



FY24 HFR, FY25 WSFM & LSR Grant Programs Request for Proposals

Hazard Fuels Reduction (HFR)



Funding wildfire risk mitigation efforts adjoining to federal projects.

Western States Fire Managers (WSFM)



Funding wildfire risk mitigation efforts in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)

Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR)



Promoting collaborative, science-based restoration on priority forest landscapes.

The Idaho Department of Lands is now accepting project proposals for the HFR, WSFM, & LSR Grant Programs funded by the USDA Forest Service, State & Private Forestry Branch.

Informational Webinar: January 26, 2024
Deadline for submission: March 15, 2024

January 26, 2024



ANNOUNCEMENT: Request for Project Proposals for the Hazard Fuels Reduction (HFR), Western States Fire Managers (WSFM) & Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant Programs

The Idaho Department of Lands is pleased to announce that the FY24 HFR and FY25 WSFM & LSR Grant Cycle is open for the HFR, WSFM & LSR grant programs.

Grants of up to \$240,000 each for the HFR, WSFM, & LSR grant programs are available to help eligible entities implement wildfire mitigation and/or collaborative forest landscape restoration projects on non-federal lands. State and local agencies, non-profit organizations, tribes and educational institutions are eligible to apply. Wildfire mitigation type projects must be described in County Wildfire Preparedness Plans (stand alone CWPPs or plans incorporated into County All Hazard Mitigation Plans are acceptable). **Funding from this grant program 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.**

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On January 26, 2024, a webinar presentation will be held via Zoom covering programmatic information, project examples, best practices of project design as it relates to completing the project proposal, as well as a quick look at the proposal packets and details necessary to complete this years project proposals. Visit the IDL Transparency webpage event for meeting details: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/calendar/>.

A limited number of project proposals will be selected for full development and submission to western competition. Additional information about the HFR, WSFM, & LSR programs as well as the FY24/25 Project Proposal Packets can be found at: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/forestry-fire-grants/>.

Completed project proposal packets are due via email to the Idaho Department of Lands no later than **March 15, 2024 @ 5PM PST**. Submit to ipritchard@idl.idaho.gov

Interested entities should direct all questions as well as any project considerations to Isabella Pritchard prior to developing their application.

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

Process & Timeline

January 26, 2024
Project Planning and Proposal
Development Webinar

January 12, 2024
Posted the HFR,
WSFM, & LSR
Proposal Packets to
the IDL Grants
Website

March 15, 2024
Project Proposals Due via
email to
ipritchard@idl.idaho.gov

March - September 2024
Proposals further developed in coordination
with the IDL in preparation for Fall Western
Competition.

Summer 2025
States are notified of funded
projects and sign agreements
with Forest Service for grant
dollars

Fall 2025
Applicants notified of awarded
projects.

Fall/Winter 2025
The IDL and Awarded Grantees
enter into agreements. Project
work begins!

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 Preparedness 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



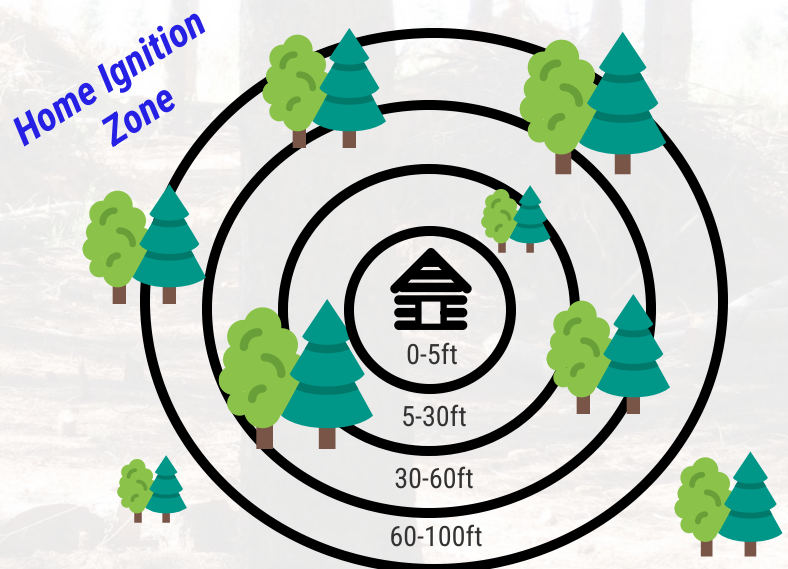
Hazard Fuels Reduction (HFR) Grant



\$0 - \$240,000

Unlike the WSFM grant, HFR funded projects must be adjacent to federal lands with a federal project that has been completed within the previous three years or will be initiated in the next three years and is complementary to federal goals and objectives.

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.

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 Blackfoot River Restoration Project. This project builds upon restoration efforts in a Wildlife Management Area through cottonwood and willow plantings in support of bank stabilization efforts to enhance water quality for native fish.

