

SAN DIEGO RIVER CONSERVANCY'S WILDFIRE EARLY ACTION PROGRAM (DIRECTED GRANTS)

PURPOSE

Senate Bill 85, was approved by Legislature and signed by Governor Newsom, allocated \$12 million to the San Diego River Conservancy. These funds are immediately available. These funds may be used to strengthen fire resilience including creating fire breaks, fuel reduction, the removal of dead, diseased, and dying trees, the removal of invasive non-native vegetation, reforestation and restoration projects, improve fire access roads, monitoring and assessing forest health, and other actions or activities to reduce the risk of fire in the wildland-urban interface zone. The Conservancy will provide staff recommendations to the Governing Board for consideration. Upon Board approval the Conservancy will fund directed grants for shovel-ready projects that reduce the risk of wildfire and improve ecosystem resilience.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Public Agencies
- Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status
- Federally-Recognized Indian Tribes or Tribes on the list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The goal of these grants is to take immediate action to improve fire safety of California's communities and to restore the health and resilience of California forests, grasslands, and natural places. **Projects must be ready to start work as soon as possible.**

Projects must meet at least one of the goals of California's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan

(<https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/ps4p2vck/californiawildfireandforestresilienceactionplan.pdf>), including but not limited to:

- Fuels Reduction or Forest Thinning Projects
- Vegetation Management
- Prescribed Fire
- Shaded Fuel Breaks or Defensible Space projects
- Restoration and enhancement of fire-prone habitats using methods known to reduce fire risk

PROJECT APPLICATION

Due as soon as possible. Email application to dustin.harrison@sdrc.ca.gov and julia.richards@sdrc.ca.gov

If there are any questions regarding this Program, please contact Conservancy staff, Dustin Harrison at 619-390-0571 or at the email above.

PROJECT INFORMATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization:	Phone:
Contact Person:	Email:

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: _____

Project is located in County: _____

Project Location is:

What type of wildfire management will the project employ? (check all that apply)

Fuels Reduction

Forest Thinning

Vegetation Management

Prescribed Fire

Healthy Forests

Shaded Fuel Breaks or Defensible Space projects

Restoration and enhancement of fire-prone habitats using methods known to reduce fire risk

Outreach and Education

Other: _____

What is the soonest the Project will be ready to start work? _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Please answer the questions below.

Project Description. Please quantify the project's goals and expected outcomes. Identify the major tasks involved in the project. Attach a map of the project location (and photos if helpful) and briefly describe the project location(s).

Preliminary Budget. Please include the total cost of the Project. Estimate the budget by major task identified in the project description.

Project Schedule. Provide a project schedule that estimates the completion date of the major project tasks and any major milestones. Projects must be ready to start work no later than August 2021.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance. The Conservancy must consider the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when authorizing funding for the project.

- a. Specify the current status of CEQA review (not started, in progress, complete). If CEQA review is not complete, specify the estimated date when it will be complete.

Not Started

In Progress

Complete

Estimated completion date: _____

b. What is the mechanism for the CEQA review?

- EXEMPTION
- NEGATIVE DECLARATION (ND)
- MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND)
- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT DOCUMENT (EIR)
- CALIFORNIA VEGETATION TREATMENT PROGRAM STATEWIDE PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (VTP-EIR)

c. If an ND, MND, or EIR is required, specify who is the CEQA Lead Agency.

Discuss NEPA review if applicable or SB 901 exemption

US Forest Service projects

Site ownership or control – Check the applicable box.

- Applicant owns the land where the project will occur; OR
Landowner is _____ ; AND
- Applicant has a written agreement with the landowner to conduct the project on their land; OR
- Applicant does not yet have a written agreement with the landowner to conduct the project on their land. If this answer is checked, specify how and when the landowner agreement will be reached.

Please provide any other pertinent project information, below: