Please check appropriate box below):

Defensible Space     Landscape Scale Fuels Reduction     Community Chipping     Demonstration Site

**COUNTY** (Please indicate the county in which your proposed project is located):

Delta     Gunnison     Hinsdale     Montrose     Ouray     San Miguel

**PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please provide the CWPP community name and community wildfire hazard rating for the area where your project will take place. To find your community's CWPP please visit [www.COwildfire.org](http://www.COwildfire.org)

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2. Have you applied for other funding assistance to support this project? Have you received funding assistance from any other agency to complete wildfire mitigation? If so, please describe the funding source and amount awarded.

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3. Does this project include multiple landowners? If so, please specify and include support documentation from all involved landowners.

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**PROJECT SPECIFICS:**

Number of acres to be treated: \_\_\_\_\_ (please skip this question if applying for WRWC chipping program)

**Contractor Bids:**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Total project price \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per acre/pile \_\_\_\_\_  
*company*
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Total project price \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per acre/ pile \_\_\_\_\_  
*company*
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Total project price \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per acre/pile \_\_\_\_\_  
*company*

Selected Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **All funded projects must be completed within 90 days of funding award date**

**APPLICANT CHECK LIST** (Ensure all required information is included in grant application before submitting application to WRWC. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed**):

- Eligibility requirements met
- Application completed
- Scope of work
- Project map
- Three (3) *pre-treatment* project area photos (you will be asked to provide *post-treatment* photos upon project completion)
- Copies of three (3) contractor bids

\* Up to two additional pages or attachments as needed to describe your project.

Upon project completion, your natural resource representative and/or a member from the West Region Wildfire Council will review the completed project. Completed projects must reflect the scope of work summary and descriptions therein. Applicants will be reimbursed after final review and submittal of appropriate documentation to ensure project meets expected standards.

Applicants are requested to post a West Region Wildfire Council 'Mitigation Sign' in the project area for 60 days following project completion.

**Applicant Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_



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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Application Requirements Met \_\_\_\_\_

Approved Funding Source \_\_\_\_\_ Award Amount \_\_\_\_\_