



FY23 State Fire Capacity Mitigation Grant

New Name – formerly State Fire Assistance



Grants.gov

- Advertised on Grants.gov
- Applicants apply on Grants.gov

Clearance to post on Grants.gov

- Must have approved funding
- Clearance from SPBA (Strategic Planning, Budget, & Accountability)
- Approved by OBPA (Office of Budget & Program Analysis) at the Dept. level
- Application form will be optional (per Paperwork Reduction Act)
 - The instructions say applicants must answer all the questions/sections with maximum character limits that appear on the optional application form



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Applications must be consistent with the Cohesive Strategy goals:

1. Restore and Maintain Landscapes: Landscapes across all jurisdictions are resilient to fire-related disturbances, in accordance with management objectives.
2. Create Fire Adapted Communities: Human populations and infrastructure can withstand a wildfire without loss of life or property.



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Each State can have a maximum of 2 Internal and 2 External Applications

- Internal = Primary State Forestry Agency
 - External = other State Agencies, County/Local governments, other NGOs (including landowner associations, RC&Ds, HOAs, etc.)
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- External applicants **MUST** have a letter of support from appropriate State Forester
 - External applicants must still meet the application deadline on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)



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Each application should be between \$25,000-\$300,000

- No state will receive more than 15% of total available funding available
- Budget for FY23 = \$5,592,340
 - the 15% cap is \$838,851.00



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Tribes are invited to apply

- Tribal entities are separate, not considered external, and tribal applications will not count toward a state's maximum # of applicants or maximum state funding.

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MATCH

- All applications must meet the 1:1 cost-share match
 - Match can be in the form of a cash or in-kind contribution
 - Cash match cannot be from other federal funding



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New Addition to Application

- Assistance to Underserved Communities:
 - Describe your outreach activities and assistance to underserved communities in support of Executive Order 13985: Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.

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Equipment

- If selected, an Equipment Justification form will be required
- Include detailed information within the application to support the need and use of equipment



FY23 SFC Mitigation – Hazard Review Committee

Southern Area Hazard Mitigation Review Committee will review and score all applications.

Scores will be ranked, and applications will be funded by rank until funds are expended.

- Any funds remaining after grants are funded in their entirety could be used to partially fund the next ranked application if the proposed project can be accomplished with 75% of the requested amount without significantly altering the intent and accomplishments of the project and without exceeding the state's 15% cap.



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- Include actual costs in the application
 - We can't change the applications once they are reviewed and approved by the selection committee
- Read the Scoring Rubric in the Application Instructions
 - This is what the review committee will use to score the applications

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Proposed Timeline for Grant

- Post on Grants.gov early March
- Open for 60 days
- Review/Scoring by the Review Committee – mid May
- Selections made – late May
- Award Letter by June 30

FY23 SFC Mitigation – Selected Applications

- For State Forestry Agencies, SFC Mitigation will be a modification to the CPG
 - Mitigation will be a separate line item in the CPG and should be invoiced separate from Response.
- For Tribes, SFC Mitigation will be a stand-alone grant

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QUESTIONS?

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