# USDA Forest Service Eastern Region State and Private Forestry
# FY 2025 Cohesive Fire Strategy Request for
# Wildfire Risk Reduction Applications
# Project Application Supplement 1 – Optional Narrative Template

*This completed template will be posted online and may be shared after all proposals are received.*

**Descriptive Project Title:**

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**Applicant Organization:**

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## 1. Project Overview

Provide a comprehensive but succinct overview of the proposed project that includes basic details of who is doing what, where, and why. Specify if benefits to traditionally underserved or marginalized audiences are a component of the work. Underserved community data is available at Wildfire Risk to Communities or Community Wildfire Defense Grants and can be used to assist with your project description.

## 2. Project Budget Explanation

Provide any additional remarks needed to clarify your budget request. For example, provide an explanation of how you will meet the match requirements for the WRR. Describe major costs for your project and if those funds will be used for contractors, cooperators, or in-house implementation. For multistate WRR proposals, clearly note the portion of project to be allocated against each State cap. This does not apply to Compacts or Tribes.

## 3. Address the National Cohesive Strategy and the Northeast Regional Action Plan's Identified Options (30 Points)

Describe how this proposal will meet one or more of the six Northeast Regional Action Plan's action options defined under National Cohesive Strategy Goals 1 and 2:

1. Restore/maintain Landscapes
2. Foster fire adapted communities

## 4. Engage in Partnerships and Collaboration (20 Points)

Describe how partners contribute toward a successful outcome; how Federal partners are engaged; amount of non-Federal land treated; and how the project is tied to target program areas identified in the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy, Northeast Regional Action Plan, and/or State Forest Action Plan.

## 5. Assist Underserved Communities (10 points)

Describe your assistance to underserved communities in support of Executive Order 13985: Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government. Points are awarded for applications that show a clear, meaningful benefit to or engagement with underserved communities/people. Underserved community data is available at Wildfire Risk to Communities or Community Wildfire Defense Grants, but other sources are allowable. Remember, **the data and your explanation must demonstrate a clear, meaningful benefit to or engagement with underserved communities/people.**

## 6. Explain the Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Project (20 Points)

Show estimated project costs, per acre, if applicable, cost per program, and number of communities assisted. Explain how these expenses are efficient as compared with other possible options. Explain how this project will be completed in a cost-effective manner with measurable deliverables and outcomes. Explain and elaborate on the deliverables listed in your 2025 WRR Planned Spending & Accomplishments Excel spreadsheet.

## 7. Demonstrate a Wildfire Risk Focus (20 Points)

Include an explanation, maps, and/or data to show how this project targets a priority landscape(s) and accounts for current and future drivers of fire risk. The use of Northeast-Midwest Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (NMWRAP), Wildfire Risk to Communities or Community Wildfire Defense Grants are recommended in determining your wildfire risk; however, other sources can be used.