



FY23 Request for Proposals

A landscape-scale endeavor of collaborative restoration and fire risk mitigation efforts



The Idaho Department of Lands is now accepting project proposals for the Western States Fire Managers, Hazard Fuels Reduction, and Landscape Scale Restoration Grant Programs



Informational Webinar: November 8, 2021
Deadline for submission: February 4, 2022

October 18, 2021



ANNOUNCEMENT: Request for Project Proposals

The Idaho Department of Lands is pleased to announce that the FY 2023 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. State and local agencies, non-profit organizations, tribes and educational institutions are eligible to apply. Proposals must support local and/or state initiatives and address issues identified in Idaho's 2020 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 for costs associated with project implementation (including but not limited to 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 FY23 Project Proposal Packets can be found at: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/forestry-fire-grants/>.

Interested entities are encouraged to explore examples of recently awarded projects at: www.forestrygrants.org.

Completed project proposal packets are due via email to the Idaho Department of Lands no later than **February 4, 2022 @ 5PM PST**. Submit to civey@idl.idaho.gov.

On **November 8, 2021**, a webinar presentation will be held via Zoom covering project types and requirements associated with the 3 grant opportunities, 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 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

November 8, 2021
Project Planning and Proposal
Development Webinar

October 18, 2021
The IDL Posted FY23
Proposal Packets for
LSR, WFM & HFR
Grants to the IDL
Website

February 4, 2022
Project Proposals Due via
email to civey@idl.idaho.gov

Late February 2022
Proposals presented to
ILRCC for review.
Proposing entities
updated with selection
results.

Mar - Oct 2022
Collaborative development of full grant
applications with an anticipated deadline for
submission in late October 2022.

Nov - Dec 2022
Western States Grant Review
Teams scoring/ranking process

Jan - Feb 2023
States are notified of scoring results
& tentative recommendations for
funding.

Spring/Summer 2023
Contingent upon congressional
appropriations, states sign agreements
with the Forest Service for grant dollars.
Applicants notified of awarded projects.

Summer/Fall 2023
The IDL and Awarded Grantees
enter into agreements. Project
work begins!

The Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant

Projects funded through the LSR competitive process must include a focus on priority landscape areas as found in the Idaho Forest Action Plan (or equivalent state-wide restoration strategy) and priority will be given to those that use innovative cross-boundary approaches that leverage contributions from non-federal entities. "Cross-boundary" is meant to be defined broadly. Innovative projects 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, non-industrial private 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. Projects that address "Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities" will be given priority. **Eligible applicants include state/local/tribal governments, universities and 501(c)3 organizations.**

The FY21 Blackfoot River Restoration Project application ranked #2 in the competitive review and serves as a great example for the development of LSR projects and applications in Idaho. The project will restore ecosystem health and improve watershed functions through regenerating aspen forests (removal of encroaching conifer), re-establishing cottonwood in riparian areas, and reducing sedimentation within the Blackfoot River. This project leverages about 6 other sources of funding, leading to a total project value of about \$841k.



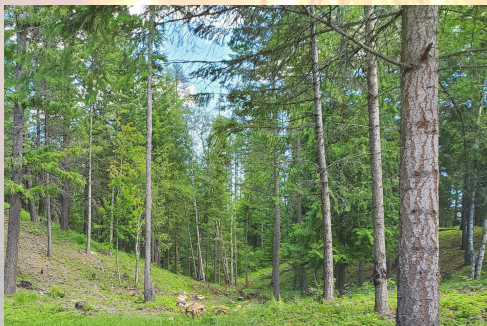
Western States Fire Managers (Wildland Urban Interface) Grants

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.



\$0 - \$240,000



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



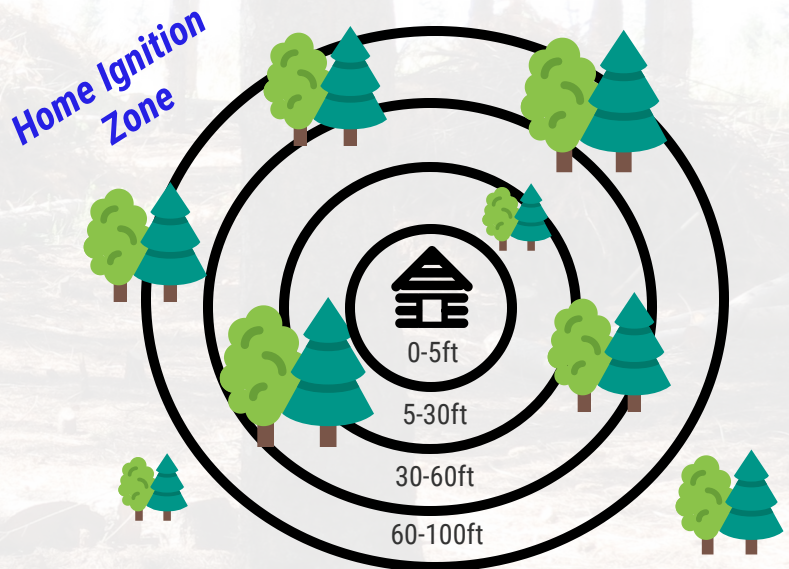
Hazard Fuels Reduction (HFR) Grant



\$0 - \$240,000

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.