

## COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANTS

Community Wildfire Defense Grants (CWDGs) are intended to help at-risk local communities and tribes plan for and reduce wildfire risks. CWDGs prioritize at-risk communities in areas identified as having high or very high wildfire hazard potential, are low-income, or have been impacted by a severe disaster.

New Mexico applicants are encouraged to submit applications that focus on the following activities:

- Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) updates;
- development of building code ordinance proposals to improve wildfire safety in communities at risk;
- hazardous fuel mitigation projects that are specifically described in CWPPs not more than 10 years old.

The deadline for submitting applications is **October 7, 2022 at 2:00 pm**. To begin an application, interested parties should submit application requests as soon as possible using this link: <https://arcg.is/0K0y8f>. Once requests are submitted, the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Forestry Division will email applicants links to personalized application forms through the ForestryGrants.org website.

Full program guidance, including details on eligibility, match requirements, and scoring criteria, is provided in the western states Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO):

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2022-08/Instruction-CWSF-CWDG-NOFO.pdf>.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the NOFO prior to submitting a request for an application.

### **Additional Guidance for New Mexico Tribes**

Tribes have two options for submitting CWDG proposals:

1. The western states NOFO through ForestryGrants.org (using the process described above), or
2. A separate national NOFO designed specifically for tribes:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2022-08/Instruction-TRIBES-CWDG-NOFO.pdf>.

Applications using this option will not be processed by the Forestry Division and will be submitted directly to Grants.gov.