



CAL FIRE Grant Programs - An Overview



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California Climate Investments

The 2018-2019 budget allocated \$160 million to CAL FIRE CCI Programs:

- Forest Health, Forest Legacy, and Fire Prevention grants, CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry Program Research specific grants.

The 2019-2020 budget allocated \$165 million to support these programs.

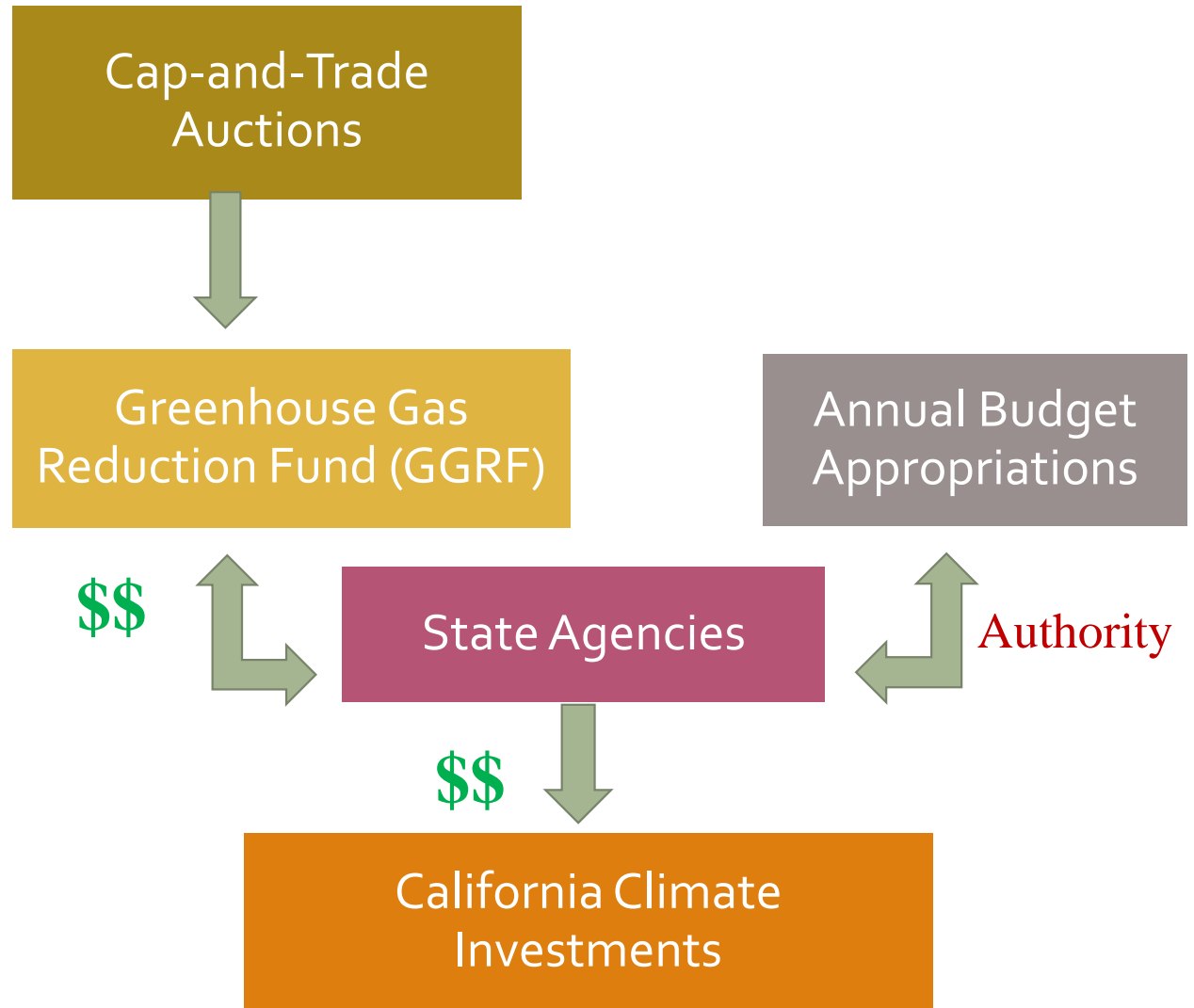


The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF)

- Cap-and-Trade Program began in 2012
- Market-based regulation
- Companies must hold enough emission allowances to cover their emissions and can buy/sell allowances on the open market
- Allowances sold at quarterly auctions and reserve sales
- Proceeds go into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF)
- Legislature & Governor appropriate GGRF funds for projects that meet the goals of AB 32



California Climate Investments



***CAL FIRE* Programs with funding opportunities**

- **Climate and Energy**
 - Forest Health Program
- **Resource Protection and Improvement**
 - California Forest Improvement Program
 - Forest Legacy Program (conservation easements)
 - Urban and Community Forestry Program
 - Vegetation Management Program (fuels, Rx Fire)
- **Fire Prevention**
 - Hazardous Fuel Reduction
 - Fire Prevention Education
 - Fire Prevention Planning

Climate and Energy

- **Forest Health Program**

- Active restoration and reforestation activities aimed at providing for more resilient and sustained forests while also mitigating climate change, protecting communities from fire risk, strengthening rural economies and improving water & air quality.
- Activities funded:
 - *Forest fuels reduction*
 - *Prescribed fire*
 - *Pest management (insects, disease, invasive plants)*
 - *Reforestation*
 - *Biomass utilization*
 - *Conservation easements and/or land acquisition through the Forest Legacy Program*
 - *Research Grants via the Fire & Resource Assessment Program (FRAP)*
 - *Workforce development (new)*

Resource Protection and Improvement

- **California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)**
 - *Part of Wildfire Resilience Program*
 - *Small private ownerships (20-5,000 acres)*
 - *Activities include: Reforestation (site preparation, trees and planting supplies), stand improvement, pre-commercial thinning or release, pruning, follow-up, forestland conservation practices, Fish and wildlife habitat improvement*
- **Forest Legacy Program (FLP)**
 - *Working forest conservation easements (may include fee title purchase)*
- **Urban and Community Forestry Program (UCF)**
 - *Census defined urban areas (generally non-WUI)*
 - *Focus on disadvantaged communities*
 - *Activities: Urban tree planting and associated costs, urban forest management (inventories, management plans, ordinances, mapping and analysis), urban wood and biomass utilization, urban forest workforce development.*
- **Vegetation Management Program (VMP)**
 - *Fuels reduction (chipping, masticating, thinning, pruning, etc.)*
 - *Prescribed fire planning and implementation*
 - *Carried out by CAL FIRE at no cost via agreement with landowner.*

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- **Forest Pathology and Entomology Program**
 - Technical assistance.
 - Occasionally grant funding (not currently).
 - Expertise if forest pests and diseases, including invasive and urban forest pests.
 - Investigation and education.



Fire Prevention

- **Hazardous Fuels Reduction**

- *Vegetation clearance in critical locations to reduce wildfire intensity and spread.*
- *Creation or maintenance of fuel breaks in strategic locations.*
- *Removal of ladder fuels to reduce the risk of crown fires.*
- *Creation of community-level fire prevention programs.*
- *Selective tree removal (thinning) and dead tree removal to withstand wildfire.*
- *Purchase of fuel modification equipment not to exceed \$250,000.*
- *Projects to improve compliance with defensible space requirements as required by Public Resources Code Section 4291.*

- **Fire Prevention Education**

- *Workshops, meetings, materials creation, and other educational activities to increase knowledge and awareness to reduce occurrence of wildland fire.*
- *To educate the public on wildfire mitigation and risk reduction strategies.*

- **Fire Prevention Planning**

- *Wildfire risk or related mapping.*
- *Creation or update of strategic wildfire planning documents, such as: Evacuation plans, Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP), Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, Safety Elements, Wildfire prevention plans, evacuation plans, wildfire mitigation plans, etc.*
- *Research to determine standards for structural codes and regulations.*

Eligible Applicants

- State Agencies
- Federal Agencies
- Native American Tribes
- Local government within or adjacent to State Responsibility Area (SRA), including:
 - Incorporated Cities and Counties
 - Fire Districts
 - Community Services Districts
 - Water Districts
 - Resource Conservation Districts
 - Other Special districts
- Fire Safe Councils with a 501(c)3 designation
- Other non-profit organizations with a 501(c)3 designation such as Certified Local Conservation Corps

Solicitation Process





General Granting Information

- **Grant periods are generally 4-5 years.**
- Expert CAL FIRE staff are available to assist with obstacles and technical expertise.
- **Generally, matching is required**
 - Can be waived for some programs for projects serving disadvantaged communities.
 - Can be in-kind.
- Scoring criteria and requirements of each program are in the grant guidelines.
- **All project work is inspected. Sometimes randomly, sometimes on a set schedule.**
- All programs share a Grants Management Unit.
 - Common invoicing format.
 - Common definitions for types of expenditures.
- **All programs require regular reporting.**
- All programs are subject to funding source requirements as well (CA Climate Investments, Bonds, Federal, etc.)
- **All projects are subject to Department of Finance auditing.**

How To Be Successful

- Read and understand the grant guidelines! Nearly all questions can be answered by doing so.
- Take the time to learn about CAL FIRE's Mission, Vision and Strategic Plan.
- Learn about program priorities and enabling legislation.
- Talk with program staff about project ideas before the grant advertisement each year.
- Staff cannot assist you in any way that gives you a competitive advantage during the grant advertisement period. Do not wait until then to ask questions.
- Projects should be tailored to the program requirements. It is not possible to tailor a program to all the projects people have ideas for.
- Understand any requirements of the funding source. CAL FIRE has little or no control over these requirements.
- Partnerships make for strong projects.

Resources

- <https://www.fire.ca.gov/about-us/strategic-plan/> - CAL FIRE Strategic Plan
- <https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/> - CAL FIRE Grants
- <https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/climate-change-and-energy/forest-health/> - Forest Health Grants
- <https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/urban-community-forestry/> - Urban and Community Forestry Program (link to grants)
- <https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/wildfire-resilience/> - Wildfire Resilience Program (includes CFIP and Forest Legacy)
- <https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/forest-pathology-and-entomology-program/> - Forest Pathology and Entomology Program
- <https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/vegetation-management-program/prescribed-fire/> - Prescribed Fire Program (includes VMP)
- <https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/fire-prevention-grants/> - Fire Prevention Grants



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CAL FIRE Grants Program

What's New?

CAL FIRE is pleased to announce the implementation of Grants Portal—a fully integrated online grant management system that will streamline grant application and administration processes for both grantees and CAL FIRE staff. The use of this new system will enhance communication and will provide a comprehensive and improved grant experience from solicitation to closeout.

At this time, the system is being implemented for the Fire Prevention, Forest Health, Forest Legacy, and Forest Research grant programs. Learn how to access the platform and utilize the system by reviewing the recordings of our previously held training sessions below. The same content was covered in both sessions.

- **Forest Health, Forest Legacy, and Forest Research** – held on Wednesday, September 29th from 12:30pm-2:30pm PDT ([Click Here to Watch](#) )
- **Fire Prevention** – held on Thursday, September 30th from 10:00am-12:00pm PDT ([Click Here to Watch](#) )

The Go-Live date will be announced soon. If you have any questions, please contact us at Calfire.Grants@fire.ca.gov.



FOREST HEALTH

Through the California Climate Investments (CCI) Forest Health Grant Program, CAL FIRE funds projects that proactively restore forest health to reduce greenhouse gases, protect upper watersheds where the state's water supply originates, promote the long-term storage of carbon in forest trees and soils, minimize the loss of forest carbon from large, intense wildfires, and further the goals of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32). The emphasis of the Forest Health Program is to increase the carbon stored in living trees and protect forests, fish and wildlife habitats, native plant species and water. This requires preventing epidemic tree mortality, protecting water quality in upper watersheds, and creating forests consisting of optimally spaced trees that are resilient to disturbances such as wildfire and tree mortality. Forests with these attributes will be able to store carbon for long time periods with a lower risk of loss to wildfire, insects, and disease.

Status: Closed. Please check back for future funding opportunities.



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Fire Prevention Grants Program

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[FY 2020-21 Fire Prevention Grant Recipient List](#)



CAL FIRE- Fire Prevention Grant Tutorials

[CAL FIRE - Fire Prevention Grant SharePoint Tutorial](#)

[Project Mapping Program Video Tutorial](#)

[Project Mapping Program Quick Reference Guide](#)

[Fire Prevention Workshop PowerPoint](#)

[Fire Prevention Grants Online Workshop Recording](#)

Roadside Fuels Reduction Project in Yuba County.



Contact Us

Contact the FP Grants team at FPGrants@fire.ca.gov. The email box is monitored by multiple staff and will provide you with the quickest response. You can also call Diane Carpenter (916) 224-8442, Adriana Negrea (916) 462-0055, or Deepti Sharma (916) 531-1083.

Additional Grant Contacts

[CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant Unit Contact List](#)

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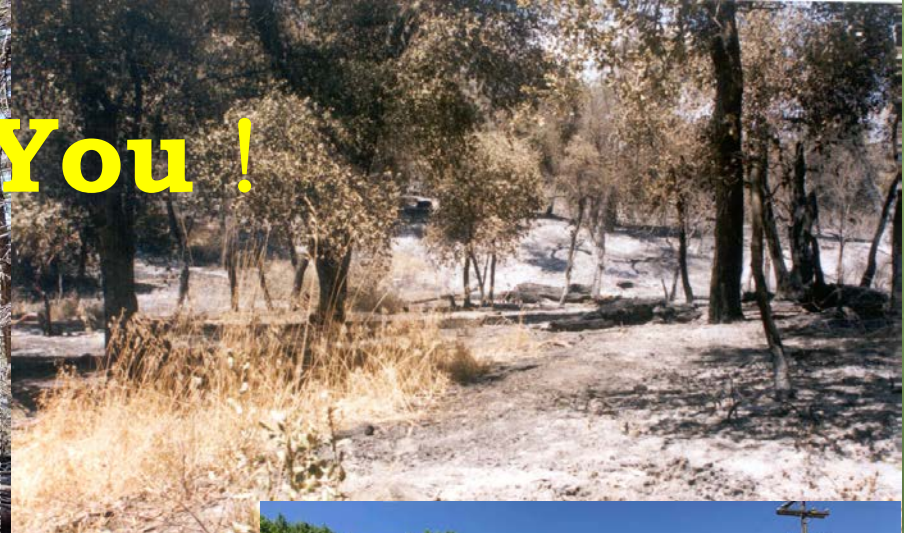
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Thank You !



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