

Cap and Trade: Urban and Community Forestry Program GhG Reduction Fund (GGRF)



Available Funding: Varies per program, see Overview/Purpose for more information.

Administered by: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire)

Overview/Purpose: There are five grant programs:

Green Trees For The Golden State: Grants of \$150,000 to \$750,000 for urban tree planting projects and tree establishment care during the grant period. Preference will be given to the planting of trees to optimize the multiple benefits of urban forests in environmental justice communities with special attention given to GHG sequestration and avoided GHG emissions.

Urban Forest Management For GHG Reduction: Grants of \$150,000 to \$750,000 for cities, counties, and districts only to establish a new jurisdiction-wide tree inventory, and/or urban forest mapping and analysis, and/or long term management plan or updating existing versions of these critical management components. Projects may include policy integration and ordinance development. Applicants must show how GHG will be reduced by the project.

Urban Wood and Biomass Utilization: Grants of \$150,000 to \$500,000 for projects that will use urban woody biomass for its highest and best use, thereby diverting it from the urban waste stream and avoiding GHG emissions while sequestering GHG for a longer time period.

Woods in the Neighborhood: Grants of \$200,000 to \$1.5 M to assist local entities to purchase and improve unused, vacant urban neighborhood properties in environmental justice communities or to serve such communities for purposes consistent with the Urban Forestry Act. These projects must demonstrate how GHG will be reduced.

Green Innovations Projects: Grants of \$200,000 to \$1.5 M for urban green infrastructure projects falling within the scope of the Urban Forestry Act of 1978 that are not able to fit in one of the other Urban Forestry Grant Programs above. These projects should be unique and forward-thinking. Projects must show how GHG will be reduced. Selection will be strongly focused on environmental justice communities.

Process:

The CAL FIRE granting process has three parts: 1) Concept Proposal and Submission; 2) Project Application and Submission, and 3) Project Administration.

Concept proposals are due by November 13 for grants available from the five grant programs described below. An applicant may only submit one application for each grant project RFP type. Links to each RFP and Concept Proposal Form are included. By early winter, applicants will be notified that scoring is completed and whether their Concept Proposal has been approved; those that are approved will be asked to develop a Project Application package, with specific due dates and required documents.

A procedure manual with complete instructions for each grant is available at http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/CALFIRE_UFGrants_ProceduralGuide2014_2015.pdf

Information on individual grant programs can be found at:
Green Trees For The Golden State:

Concept proposal form:

http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/CALFIRE_ConceptProposal14_15_GTGS.pdf

RFP:

http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/CALFIRE_UFGrants_GreenTreesRFP2014_2015.pdf

Urban Forest Management For GHG Reduction:

Concept proposal form:

http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/CALFIRE_ConceptProposal14_15_ManagementActivities.pdf

RFP: http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/CALFIRE_UF_ManagementActivitiesRFP2014_2015.pdf

Urban Wood and Biomass Utilization:

Concept proposal form:

http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/CALFIRE_ConceptProposal14_15_UrbanWood-Biomass.pdf

RFP: http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/CALFIRE_UrbanWood-BiomassRFP2014_2015.pdf

Woods in the Neighborhood:

Concept proposal form:

http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/CALFIRE_ConceptProposal14_15_WoodsinNeighborhood.pdf

RFP: http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/CALFIRE_UF_WoodsInNeighborhoodRFP2014_2015.pdf

Green Innovations Projects:

Concept proposal form:

http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/CALFIRE_ConceptProposal14_15_GreenInnovations.pdf

RFP: http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/CALFIRE_UFGreen%20InnovationsRFP2014_2015.pdf

Eligible applicants: Unless otherwise noted, eligible entities are cities, counties, districts, and 501C(3) non-profit organizations.

Eligible projects: Varies – See individual RFPs. Educational activities may be undertaken as a portion of each grant type not to exceed 20% of the Cal Fire share of the budget. Routine, on-going management or maintenance activities are not eligible. Projects that are designed to supplant rather than supplement existing local agency activities are not eligible.

Special considerations and notes:

Location: All projects must be located in or immediately adjacent to an urban area as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/geo/www/ua/2010Urbanruralclass.html>)

Match: All programs require a 75 State /25 others match. Matching requirements for State funds may be met with in-kind activities or materials related to the project, as well as with any State funding source related to the project that is not the same as the state source of funding awarded by Cal Fire. USDA Forest Service funds granted by the Urban and Community Forestry Program can be matched by non-USDA Forest Service federal funding.

Communities meeting environmental justice criteria as described on pages 6-7 of the Procedural Guide can qualify for a reduced or waived cost share requirement. Cal Fire will use CalEnviroScreen 2.0 criteria to help it determine if a community is disproportionately burdened with environmental and/or economic challenges.

GHG Tracking and Reporting: State of California requires that grant projects track their carbon sequestration and avoided emissions, as well as any emissions a project may have. Cal Fire has worked with the Air Resources Board, the USDA Forest Service, and other partners to develop a methodology and tools for meeting some of these reporting requirements.

Deadlines: Projects must be completed by December, 2019 at the latest.

For more information:

Cal Fire has scheduled a variety of outreach activities for applicants.

A **webinar** is scheduled from **1-3 p.m. on September 24** to discuss these grants. Participants will learn about types of eligible projects, eligible applicants, project rating criteria and the application process. There will be time for questions and answers. Register at

http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/UCFGrantsWebinar_Sept-2014.pdf

In addition, six **public workshops** will be held around the State as follows:

http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/UCF_Grants_Workshops_2014.pdf

Inland Empire

Thursday, October 2, 11:30 - 2
San Bernardino Associated
Governments (SANBAG)
1170 West 3rd St. 2nd floor
San Bernardino, CA 92410

Northern San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys

Wednesday, October 1, 12:30 –3:00
31 E. Channel Street
Stockton, CA 95202

San Diego

Monday, September 29, 1:00 –3:30
SDG&E Energy Innovation Center
4760 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92117

Southern San Joaquin Valley:

Tuesday, September 30, 12:30-3:00
CalTrans Building
2015 E. Shields Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726

LA/Orange County

Wednesday, October 1, 12:30-3:00
The River Center and Gardens
570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100
Los Angeles, CA 90065

SF/Bay Area

Thursday, October 2, 10:00 –12:30
Elihu M. Harris Building Auditorium
1515 Clay St.
Oakland, CA 94612

Website: http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_urbanforestry_grants.php

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