

CAL FIRE Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund – Forest Management Projects

Summary of Funding Assistance

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Grant Program	Project type	Purpose	How	Maximum Award	Eligibility	Concept Proposals Due
Urban & Community Forestry	Grants for urban tree planting; inventories and management plans; biomass utilization; parcel purchase and greening; and green infrastructure projects.	Reduce GHG emissions in the places where people live, providing for numerous co-benefits.	Competitive grants.	\$500,000 to \$1,500,000 depending on project type. Match requirement: 25% (can be reduced or waived in some circumstances).	Scope: Projects within census defined urban areas in CA. Must be in or directly serving Cal Enviro Screen disadvantaged communities. Applicants: Local government, special districts, and 501 c (3) nonprofit organizations.	November 13, 2014
Fuel Reduction (Grants)	Grants for selective removal and utilization of vegetation to reduce wildfire hazards (i.e. Fuel Reduction). Projects include thinning, pruning, brush removal, and biomass utilization.	Reduce potential greenhouse gas emission from wildfires, stabilize forest carbon stocks through improved forest health and forest resilience, and reduce damage to carbon stocks.	Competitive grants.	No maximum award.	Scope: Forestland. Applicants: Native American Tribes, public agencies, or 501 c (3) nonprofit organizations.	November 21, 2014
Fuel Reduction (CFIP)	CA Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) cost share agreements for selective removal of vegetation to reduce wildfire hazards. (i.e. Fuel Reduction). Projects include thinning, pruning, brush removal, and slash disposal.	Reduce potential greenhouse gas emission from wildfires, stabilize forest carbon stocks through improved forest health and forest resilience, and reduce damage to carbon stocks.	CFIP cost-share agreements issued by CAL FIRE.	State pays up to 75% to 90% of the total fuel reduction costs to a maximum of \$50,000.	Scope: Non-federal forestland. Landowners must own between 20 and 5,000 acres. Applicants: Landowners	November 21, 2014

Watershed Reforestation and Restoration	Grants for large scale reforestation and watershed restoration resulting from catastrophic wildfire or other catastrophic events. Projects include site preparation, seedlings production, planting forest trees, maintaining seedlings (release), thinning for wildfire fuel reduction, and utilization of biomass.	Tree growth results in removing carbon dioxide and storing the carbon in trees. Will also reduce potential greenhouse gas emission from wildfires, stabilize forest carbon stocks through improved forest health and forest resilience, and reduce damage to carbon stocks.	Competitive grants.	No maximum award.	Scope: Forestland. Applicants: Landowners, Native American Tribes, public agencies, 501 c (3) non-profit organizations.	November 21, 2014
CARCD Reforestation Program (CFIP)	CA Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) cost share agreements for small forest landowners for site preparation, seedlings, planting forest trees, and release.	Tree growth results in removing carbon dioxide, and stores the carbon in trees.	CFIP cost share agreements administered by California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD).	State pays up to 75% to 90% of the total reforestation costs to a maximum of \$100,000.	Scope: Non-federal forestland. Landowners must own between 20 and 5,000 acres. Applicants: Landowners	December 31, 2014
Forest Legacy Program	Grants for conservation easements for landowners through CAL FIRE's Forest Legacy program.	Protect environmentally important forestland threatened with conversion to non-forest uses.	Competitive grants.	GGRF funds limited to no more than 75% of the appraised value of the interest to be conveyed.	Scope: Non federal forestlands Applicants: Private landowners as defined in 14 CCR 1571.	September 22, 2014
Forest Pest Control	Grants for timber stand improvement/forest health, removal of dead trees, restoration of damaged forests, and utilization of biomass.	Preventing unnatural levels of tree mortality will help forests continue to sequester atmospheric CO2, avoid emissions from decomposing trees, and prevent further spread of insect or disease to healthy trees.	Competitive grants.	No maximum award. Minimum award \$50,000.	Scope: Forestlands Applicants: Landowners, Native American Tribes, public agencies, universities, 501 c (3) non-profit organizations.	November 21, 2014
Program Timberland EIRs	Grants to develop Program Timberland Environmental Impact Reports designed to increase carbon sequestration and reduce carbon emission from	Encourage private investment and improved long-term management of timberland resources, while promoting carbon sequestration and	Competitive grants.	No maximum award.	Scope: Non federal Timberlands Applicants: Smaller nonindustrial landowners owning 5,000 acres or less	To be announced - pending BOF rulemaking

	wildland fires.	reducing carbon emissions through fire resiliency.			of timberland in California.	
Demonstration State Forest Research	Research grants for greenhouse gas reduction projects and carbon sequestration enhancement.	Develop research and monitoring on: forestry and greenhouse gas reduction, and other topics that further the objectives of AB32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.	Competitive grants.	No maximum award. Minimum award \$10,000.	Scope: Forestland, Demonstration State Forests, or other off forest sites. Applicants Universities, public agencies, and other organizations or persons. Applicants must have the scientific capacity to complete a proposed research or monitoring project.	November 21, 2014