

CWDG Quick Reference Links and Resource Sheet



Intro

This reference sheet provides links to various resources and datasets necessary to providing thorough descriptions and justifications for projects requesting funding through the Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program. Many of the resources within are not developed or hosted by the IDL. When citing these resources within a CWDG application, please make sure the citation is tied to the source being utilized, not this resource sheet. This document does not replace CWDG Instructions and Guidance.

Wildfire Risk Data and Idaho's Forest Action Plan (FAP)

Links below can be utilized and cited to justify how and why a community meets the eligibility requirement and definition of "At-Risk" for CWDG (see definition provided on pg. 17 of the [USDA Forest Service State and Private Forestry Fiscal Year 2022 Community Wildfire Defense Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity Instructions West](#)). Additionally, state Forest Action Plans serve as a critical resource for applicants in ensuring their projects align with state goals and objectives for addressing the threats and benefits of our nation's forests.

- [Wildfire Risk to Communities](#) is supporting the USDA with a nationally consistent risk dataset that is downloadable. IDL encourages applicants to use this data and reference the "Applicant Example Text" tab on the excel spreadsheets for how to include and cite this data in an application. There is also a narrated video explaining how to use the downloadable datasets.
- [Idaho State Forest Action Plan](#) – IDL also encourages applicants to become familiar with the State Forest Action Plan as it contains information pertaining to Idaho's FAP Goals and Objectives as well as Wildfire Risk Data/Models. This information is required to be referenced in the CWDG application.
- [Idaho Forest Action Plan \(FAP\) Priority Landscape Area Finder](#) – use this tool to determine which Priority Landscape Area (PLA) or Special Landscape Area (SLA) a proposed project would be located in. Shared Stewardship priority landscape boundaries are also included in this mapping tool developed by the Idaho Department of Lands.
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Wildfire Hazard Potential Models – models included in CWPPs can also be referenced when justifying wildfire risk. Contact Tyre Holfeltz, Wildfire Risk Mitigation Program Manager, for all CWPP wildfire hazard potential related modeling: tholfeltz@idl.idaho.gov; 208-666-8653

Low-income Datasets & Disaster Impacts

Links below can and should be utilized and cited to justify how and why a community meets priority points for low-income, disadvantaged, underserved, and socially vulnerable, as well as whether a community meets priority points for severe disaster impacts.

- [Wildfire Risk to Communities Low Income and Disaster Data](#) – the Wildfire Risk to Communities website provides low-income data and disaster data alongside the previously mentioned wildfire risk/wildfire potential datasets. To access this data, download the dataset spreadsheet for the specific set of data desired and navigate across the tabs of the spreadsheet. Data is specified at the county level.

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- [CDC's Social Vulnerability Index \(SVI\)](#) – This dataset can be utilized and cited to justify a .75 or above threshold for match waiver eligibility. Additionally, the data can be used for narrative justification for how a project benefits underserved communities, increasing potential for priority points.
- [USDA Economic Research Service](#) – data from the ERS is economic based and can be used and cited to justify a project's benefit to underserved communities to achieve priority points.
- [Council on Environmental Quality, Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#) – data from this tool can be used and cited to justify meeting minimum thresholds for low-income and underserved community definitions.
- [United States Census Bureau](#) – use one of the many US Census Bureau data tools to cite and justify priority points for low-income and underserved community project ties. Census data can also be used to justify a request for a match waiver.
- [My Community Explorer \(US Census Bureau\)](#) – this tool provides another set of census-based data that can be viewed via an interactive map or state/county-based context. Select the state and applicable county in the top right corner and explore the data using the tabs at the bottom of the page to navigate across the different data types.
- [FEMA Disaster Data](#) – this resource can provide federally declared disaster information based on location.
- Local Disaster Impact Data will need to be sought from the local jurisdictions or a jurisdiction having authority and is not limited to declared disasters but rather must be a disaster that had an impact on fire risk/hazard. Applicants will need to provide documentation from a government authority having jurisdiction proving as such.

General CWDG Program Links

General website links below should be visited and referenced often when searching for CWDG programmatic information including program updates, webinar recordings, etc.

- [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#) – Applicants must have an active SAM registration at the time of grant awards (if awarded).
- [USDA Community Wildfire Defense Grant Webpage](#) – The USDA Forest Service is the main host of the CWDG program, and this webpage is dedicated to the CWDG program. Various resources and websites can also be found here.
- [Council of Western States Foresters \(CWSF\) CWDG Program Webpage](#) – The CWSF oversees the application process in the Western States, acting as the gatekeeper between all western states and the USDA for the CWDG program. Links within include GIS Instructions for Applications, the Measurable Outcomes Table, and more.
- [Idaho Dept of Lands Grants Webpage](#) – The IDL administers and provides technical assistance on a variety of grant programs.
- [Wildland Fire Learning Portal](#) – This site hosts the recordings of the USDA hosted CWDG Webinars.
- [Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy](#) – the 3 goals of this Strategy are directly tied to the intent and purpose of the CWDG program.



Washington Office Authorizations, Executive Orders, and Administrative Resources

Links below include relevant authorities and federal compliance-based resources for applicants to become familiar with and understand to ensure projects align with auditable standards.

- [H.R.3684 – Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#) – IIJA authorized the CWDG program in public law 117-58, specifically Title VIII, Section 40803.
- [Executive Order 13985](#) – Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government – This executive order ties to the prioritization of projects that show a clear benefit to underserved people and the communities where they reside or the forest areas that they value.
- [CFR Title 2 Part 200.306](#) - match provisions in grant regulations
- [CFR Title 2 Part 200 Subpart E Cost Principles](#) - match provisions in grant regulations
- Davis-Bacon Act – Labor Standards and regulations under the Secretary of Labor (see the [USDA Forest Service State and Private Forestry Fiscal Year 2022 Community Wildfire Defense Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity Instructions West](#) pg. 4 for various links regarding Davis-Bacon requirements).