



FY26 HFR, FY27 WSFM 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)*

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

Informational Webinar: February 4, 2026
Deadline for submission: March 31, 2026

January 21, 2026



ANNOUNCEMENT: Request for Project Proposals for the Hazard Fuels Reduction (HFR), Private Forest Protection, Resilience, and Restoration Assistance (PRRA), Western States Fire Managers (WSFM) & Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant Programs

The Idaho Department of Lands is pleased to announce that the FY26 HFR and FY27 WSFM Grant Cycles are open.

Grants of up to \$240,000 are available for the HFR and WSFM grant programs to support eligible entities in implementing 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 projects must be outlined in County Wildfire Preparedness Plans, which can be stand-alone CWPPs or plans integrated into County All Hazard Mitigation Plans. **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.**

A webinar presentation will be held via Teams on February 4th, 2026. It will cover programmatic information, project examples, and best practices of project design as they relate to completing the project proposal. The presentation will also include a quick look at the proposal packets and details necessary to complete this year's project proposals.

A limited number of project proposals will be selected for full development and submission to western competition. Additional information about the HFR & WSFM programs as well as the FY26/27 Project Proposal Packets can be found at: www.idl.idaho.gov/about-forestry/forestry-fire-grants/

Completed project proposal packets are due via email to the Idaho Department of Lands no later than **March 31, 2026 @ 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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Process & Timeline

Proposals

January 21, 2026

HFR & WSFM
Proposal Packets
posted to the IDL
Grants Website



February 4, 2026

Project Planning and
Proposal
Development
Webinar



March 31, 2026

Project Proposals
Due via email to
ipritchard@idl.idaho.gov

Applications

March - September 2026

WSFM Proposals further developed in
coordination with the IDL in preparation for Fall
Western Competition

October - November 2026

HFR Applicant notified of
awarded projects

Summer 2027

IDL is notified of funded projects and signs
agreements with Forest Service for grant dollars

Fall 2027

LSR & WSFM Applicants
notified of awarded projects.

Fall/Winter 2027

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.**



\$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



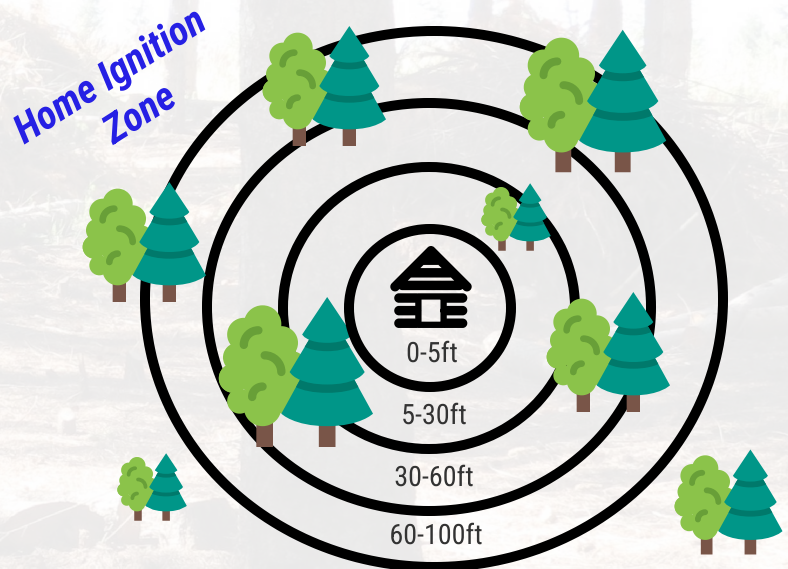
Hazard Fuels Reduction (HFR) Grant



\$0 - \$240,000

Unlike the WSFM grant, HFR funded projects must be adjacent to federal lands with 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.