

Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands  
**Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG)**



**What is it?** Implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to provide \$1B over five years (\$200M per year) to communities at risk of wildfire to 1) develop/revise their Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) and/or 2) implement mitigation activities identified within their CWPPs. 2023 is the second year of funding opportunity for this program.

**Who is eligible to apply?** Any community at risk of wildfire, including local governments, HOA's, Tribes and State Forestry agencies.

**How are competitive funds prioritized?** Areas identified as having high or very high wildfire hazards, low-income communities, or communities impacted by a severe disaster (within the last 10 years).

**How to submit a grant application?** Applicants must submit an online grant proposal to the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands through the Cooperator Submission System (CSS) at [cwdg.forestry.grants.org](http://cwdg.forestry.grants.org). Contact Paul Briggs at [pbriggs@utah.gov](mailto:pbriggs@utah.gov) for a unique application link for **EACH** grant proposal. A workable PDF application is available [here](#).

**Utah's 2024 deadline for application submission will be announced in the next Notice of Funding Opportunity which will likely open early summer of 2024 and close fall of 2024.**

Applicable Project	CWPP development or revision	CWPP Project Implementation
<b>Eligibility</b>	Not applicable for CWPPs that are less than 5 years old  Roofing Ordinance (1/2 of available funding)	Activities must be identified within a CWPP not more than 10 years old  Roofing Ordinance (1/2 of available funding)
<b>Max Grant Award</b>	\$250,000	\$10,000,000
<b>Cost-Share Match</b>	10% (non-federal funds)	25% (non-federal funds)
<b>Match Waiver</b>	Underserved communities	Underserved communities
<b>Timeline for Completion</b>	Within 5 years	Within 5 years

For examples of eligible projects and detailed grant information for the Western States and Territories, refer to [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) under **USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-CWSF** the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is located under the Related Documents tab.

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