

Small Forestland Firewise USA® Grant  
Program 2021 Selection Criteria – Application  
Program Information and Instructions

**Program information:**

- The max amount available to be requested per community will be grouped by request of: \$1,000-\$10,000 or \$10,001- \$75,000. (See below for specifics)
- Each Firewise USA Community can fill out an application.
- Projects will need to be fuels mitigation and defensible space projects.
- Funding can be used for contractors, ODF crew work, or in-kind work.
- Once ranked, priority will be given to areas that use ODF Crews.
- Tracked In-kind work qualifies based on the new rates attached to the email (landowner equipment rates form).
- Paid invoices from Contractor work/Chipper/ etc. will need to be provided.
- Inspection required from Firewise Coordinator/Fire Dept/ or ODF Staff for final reimbursement. 100% reimbursement if meets project scope and budget.
- Time frame to complete all Firewise work with this funding will be June 15, 2023.
- Project Sponsors/ODF/Associations may charge up to 10% for non-treatment activities (e.g., Indirect or Administrative costs). Direct expenses for project sponsors are allowed.
- The grant has a requirement that landowners receiving funding can only have property up to 160 acres (west of the Cascade Crest) or up to 640 acres (east of the Cascade Crest).

**\$1,000-\$10,000 grant funding requirements:**

- May be considered taxable income so SS# or Tax ID is required
- Will require a 1099 Form
- Does not require a project sponsor, can just be a group of landowners (Firewise Community)

**\$10,000-\$75,000 grant funding requirements:**

- May be considered reportable taxable income for the project sponsor. Rebates issued to landowners are considered reportable taxable income.
- A grant agreement will be developed and signed.
- A project sponsor will need to be included; some kind of established entity with a tax ID (e.g. Watershed Council, HOA, Non-Profit, 501c3, City, ODF, Fire Protective Association, or County).

**Additional Instructions for application:**

**Risk Rating:** is taken from the watershed overall risk rating summary layer in Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer found at this link: [https://tools.oregonexplorer.info/oe\\_htmlviewer/index.html?viewer=wildfireplanning](https://tools.oregonexplorer.info/oe_htmlviewer/index.html?viewer=wildfireplanning)

In the upper right hand corner with the magnifying glass to the right, enter an address from the community. This should populate and address in the left hand bar, click on this and it will zoom to that place on the map. You will use this to fill out your risk rating question.

**Urban Growth Layer:** is taken from the Urban growth boundary layer in Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer found at this link: [https://tools.oregonexplorer.info/oe\\_htmlviewer/index.html?viewer=wildfireplanning](https://tools.oregonexplorer.info/oe_htmlviewer/index.html?viewer=wildfireplanning).

Go to Layers, check mark the box next to Administrative Boundaries. click on the plus to the left of Administrative Boundaries, in the drop down click on the box next to Urban Growth Boundaries. Go to right hand upper corner and enter an address from the community and see if your community is located within the yellow line or outside of the yellow line.

**If you have/are a sponsor and are looking to use this funding for crew work or work for multiple Firewise communities, please fill out the application for each community and email Jenna.a.trentadue@odf.oregon.gov with a cc to odf.sfgp@oregon.gov with all communities applications attached and a note in the email that indicates you are looking to sponsor work for multiple firewise communities.**

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# of acres \_\_\_\_\_ \$ requested (Between \$1,000-\$10,000) \_\_\_\_\_ (Between \$10,001-\$75,000) \_\_\_\_\_

The selection criteria below are expanded to allow for a more equitable distribution of grant dollars. **Maximum total points are 20**

**Firewise Community Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>RISK RATING</b>		
Risk Rating should be based off the Overall Wildfire Risk Summary's layer found on Oregon Explorer. (Instructions on previous page)		
<b>Very High</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 points
<b>High</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 points
<b>Moderate</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 points
<b>Low</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point
<b>Low Benefit/Benefit</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0 points

<b>ESTABLISHED FIREWISE</b>		
How long have you had an established Firewise Community?		
6+ Yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 points
2-5 Yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 points
<2 Yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point

<b>UBG</b>		
Reference Urban Growth Boundary Layer in Oregon Explorer under Administrative Boundaries layer. (Instructions on previous page)		
Is your community outside the urban growth boundary?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b>	3 point
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b>	0 points

<b># OF DWELLING UNITS</b>		
What are the number of homes participating in the program in the community? This should match your most recent renewal application in the Firewise portal.		
50 +	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 points
25 - 49	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 points
8-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point

<b>PREVIOUS GRANT FUNDING</b>		
Did you receive funding through a previous grant for fuels mitigation/defensible space for this community over \$1,000?		
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 points
Yes, more than 5 years ago	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 points
Yes, less than 5 years ago	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point

<b>AGENCY PRIORITIES</b>		
Does the requested funding pertain to the following activities (check all that apply)?		
Fuels Mitigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point
Defensible Space	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point

<b>PREVIOUS WORK</b>		
What activities have you done in the last year ? (Check all that apply) This should match your most recent application in the Firewise portal.		
Fuels /Vegetation removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point
Education Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**  
Describe what activities will be done with the funds requested. Include any ODF involvement or crew work in the project. (1500 Character count)