



*On a landscape-scale endeavor of restoration,
outreach and fuel reduction efforts.*

FY22 Request for Proposals



Western States Fire Managers ▣ *Hazard Fuels Mitigation* ▣ *Landscape Scale Restoration*

Deadline for submission: January 22, 2021
Informational Webinar: December 1, 2020



November 10, 2020



ANNOUNCEMENT: Request for Project Proposals

The Idaho Department of Lands is pleased to announce that the FY 2022 Grant Cycle is open.

Grants of up to \$240,000 each for the Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR), Western States Fire Managers (WSFM), & Hazard Fuels Reduction (HFR) funding opportunities are available to help organizations protect, enhance and conserve forest resources. Non-profit organizations, local and state agencies, tribes and educational institutions are eligible to apply. Proposals must support local or state initiatives and address issues identified in Idaho's Forest Action Plan and/or County Wildfire Protection Plans (stand alone CWPPs or plans incorporated into County All Hazard Mitigation Plans are acceptable). **Funding from these grants is provided on a reimbursement basis only - grantees will be required to pay vendors/contractors prior to seeking reimbursement from the Idaho Department of Lands.**

Within each grant program, a limited number of project proposals will be selected for full development and western competition. Additional information for each grant program as well as the FY22 Project Proposal Packets can be found at: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/forestry-fire-grants/>.

Interested organizations/agencies/institutions are encouraged to explore examples of past awarded projects at: www.forestrygrants.org.

Completed project proposal packets are due via email to the Idaho Department of Lands no later than **January 22, 2021 @ 5PM PST**. Submit to civey@idl.idaho.gov.

On **December 1, 2020**, a webinar presentation will be held via Zoom covering best practices of project design as it relates to completing the project proposal, as well as an in-depth look at the proposal packet and details necessary to complete this years project proposals.

All questions, webinar registrations, and project proposal submissions are to be submitted to:

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Funding for this program is made possible by the US Forest Service State & Private Forestry branch.

Process & Timeline

December 1, 2020
Project Planning and Proposal
Development Webinars

October 9, 2020
The IDL Posted FY22
Proposal Packets for
LSR, WFM & HFR
Grants to the IDL
Website

January 22, 2021
Project Proposals Due via
email to civey@idl.idaho.gov

February 2021
Proposals presented to
ILRCC for review.
Proposing entities
updated with selection
results.

Mar - Sept 2021
Development of full grant applications. Submission to
Western States competition by end of September.

Oct - Dec 2021
Western States Grant Review
Teams scoring/ranking process

Jan - Feb 2022
States are notified of scoring
results & tentative funding.

Spring/Summer 2022
Contingent upon congressional
appropriations, states sign agreements
with the Forest Service for grant dollars.
Applicants notified of awarded projects.

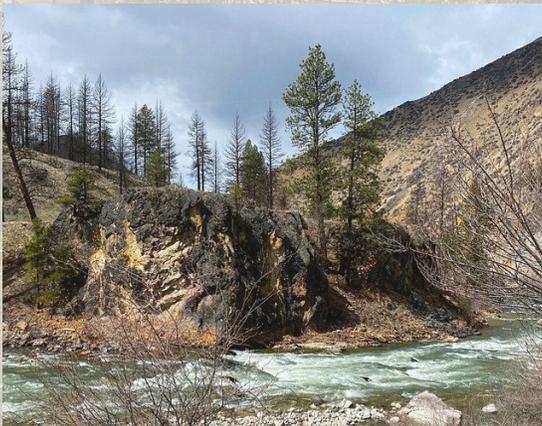
Summer/Fall 2022
The IDL and Awarded Grantees
enter into agreements. Project
work begins!

The Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant

Projects funded through the LSR competitive process should include a focus on priority landscape areas as found in the Idaho Forest Action Plan (or equivalent state-wide restoration strategy) and should encourage the use of innovative cross-boundary approaches. "Cross-boundary" is meant to be defined broadly. Innovative projects should integrate State and Private Forestry (S&PF) programs and cross a combination of ownerships and management boundaries. However, LSR funds cannot be expended on any form of federal land.



\$0 - \$240,000



Projects must focus on rural lands, specifically nonindustrial private lands or State lands. For the purposes of this program, rural means any area other than an urbanized area such as a city or town with a population greater than 50,000 inhabitants. **Eligible applicants include state/local/tribal governments, universities and 501(c)3 organizations.**

One recent project example that scored very high competitively is the Clearwater Basin Seed Orchard Project. This project creates an 80-acre irrigated conifer tree orchard that will produce roughly 600 pounds of seed annually resulting in more than 10 million seedlings per year for reforestation efforts.



Western States Fire Managers (Wildland Urban Interface) Grants

The Western States Fire Managers (WSFM) grant provides funds to mitigate risk from wildland fire within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) with emphasis on hazard fuel reduction, information/education, assessment/planning, and project monitoring through community/landowner actions. Projects must adhere to a specific set of criteria and must be included in the respective Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Eligible applicants include state/local/tribal governments, and 501(c)3 organizations.



A 1:1 match of funds is required for the WSFM grant (applicants are required to supply a minimum of 10% match). There is no adjacency requirement (the project does not have to be adjacent to a federal project). In the state of Idaho, these grants are scored, ranked, and funded on a competitive basis in the Western United States.

Examples (not all inclusive) of qualifying projects:

- Defensible space around homes and structures
 - Shaded fuel breaks
- Fuels reduction beyond defensible space adjacent to WUI areas
- Removal of slash including piling and burning; mulching; grinding; etc.
 - Prescribed fire
 - Thinning
- Maintenance of non-federally funded fuels projects
- Monitoring components of projects for effectiveness
 - Education
 - CWPP development



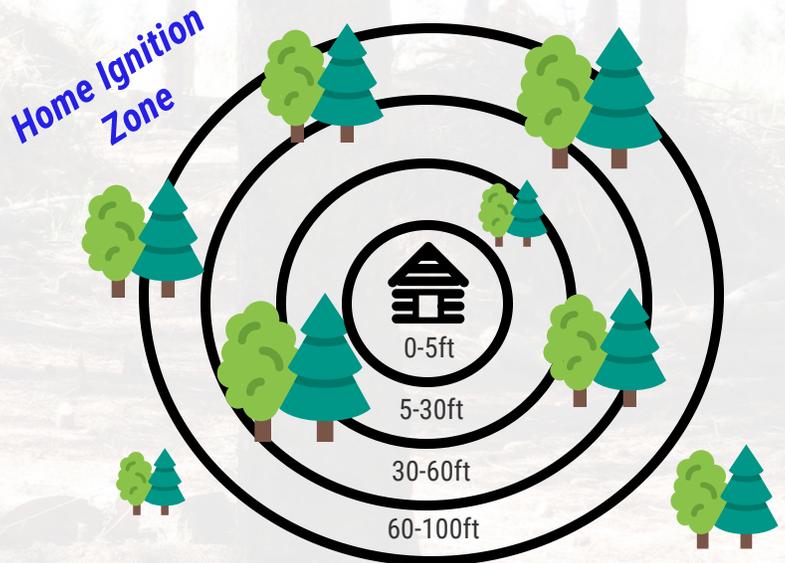
Hazard Fuels Reduction (HFR) Grant



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Unlike the WSFM grant, HFR funded projects must be adjacent to federal lands with the goal of complementing and aligning with that federal agency's objectives. The federal project must have been completed within the previous three years or initiated in the next three years.

The Hazard Fuels Reduction (HFR) grant follows the basic principles of, and is primarily guided by, the aforementioned WSFM grant with a couple of differences in eligibility criteria. Like the WSFM grant, projects must be included in a respective CWPP. However, HFR does not currently have a match/leverage requirement, although it is always encouraged. **Eligible applicants include state/local/tribal governments, and 501(c)3 organizations.**



Funding from the HFR grant cannot be used to support general education which is a distinguishing factor between the two grants. For this reason, many cooperators choose to apply for the WSFM grant. The only allowable educational component that the HFR grant authorizes funding for is project specific education, i.e direct participant education.