



# **Southwest Area Forest, Fire and Community Assistance Grants**

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Hi Corey,

Can you please send this information out to the members of both forest health councils? There might be some good grant opportunities for AZ.

Thanks,

Lori

-----Original Message-----

From: James W Payne [mailto:jwpayne@fs.fed.us]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2003 1:57 PM  
Subject: Forest, Fire and Community Assistance Grants Website Now Available- News Release

Forest PAO's this is being sent to a short list of news media in the Region. Please forward this to your media list to ensure wide distribution. It is important that it is run in the community newspapers. This website has been available since May 2003, although this is the first media notification that has gone out! Thanks for your help on this. Jim

(See attached file: Forest, Fire and Community Assist Grant Website10\_8\_03.doc)

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## **Forest, Fire and Community Assistance Grants Website Now Available**

**Albuquerque, NM (October 8, 2003)** - The Forest Service has created a new website to explain various types of federal and state forest, fire and community assistance grants available in the Southwestern Region (Arizona, New Mexico, portions of Oklahoma and Texas).

The Southwest Area Forest, Fire and Community Assistance Grants website is designed to let interested parties and contractors know how the grants can be used, eligibility requirements, contact points and other websites available for various grants.

These grants are aimed at funding training and purchasing equipment to support volunteer and local fire departments and to assist communities in the treatment of hazardous fuels. They will also make funds available to assist in finding new and innovative uses for small diameter trees and/or improve utilization, assist non-industrial private landowners, fund small business development, provide marketing assistance and aid in community-based strategic action planning.

Contractors interested in doing work for private citizens, communities, local, county, state or federal organizations in the Southwestern Region can register on the website to be listed in a database. The contractors will be listed according to the type of service they can provide, and the counties and states where they are willing to work. The public will be able to seek information on the database for a specific service in a specific county.

The website is located at:  
[www.southwestareagrants.org](http://www.southwestareagrants.org)

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Forest, Fire and Community Assistance Grants Website

This website has been designed by the following agencies in both Arizona and New Mexico:

United States Department of Agriculture - Forest Service, Southwestern Region  
Arizona State Land Department - Fire Management Division  
New Mexico Energy Minerals & Natural Resources Department  
United States Department of Interior - Bureau of Land Management  
National Park Service  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Fish & Wildlife Service

The new grant cycle for fiscal year 2004 is expected to start in the next few months and this website will assist in identifying new funding and technical assistance opportunities for communities, and state and local fire districts.

Communities, state and local fire departments, individuals and contractors are encouraged to use this comprehensive website in seeking information and applying for Forest, Fire and Community Assistance Grants.

For further information, please contact Elaine Waterbury, Southwestern Region Cooperative Fire Protection Specialist at (505) 842-3881



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## Welcome to Arizona Forest, Fire and Community Assistance Grants!

A website designed and developed to help explain the types of federal and state assistance grants available in the Arizona, what they can be used for, the eligibility requirements, and the contact points and the websites for the various grants.

The following table gives a brief overview of the grants available in Arizona:

Program Title	Description	Target Audience
<b>State Fire Assistance: Wildland Urban Interface (SFA)</b>	Funds target hazard mitigation in the Wildland Urban Interface for mitigating risks of hazardous fire conditions through hazardous fuels reduction, information and education, and homeowner and community defensible space treatments.  Funds can TREAT PRIVATE LAND	Rural or urban fire departments, communities, local or state agencies, and non-profit organizations
<b>Rural Fire Assistance (RFA)</b>	Funds provide up to \$20,000 to rural fire departments for wildland fire fighting needs in small communities (under 10,000 population) for local and volunteer fire departments adjacent to Department of Interior lands (Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, Fish & Wildlife Service):	Rural Fire Departments serving 10,000 people or less
<b>Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA)</b>	Program support volunteer and local fire suppression agencies to purchase equipment, provide training, and help organize for improved protection of small communities (under 10,000 population). Funds are to address needs for communities at risk in the wildland urban interface.	Volunteer and local fire suppression agencies in communities of 10,000 population or less
<b>Rural Community</b>	Program that serves rural communities by	Rural or urban fire ...

<p><b><u>Assistance Economic Action Programs (RCA EAP)</u></b></p>	<p>helping fund action plans whereby the communities can assess options for increasing economic possibilities. These action plans serve to guide and focus the types of economic developmental actions a specific community decides is important. Assistance is generally in the form of technical assistance and grants supporting collaborative planning efforts or projects that will stimulate improvements in the communities</p>	<p>departments, communities, local, state, tribal, or federal governments, businesses and non-profit organizations</p>
<p><b><u>Forestland Enhancement Program (FLEP)</u></b></p>	<p>Funds provide an array of educational, technical, and financial services that are intended to ensure that the nation's nonindustrial private forest landowners and related resources continue to provide sustainable forest products and safeguard the health of our water, air, and wildlife. This program replaces two previous conservation incentive programs: the Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP) and the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP).</p> <p>Funds can TREAT PRIVATE LAND</p>	<p>Nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) landowners.</p>
<p><b><u>Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP)</u></b></p>	<p>Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) is Federal property originally purchased for use by a Federal agency, but no longer needed by that entity. It is then acquired by the USDA Forest Service for loan to one of the 50 States or the Territories for use in the State's rural or wildland fire protection program.</p>	<p>Fire districts/departments with approval of the State.</p>
<p><b><u>Four Corners Sustainable Forests Partnership (4C)</u></b></p>	<p>The 4 corners states consist of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Utah. Funds can be used for: small business development, marketing assistance, service capacity development, and small diameter wood utilization.</p> <p><b>**FY2003 is the last funding year for this program***</b></p>	<p>State, tribal and local governments, communities, small businesses, and not-for-profit organizations</p>

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- USDA Forest Service
- Department of Interior
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - National Park Service

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- Arizona State Land Department
- Southwest Strategy
- New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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## Arizona State Fire Assistance Wildland Urban Interface Grants

**NEW** (The application period for 2004 grants is OPEN, Project Proposals must be submitted to the Arizona State Land Department by October 1, 2003)



The Arizona State Land Department is expecting Congress to support State Fire Assistance Grant Programs for the federal fiscal year starting October 1, 2003 (FY04). The grant programs will be similar to last year, funding projects that fit within at least one of four categories: 1) improved prevention, 2) reduction of hazardous fuels, 3) restoration of fire-adapted ecosystems, and 4) promotion of community assistance.

Project proposals need to be prepared as follows:

- The 2004 Western States Grant Application Form must be used and **may not** be altered.
- Project proposals must address at least one of the four categories listed above.
- Project proposals must address clearly, but briefly, each of the grant questions. Lack of complete information will result in lower scoring.
- State Fire Assistance Grants require a 50/50 match for federal funds.
- Each individual project requires a separate application. Applications may not exceed four pages.
- All projects, when applicable, must acquire needed consultation and permits pertaining to air quality, threatened and endangered species, and cultural reports prior to implementation.
- Project proposals must be submitted to the State Land Department, Fire Management Division, by **October 1, 2003**. The Division will need a paper copy of the proposal and either a "Word Perfect" version on a 3 ½ inch disk or an email attachment as well. The email address to submit proposals is: [mikehart@azstatefire.org](mailto:mikehart@azstatefire.org). You can find an electronic copy of the project proposal format at: [www.fs.fed.us/r4/sfa\\_grants/sfa\\_grants.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sfa_grants/sfa_grants.html). Do not be confused by the instructions to the states that are also posted at this website. **Please, follow the instructions provided here.**

Projects submitted to the Arizona State Land Department, Fire Management Division, by October 1, 2003 will be reviewed, rated, and submitted to the Council of Western State Foresters and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service for final review. The Arizona State Land Department should receive

notification of approved projects in the month of December, 2003.

## Why do we have State Fire Assistance WUI grants?

An important element of the National Fire Plan is the coordination of federal, state, tribal, and local fire organizations to prevent, prepare for, and manage wildland fire across the landscape.

The State Fire Assistance program provides financial and technical support directly to the state forest fire protection organizations to enhance the firefighting capacity of state, local, and rural organizations. The Program also supports community based hazard mitigation and an expanded national public service fire prevention program. State and local matching funds leverage the federal investment for cost-effective results.

## What does the State Fire Assistance Program do?

**Hazardous Fuel Reduction** - Supports state-led hazard mitigation activities in the wildland urban interface, focused on reducing property loss, decreasing fuels hazards, and increasing public awareness and citizen-driven solutions in rural communities.

**Information and Education in the Wildland Urban Interface** - Delivers a nationwide fire prevention program through public service advertising, educational activities, product licensing, and corporate partnerships. The Smokey Bear program is part of this component, and FIREWISE is another prevention component. FIREWISE is a program that promotes wildland fire safety in the interface and fosters community-based responsibility through adult education, community action planning, fuels treatments, and landscaping. FIREWISE workshops for community and business leaders will be conducted over a three-year period. Participants will work to establish local FIREWISE standards to ensure a safer place for people to live.



## What is the background of the WUI grants?

The Arizona State Land Department, Fire Management Division has identified 122 communities throughout the state that are most vulnerable to wildland urban interface fires. Communities were selected using objective criteria to analyze the hazards, values and risks. A programmatic strategy has been instituted that recognizes the importance of communities developing partnerships with

federal and state agencies, local and tribal governments, and private citizens to address the threat from catastrophic wildland fire. The goal is to build the capacity in and around communities to assess risk, protect lives and property and restore forests to a healthy, sustainable condition.

In the summer of 2001, the Fire Management Division solicited request for proposals (RFP) from Arizona communities to conduct projects in the wildland/urban interface that would reduce hazardous fuels and increase public safety. This RFP followed guidelines set by the seventeen Western State Foresters and Fire Management Officers and anticipated grant funding provided by the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act (PL 107-63) for Federal Fiscal Year 2002. These projects were selected through a competitive process conducted by the Fire Management Division and a committee of western states fire management officers and advisors. Twenty-one Arizona communities were funded for high priority fuel treatments, FIREWISE and other prevention and education projects, and community hazard assessment and mitigation projects.

### **How do the grants work?**

Federal funds flow through the Fire Management Division to communities using a sub-grant process. Sub-grantees will develop project work plans, financial budgets and landowner agreements as appropriate. In-kind match will be included in the project work plans and financial budgets. Recipients will be required to provide adequate documentation. The rate of match will be 50% federal and 50% non-federal. Quarterly and close out reports will be submitted as appropriate.

The Fire Management Division will assist communities to develop standards and prescriptions to implement the projects. The Division will monitor project accomplishments and reimburse communities as work is certified as being completed. Experience from FY01 WUI grants shows sub-grantees will need more than one year to complete the grant. The Fire Management Division usually requests an initial grant time period of approximately 1 ½ years, to allow sub-grantees time to develop program, consult with cooperating agencies, encourage landowner, train thinning contractors and fully implement the grant. The Fire Management Division may request additional grant extensions provided sub-grantees and communities are demonstrating significant progress, commensurate with grant objectives and allotted time.

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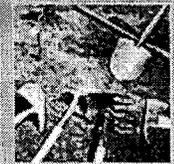
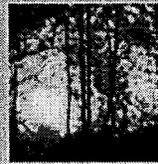
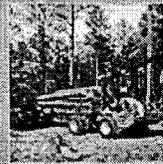
When the application period for SFA grants is open you will find more information on the Arizona Fire Management Division webpage: <http://www.azstatefire.org/>.

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## 2003 State Fire Assistance Grant Applications Ranked By State Priority

State Priority	Proposal Title	Total Score	Grant \$ Requested	Matching Funds	Project Total	Running Total Grant \$	Running Total Project \$	Project Synopsis
1	Prescott Area WUI Commission	468	\$325,661	\$325,662	\$651,323	\$325,661	\$651,323	Fire Safe Education & Treatment
2	Flagstaff Fire Dept. (Fuel Reduction)	467	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000	\$445,661	\$891,323	Treat 600 Acres thru thinning, Disposal or RX Fire
3	Forest Highlands Homeowners Assoc	455	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$595,661	\$1,191,323	Contract Thinning and Fuel Removal
4	Crown King Fire Dist.	451	\$25,673	\$28,164	\$53,837	\$621,334	\$1,245,160	Defensible Space by Burning & Chipping
5	NAU Centennial Forest	447	\$196,240	\$200,128	\$396,368	\$817,574	\$1,641,528	Treat 200 Acres and Plan 500 Acres
6	Pine/Strawberry Fire Dept.	443	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$24,000	\$829,574	\$1,665,528	Water Storage & Dry Hydrants
7	Coconino County Coop Ext Svc	440	\$102,000	\$102,910	\$204,910	\$931,574	\$1,870,438	Treat 200 Acres thru Thinning, Fuel Removal
8	Mt. Lemmon Fire Dist.	431	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$46,000	\$954,574	\$1,916,438	Assess and Treat Fuels on 20 Acres
9	Greer Fire Dist.	431	\$5,937	\$5,938	\$11,875	\$960,511	\$1,928,313	Water Storage & Pump
10	Coconino Cty Parks & Rec	425	\$88,897	\$88,897	\$177,794	\$1,049,408	\$2,106,107	Thinning & Disposal on 90 Acres at Ft. Tuthill Park
11	Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership Inc.	425	\$57,814	\$79,360	\$137,174	\$1,107,222	\$2,243,281	Cost Share Thinning or Burning of 250 Acres
12	Flagstaff Fire Dept. (FireWise)	423	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$14,000	\$1,114,222	\$2,257,281	FireWise Education
13	Payson Fire Dept.	420	\$84,000	\$79,150	\$163,150	\$1,198,222	\$2,420,431	Education, Prevention, Demo Areas, Burn Pit
14	Forest Highlands Fire Dept.	417	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$1,273,222	\$2,570,431	Hire & Equip Fuels Crew
15	Summitt Fire Dist.	416	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$1,293,222	\$2,610,431	FireWise Education & Landowner Assistance
16	Geromino Estates/Elusive Acres	412	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$40,000	\$1,308,222	\$2,650,431	Water Storage
17	Forest Lakes Fire Dept.	412	\$163,400	\$163,000	\$326,400	\$1,471,622	\$2,976,831	50% Homeowner Reimbursement NTE \$1,000
18	The Nature Conservancy Ramsey Cyn	406	\$23,400	\$23,400	\$46,800	\$1,495,022	\$3,023,631	Treatment, Defensible Space For 23 Homes
19	Sedona Fire Dist. (Fuel reduction)	406	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$1,502,522	\$3,038,631	Hazard Fuel Reduction in Oak Creek Canyon
20	Heber/Overgaard Fire Dept.	400	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$1,752,522	\$3,538,631	50% Home Owner Reimbursement for Lot Clearing
21	Loma Sabino Homeowners Association	397	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$1,772,522	\$3,578,631	Fuel Treatment
22	Portal Rescue Inc. (Treatment)	393	\$20,000	\$22,500	\$42,500	\$1,792,522	\$3,621,131	Fuel Reduction, Defensible Space, Ingress - egress
23	Show Low Fire Dist.	387	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$27,000	\$1,806,022	\$3,648,131	Assist Homeowners with Defensible space
24	Tonto Basin Fire Dist.	384	\$6,525	\$10,350	\$16,875	\$1,812,547	\$3,665,006	Assist Needy Residents Mitigate Fire Risk
25	Navajo County Govt/U of A Coop Ext Svc	383	\$340,000	\$535,000	\$875,000	\$2,152,547	\$4,540,006	Cosh Share With Homeowners, Biomass Removal
26	Sedona Fire Dist. (Education)	377	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$2,157,547	\$4,550,006	Oak Creek Cyn Defensible Space Education Plan
27	No. Arizona Conservation Corps	364	\$9,465	\$9,465	\$18,930	\$2,167,012	\$4,568,936	Fuel Reduction in Forest Highlands Fire Dist.
28	Portal Rescue Inc. (Water Storage)	361	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$2,171,012	\$4,576,936	Install Donated Water Tanks
29	Pinetop Fire Dept. (Demo Area)	349	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$2,178,512	\$4,591,936	Thin, Treat, Sign and Interpret a 3 Acre Demo Area
30	Three Points Fire Dept. (Standpipes)	341	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$2,198,512	\$4,631,936	Install Standpipes
31	Pinetop Fire Dept. (Brochure)	332	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$2,208,512	\$4,651,936	Develop Local Brochure & FireWise Education
32	Three Points Fire Dept. (Brush Burning)	324	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$2,218,512	\$4,671,936	50% Home Owner Match For Brush Burning
33	Arizona Community Tree Council	307	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$80,000	\$2,258,512	\$4,751,936	Trees For The Rim - FireWise Landscape Instruction
34	Yuma Fire Department	306	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$2,508,512	\$5,251,936	Remove Ladder Fuels & Build Defensible Fire Breaks
35	U of A Coop Ext Svc	301	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$600,000	\$2,808,512	\$5,851,936	Assesment, Planning & Education
36	Phoenix Fire Dept.	291	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$64,000	\$2,840,512	\$5,915,936	Brush Surveys and Home Owner Education
37	Beaver Dam/Littlefield Fire Dist.	283	\$96,640	\$274,000	\$370,640	\$2,937,152	\$6,286,576	Water Storage Tank, Pipeline and Generator Mod
38	Fry Fire District	282	\$27,000	\$31,050	\$58,050	\$2,964,152	\$6,344,626	Assesment, Education & Treatment
39	Flagstaff Fire Dept. (Training & Report)	279	\$11,400	\$11,400	\$22,800	\$2,975,552	\$6,367,426	RX Fire Training, Strategic Report & GIS Assesment
40	U of A Coop Ext Svc - Pima Co.	270	\$100,000	\$90,000	\$190,000	\$3,075,552	\$6,557,426	Assesment, Planning & Education
41	Linden Auxiliary Fire Relief Fund	241	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$18,000	\$3,084,552	\$6,575,426	Fuel Reduction, Erosion Control, Fuel Break
42	Arizona Project Learning Tree	236	\$23,300	\$23,520	\$46,820	\$3,107,852	\$6,622,246	Train Educators and Field Trip
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## Southwest Area Forest, Fire and Community Assistance Grants

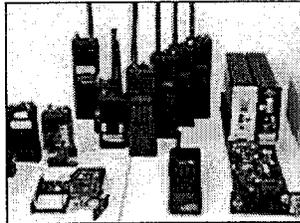


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## Arizona Rural Fire Assistance - Department of Interior



The Department of the Interior's (DOI) Rural Fire Assistance Program provides funding to rural fire departments to provide critical wildland fire management training, to purchase protective fire clothing and equipment, and to improve communication capabilities. These departments provide wildfire and emergency protection service to communities with populations under 10,000, who are located near Department of the Interior land management areas. These rural firefighting resources are often the first line of defense in providing protection and attack on wildland urban interface fires.

The Department of Interior received \$10 million to support the rural fire assistance program in 2002. Awards are limited to a maximum of \$20,000 per rural/volunteer department; each department must provide a matching cost share of a minimum 10%, which may include in-kind services. Examples of in-kind services that rural/volunteer fire departments (RFDs) provide:

- Facility/logistical costs for hosting fire training courses,
- The cost of travel and per diem for their personnel to attend fire training courses,
- The administration costs for purchasing equipment for the RFA program, etc,
- In-kind services such as labor and materials that must match or exceed the 10 percent cost share ratio.

This funding will enhance the fire protection capabilities of rural fire departments through training, equipment purchase and prevention work on a cost-shared basis.

This program is administered in cooperation with federal, state, local and tribal governments. In Arizona the State administer the RFA program for the Bureau of Land Management and Fish & Wildlife Service. To avoid duplication in funding for both Volunteer Fire Assistance and Rural Fire Assistance, the Arizona State Land Department - Fire Management Division is working cooperatively with the Department of Interior agencies by sharing applications and coordinating selections.

### What is the difference between RFA and Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA)?

The RFA program began in 2001. It is administered by the Department of the Interior in cooperation with other state and local wildland fire partners. The VFA program is an established grant program sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service and administered by the state foresters through the state and private forestry system.

### Which fire departments can apply?

The DOI assistance program targets those rural and volunteer fire departments that routinely help fight fire on or near DOI lands. Those lands are administered by one of these four agencies: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Park Service (NPS).

### Can a rural/volunteer fire department apply for assistance with more than one Department of the Interior agency?

Rural/volunteer fire departments are discouraged from applying for RFA with more than one agency. DOI's goal is to assist as many eligible rural/volunteer fire departments as possible. DOI agencies are required to coordinate with other federal and state agencies on the allocation of funds to rural/volunteer fire departments.

## Are you eligible to apply for this funding?

Answer the following questions to determine eligibility:

1. Do you have an agreement with the state forester who maintains cooperative fire agreements with rural volunteer fire departments, or a cooperative fire agreement with a DOI agency?
2. Does your rural volunteer fire department serve a community with a population of 10,000 or less, which is adjacent or near federal land administered by the Department of the Interior?
3. Is your funding request for training, equipment, and prevention activities related to wildland fire?
4. Will your department be able to meet the 10 percent cost share? Cost share may include in-kind services such as labor and materials.

## How are applications selected?

Once your application is submitted, the following criteria will be used to evaluate it against other fire department applications. The DOI agency and partners will:

- Determine how many times each department responds to wildland/urban fire incidents in the local area.
- Evaluate the department's wildland fire prevention and education program needs.
- Evaluate the department's training program needs relative to the other applicants.
- Evaluate the communities and DOI's values to be protected relative to other applicants.
- Evaluate the percentage of wildland/urban lands relative to the other applicants.
- Determine the number of wildland fire engines in the department relative to the percentage of wildland/urban interface acres protected.

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and National Park Service (NPS) awards are distributed to rural and volunteer fire departments directly. Bureau of Land Management and Fish & Wildlife Service funds are provided through the State Forester.

If you think your department may be eligible for the DOI Rural Fire Assistance program, please contact your local State Fire Management Officer or local BIA or NPS office for specific information. While this is a national assistance program, regional, state or local DOI offices and their partners administer it (see contact list below). Your local DOI agency understands your department's wildland fire needs because they too, are part of your community. Their role is to help you walk through the assistance application.

You may also contact the Arizona State Land Department:

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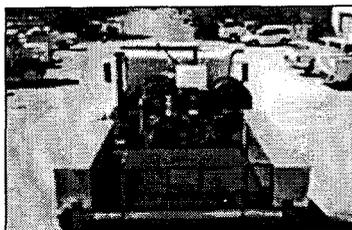
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## Arizona Volunteer Fire Assistance

(The 2003 Volunteer Fire Assistance grant period is CLOSED. We anticipate FY2004 cycle to open in December 2003)

### What is Volunteer Fire Assistance?



The fire season of 2002 again demonstrated the vulnerability of the Wildland Urban Interface to wildfire in Northeastern Arizona. In 2001 the development of the National Fire Plan created a funding process which provided grant monies to help reduce the vulnerability of Wildland Urban Interface areas and help fire departments prepare for fire protection in these areas. Congress continued to provide high funding levels for many fire management activities, including the **Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant Program and**

**Department of Interior Rural Fire Assistance (RFA) Grant Program.** Several hundred thousand dollars are available in VFA and RFA to qualified applicants in Arizona this year. Distribution of these grant monies will be on a competitive basis, with the Arizona Interagency Coordination Group. The Arizona Interagency Coordination Group consists of individuals from the Federal Agencies engaged in wildland fire management, the State Land Department and other Fire Service Professionals.

The Arizona State Land Department, Fire Management Division, with assistance from the USDA, Forest Service, administers the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program. This Program is authorized by the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1990, (Farm Bill) and provides financial assistance to train, organize, and equip fire departments in rural areas and rural communities to prevent and suppress fires. A rural community is defined as having 10,000 or less population.

### What is the focus of the Volunteer Fire Assistance program?

These grant programs focus on **four primary fire management activities: training, equipping, organizing rural fire departments, and fire prevention.** These categories are further described in documents accessible through the links below. Fire departments and other qualified applicants that meet the criteria identified on this web site are invited to submit project proposals to the Fire Management Division.

### Who can apply for Volunteer Fire Assistance?

- Applicant must have a statewide agreement with the State Forester who maintains cooperative agreements with the rural fire departments or volunteer fire departments;
- The rural fire department must serve a community with a population of less than 10,000.
- The local department must have the capability to share a minimum of 10 percent of the total cost. In-kind services may be included as part of the cost sharing.
- The local department must serve a community in the "Wildland-Urban Interface," which is where development occurs near federal and state land that is vulnerable to wildfire.

### Funding Information:

A requirement of the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program is a 90/10 match for the federal funds **on a reimbursable basis.** You must spend your money or provide your in-kind services

prior to receiving the grant funds. The total project costs must be at least twice the grant reimbursement.

The maximum grant amount for each project is limited to \$20,000. The total project that you are planning should be shown on the Project Proposal/Budget indicating how the VFA funds would fit into the community's overall plan. Applicants may submit for projects less than \$20,000.

***(Note: You can not claim expenditures encumbered prior to the signing of the grant contract.)***

The following are examples of funds which qualify for match with Volunteer Fire Assistance Program funds:

- Actual funds expended from fire department budget.
- Funds donated to fire department or community from outside sources.
- Contributed time for manpower and equipment. Contributed time is considered as donated time in the form of labor and/or equipment utilized in order to complete VFA projects. Volunteer and donated labor and equipment use are appropriate matching items. For general labor, calculate \$10 per hour; for professional services, use \$20 per hour. Figures exceeding these guidelines are permissible, but must be justified and have verifiable documentation. For donated labor and equipment use, you may use the donor's verifiable, documented estimate or invoice. Equipment rates are highly variable however, equipment rates will need to be accepted by the selection committee prior to application approval. Contributed time may also be applied to the training and organizing portions of the program. Training expenses can be related to the actual out-of-pocket expenses, costs of equipment used for training, or labor expended for training. You may claim contributed time for matching purposes. However, excessive contributed time may be disallowed by the selection committee.
- Communities may use Revenue Sharing Funds to match Volunteer Fire Assistance program funds under Public Law 94-488.
- With the exception of Revenue Sharing funds, an applicant cannot match federal funds with other federal funds. Equipment or supply purchases with a unit value of \$5,000 or more will be recorded by the State Forester and kept for audit purposes by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the State Forester's Office. In addition, units costing more than \$5,000 will carry a vested interest by the Federal Government in the amount of the cost-shared grant ( This means the federal government has part ownership in the equipment).

## What are some examples of qualifying projects?

### A. Training

1. Training through State Fire Marshal's Office, community colleges, local intra- or inter-departmental training, out-of-state specialized training, wildland training from the State Forester, etc.
2. Training expenses incurred for travel, lodging, meals and registration to participate in training classes.
3. Training or equipment and/or aids - including projectors, simulators, slide/video programs, training manuals, equipment utilized in practical (hands-on) exercises, development of a training program by outside sources, etc. (laptop computers and projectors are considered low priority).

### B. Organizing

1. Costs of forming an organized fire district under ARS, Title 48.
2. Fire planning costs: Responses, Risk Assessments, Hazard Mitigation planning costs, mapping including GIS processing.

### C. Equipment

1. Renovation of equipment, including excess property acquired through any recognized source for the purpose of fire protection.
2. Fire tools - including wildland and structural.
3. Personal protective equipment.
4. SCBA's
5. Communications equipment.
6. Hose and nozzles
7. Purchase and/or lease purchase of fire trucks or other equipment and/or property acquired through any recognized source for purpose of fire protection.

8. Pumps

## How are the grants selected?

Criteria used to judge the applications will include: project objectives; budget; proximity to high priority/high hazard at risk communities; relationship to federal lands; and local government capability. Distribution of these grant monies are done through the Arizona Interagency Coordination Group. The Arizona Interagency Coordination Group consists of individuals from the Federal Agencies engaged in wildland fire management, the State Land Department, and other Fire Service Professionals. In-kind match will be created by the participating fire departments at the ratio of 90% federal and 10% non-federal.

In Arizona you can apply for Volunteer Fire Assistance or Rural Fire Assistance, or both. But both programs require the 90/10 match with funds or in-kind services or both.

## What are some examples of non-qualifying projects?

- A. Training: Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic Training or related material.
- B. Organization: Furniture, telephone, personnel, postage, uniforms, badges, stationery or insurance costs.
- C. Equipment:
  1. Building or office construction.
  2. Paramedic - EMT equipment.
  3. Fire hydrant construction.
  4. Land purchase

## How are grants selected?

Upon receipt of the grant application, each project will be graded and ranked according to a weighted point award system. This system will be available for review after the deadline at the Arizona State Land Department, Fire Management Division Office, 2901 West Pinnacle Peak Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027-1002. Each applicant will be notified by mail, of the status of their grant questionnaire/application. Additional information and instructions will be given to the selected applicants.

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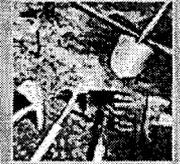
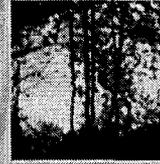
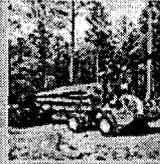
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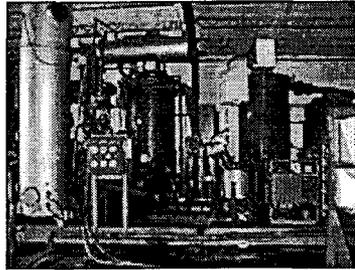
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## Arizona Rural Community Assistance (Economic Action Programs)

### What is the Economic Action Program?



The Economic Assistance Program works directly with communities to identify and develop public and private technical support, expand economic opportunities and support rural communities to build skills, networks and strategies to address social, environmental and economic changes. Economic Action Programs serve as a catalyst, rather than the primary source of funds to assist with economic transition, responding to communities needs.

### What are the goals of the Economic Action Program (EAP)?

The program is looking for proposals that develop an economic use for small diameter and under utilized tree species derived from forest restoration, urban-wildland interface, fuel reduction and pilot projects within Arizona and New Mexico. Grant funds are to encourage grass roots ideas and solutions best suited to local communities for reducing wildfire risk. They are also to help restore forest resiliency, protect watersheds, and to protect the environment. The goals of EAP are:

- To encourage local enterprises to expand and develop ways to utilize materials removed during hazardous fuels management activities and in so doing help reduce the risk to communities from catastrophic wildfires.
- To provide incentives and economic opportunities for rural communities to expand markets for small diameter products utilizing the local workforce.
- To develop innovative pilot projects that demonstrates the use of small diameter and underutilized materials (Examples include, but are not limited to: bio-energy applications, ethanol production, compost, landscape mulch, round timber construction applications, etc.).

### What types of activities are eligible for funding?

Funding may be for such things as technical assistance, training and education, equipment, marketing, and all costs associated with making these services available to tribal nations, State and Federal agencies, State Foresters, local governments, not-for-profit organizations, and others who are extending services to rural communities. Land purchase is not a valid expenditure.

### Who can apply for EAP grants?

State, local, and tribal governments, communities, non-profit organizations and small or disadvantaged businesses can apply.

### Cost Sharing (Matching Requirement):

Applicants must demonstrate a 20% cost share from non-federal sources, which can include in-kind contributions. In-kind, or non-cash contributions, must be reasonable, allowable, and the recipient must be able to demonstrate in the application (as well as a possible audit) that all costs

can be shown as actual costs to the recipient in performing the project.

**For the latest information on the RCA Economic Action 2003 RFP and all other necessary forms please visit the program website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/spf/community/>.**

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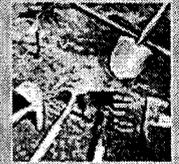
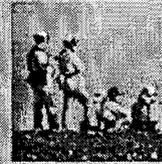
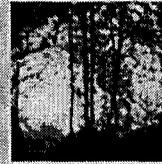
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## Forestland Enhancement Program (FLEP)

Providing educational, technical, and financial assistance to help private forest landowners implement their sustainable forestry management objectives.

### What is the purpose of Forestland Enhancement Program?



The 2002 Farm Bill has authorized the Forest Service, in cooperation with State Foresters, to launch a multimillion-dollar forestry program to assist nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) landowners in what will be known as the Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP). Authorized for \$100 million for program years 2002-2007, the program has scheduled \$20 million in its inaugural year (FY2003) to be distributed through state forestry agencies.

Through FLEP, state forestry agencies can provide a wide array of educational, technical and financial services that are intended to ensure that the nation's NIPF and related resources continue to provide sustainable forest products and safeguard the health of our water, air, and wildlife. FLEP is a voluntary program in each state and participation by landowners is voluntary. In each state participating in the program, the State Forester and State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee will jointly develop a State Priority Plan that is intended to promote forest management objectives and describe FLEP in their State.

The State Priority Plan will determine the mix of educational, technical and financial assistance with states choosing one or more of these components. As applicable, it will identify educational activities and their outcome, describe the technical assistance to be provided and its outcomes, and describe the cost-share components that will be available to NIPF landowners and the public values of these practices.

The FLEP program replaces two previous conservation incentive programs: the Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP) and the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP). State forestry agencies can use FLEP funds to provide assistance to NIPF owners to achieve a broad array of natural resource objectives. The Forest Service and State forestry agencies are guided by the following principles:

- Establish, manage, maintain, protect, enhance, and restore NIPF lands.
- Enhance the productivity of timber, habitat for flora and fauna, soil, water, air quality, wetlands, and riparian buffers of these lands.
- Assist owners and managers to more actively manage NIPF lands to enhance and sustain the long-term productivity of timber and non-timber forest resources.
- Reduce the risk and help restore, recover and mitigate the damage to forests caused by fire, insects, invasive species, disease, and damaging weather.
- Increase and enhance carbon sequestration opportunities.
- Enhance implementation of agroforestry practices.
- Encourage and leverage State, Federal, and local resource management expertise, financial assistance and educational programs that support FLEP.

### What will the program pay for?

State Forestry Agencies in coordination with their State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committees will develop a State Priority Plan for FLEP. This Plan will provide the details for how the FLEP funds will be utilized, including minimum acres, maximum acres, aggregate payment, use for technical, educational and cost-share assistance, and all other factors for the program.

use for technical, educational and cost share assistance, and all other factors for the program. Landowners will have to have a Forest Management Plan to be eligible for cost-share. The practices to be cost-shared and the cost-share rate will be described in the State Priority Plan.

## Who is eligible to apply?

FLEP is available for all NIPF land owners. The cost-share practices are limited to the treatment of 1,000 acres per year with an aggregate payment not to exceed \$100,000 for the life of this Farm Bill. A waiver for the treatment of up to 5,000 acres is available if significant public benefit is shown. The waiver is granted through the State Forester and approved by the Regional Forester. There is no limit to the amount of forest land owned by an individual as long as the person qualifies as a NIPF owner.

NIPF owners who wish to participate in the cost-share component of FLEP in those states offering it as an option, must complete one or more of the sustainable forestry practices available in their state as described in a forest management plan. In each state, the State Forester or their representative will evaluate the management plans submitted by NIPF owners and approve them for participation in FLEP.

Eligibility criteria for FLEP are broader than for SIP and FIP to encourage greater participation. FLEP allows treatment of up to 1,000 acres per year and variances of up to 5,000 acres if significant public benefits will accrue. The maximum FLEP cost-share payment for any practice may be up to 75 percent. The aggregate payment to any one landowner through 2007 may not exceed \$100,000. States will be responsible for reporting program accomplishments for all the program components - educational, technical, financial, - that the State is implementing. States will also account for administrative dollars used to implement FLEP.

Program implementation will commence after the publication of an interim rule in the Federal Register, anticipated in early 2003. There will be a formal 60-day comment period for the Interim Rule. A final rule is anticipated for February 2004. FY 2002 appropriations in SIP and FIP are in the process of being obligated by the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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## Arizona Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP)



The Federal Excess Personal Property Program was enacted by Congress under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 and the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978. The Act directs the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage the use of FEPP to assist in reducing state fire budgets by loaning federally-owned property to state foresters and their cooperators. **Under the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) program, Federal property, originally purchased for use by a Federal agency, but no longer needed by that entity, is acquired by the USDA Forest Service for loan to one of the 50 States or the Territories for use in the State's rural or wildland fire protection program. As a result, the equipment stays in service to America, protecting lives and property across the nation. The "personal" part of the FEPP program simply refers to any tangible property that is not real estate. This can include trucks, aircraft, personal protective equipment, motor oil, nuts, bolts, fire hose, et cetera, but not buildings.**

To qualify for this program, a fire department must meet a number of requirements (see responsibilities below), one being a responsibility for providing fire protection on wildlands within the department's jurisdiction. The U.S. Forest Service monitors the use of loaned property to ensure that all FEPP acquired is used 90 percent for fire protection support and only 10 percent for other support.

In Arizona the FEPP Program enables the Arizona State Land Department Fire Management Division to acquire, "on loan" from the federal government, property that assists the Department in fulfilling its emergency response mission. That property includes such items as trucks, fire tools, hoses, vehicle parts, nozzles, generators, air compressors, fire protection clothing, aircraft, and aircraft parts.

The State Forester makes the initial decision that an FEPP item is appropriate for use, and the USDA Forest Service must concur. The property is then loaned to the State Forester, who may then place it with local departments to improve local fire programs. Approximately 70% of the property involved in the Forest Service FEPP program is sub-loaned to local fire department.

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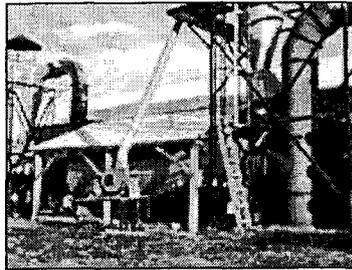
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## Arizona Four Corners Sustainable Forest Partnership

The Four Corners Sustainable Forests Partnership RFP application period is **currently closed**.

### What is the Four Corners Sustainable Forests Partnership?



The Four Corners Sustainable Forests Partnership (FCSFP) builds linkages between healthy forest ecosystems and healthy communities. The Partnership has requested funding from Congress through 2003 to support identified programs whose goals are listed below. Real effort is being made to accomplish a great deal within a short time frame. The Partnership hopes that programs will create a lasting momentum within several key areas: consensus around forest restoration principles and needs, community infrastructure to utilize small diameter material, and a region-wide network of interests and specialists working on sustainable forestry

issues.

### Why do we need the Four Corners Sustainable Forests Partnership?

The Partnership began in 1997 with the leadership of New Mexico State Forester, Toby Martinez, and other Western State Foresters. They saw throughout the Four Corners region increasing risks for catastrophic fire and insect outbreaks in forest ecosystems as well as a declining capacity in communities to deal with forest restoration and maintenance needs. These conditions exist across social and jurisdictional boundaries in the Four Corners States of New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, and Arizona.

The Partnership is motivated by the need to focus attention and resources on forest restoration and community issues common throughout the region. The original coalition of diverse interests had expanded to over 50 businesses, organizations, and agencies by 1998. They began to identify clear goals and seek Congressional funding to support the mission. Congress provided seed funding in 1999 through the US Forest Service's State and Private Forestry Economic Action Programs.

The steering committee contains 20 seats with equal representation from the states, tribes, and the U.S. Forest Service. Representatives are self selected based on active involvement in the Partnership. All Four Corners residents are encouraged to utilize FCSFP information and to collaborate with FCSFP Partners in pursuit of the FCSFP mission.

### What are the goals of the Partnership?

- Merge environmental and economic concerns by helping identify relationships between ecosystem needs, jobs in the forest, and manufacturing value-added products.
- Strengthen and diversify rural economies by supporting community led projects that achieve forest restoration and create high-value manufacturing opportunities with the by-products.
- Increase regional expertise on small-diameter wood utilization, marketing, and innovative forest restoration strategies by connecting local entrepreneurs and other interests to technical assistance specialists, demonstration projects, and workshops.
- Reduce the loss of natural resources as well as improve wildlife habitat by encouraging the restoration of forest ecosystems at-risk for catastrophic fire, insects, and disease.

- Develop and expand markets for products made from small diameter material by fostering regional and national networks as well as providing professional assistance to businesses.
- Increase regional agreement and understanding around forest restoration through numerous learning forums such as conferences, workshops, and demonstration project field trips.

## Who can apply for grants?

State, tribal and local governments, communities, small businesses, and non-profit organizations can apply. In addition applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Projects must take place in or be directly beneficial to tribes and/or communities within Arizona, New Mexico, or the counties designated below for Utah and Colorado.
- **Utah:** Carbon, Emery, Grand, Sevier, Wayne, Piute, San Pete, Garfield, Kane, San Juan Iron, Washington, Beaver, Cache, Rich, Summit, Daggett, Uintah, Duchesne, Utah, Wasatch, Weber, and Morgan County.
- **Colorado:** Alamosa, Archuleta, Conejos, Costilla, Custer, Delta, Dolores, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Huerfano, La Plata, Las Animas, Mineral, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, Rio Grande, Saguache, San Juan, and San Miguel.

Projects must be eligible for Rural Development funding as set out by the USDA Forest Service Rural Community Assistance Program, and illustrate a collaborative approach to implementation. Awarded contracts will be subject to federal assistance requirements. Information regarding federal funding can be obtained from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Circulars are available through the Internet at the following address: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/>. Circulars applicable to Rural Development are OMB Circular A-21, A-122, A-87, FAR part 31.202, A-110, A-102 and A-133.

## Are there any other requirements?

- Indirect costs may not exceed 10% of the total project budget.
- Projects must contain a non-federal cash and/or in-kind match of at least 20% of the total project cost. (Example - \$50,000 (request) x 20% divided by 80% = \$12,500 match required. Total cost of project = \$62,500.)
- Applying organizations or businesses must have the ability to ensure fiscal accountability.
- The contract period lasts for approximately 18 months.

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**Welcome to the Other Southwest Area Grants Website!**

A website designed and developed to help explain the types of federal and state assistance grants available in the Arizona, what they can be used for, the eligibility requirements, and the contact points and the websites for the various grants.

This table gives a brief overview of other grants available in the Southwest:

Program Title	Description	Target Audience
<a href="#"><u>Forest Legacy Program(FL)</u></a>	Funds are for preparation of multi-resource management plans on state, private and tribal lands, and ensures effective/efficient hazardous fuel treatment.	Nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) landowners.
<a href="#"><u>Urban &amp; Community Forestry(U&amp;CF)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Arizona U&amp;CF</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>New Mexico U&amp;CF</u></a>	<p>Arizona - In addition to providing technical assistance, the Arizona U&amp;CF program features a Challenge Cost-Share grant program in which eligible entities such as Arizona communities; non-profit organizations and other groups can compete for financial assistance grants. These grants are to promote development of effective U&amp;CF forestry programs or projects.</p> <p>New Mexico - In addition to providing technical assistance, the New Mexico Forestry Division administers the New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf program, which utilizes funds from a State income tax "check-off" to fund competitively awarded tree planting grants to municipalities, schools, and organizations.</p>	<p>Arizona - communities; non-profit organizations and other groups</p> <p>New Mexico - municipalities, schools, and organizations</p>
<a href="#"><u>Community and Private Land Fire Assistance(CPLFA)</u></a>	Funds are for the following activities (on both federal and non-federal lands); fuel hazard mitigation and prevention, invasive species management, multi-resource wildfire planning, community protection planning, community and landowner education, market development and expansion. improved wood utilization. and	No eligibility criteria have been defined yet.

	<p>special treatment projects.**There are no funds for 2003. It is anticipated that there will be funding and project implementation in FY2004**</p> <p>This site will be updated with more information on CPLFA when it becomes available.</p>	
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This website has been designed by the following agencies in both Arizona and New Mexico:

- USDA Forest Service
- Department of Interior
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - National Park Service
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs
  - Fish and Wildlife Service
- Arizona State Land Department
- Southwest Strategy
- New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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## National Forest Legacy Program

### Program Purpose:

Development of the nation's forested areas poses an increasing threat to maintaining the integrity of our country's valuable forest lands. Intact forest lands supply timber products, wildlife habitat, soil and watershed protection, aesthetics, and recreational opportunities. However, as these areas are fragmented and disappear, so do the benefits they provide. While local governments commonly guide development away from the most sensitive areas through traditional land use controls (like zoning and performance standards), sometimes these measures are not sufficient to fully protect the forested component of our natural resource base.

The Forest Legacy Program (FLP), a federal program in partnership with states, supports state efforts to protect environmentally sensitive forest lands. Designed to encourage the protection of privately owned forest lands, FLP is an entirely voluntary program. To maximize the public benefits it achieves, the program focuses on the acquisition of partial interests in privately owned forest lands. FLP helps the states develop and carry out their forest conservation plans. It encourages and supports acquisition of conservation easements, legally binding agreements transferring a negotiated set of property rights from one party to another, without removing the property from private ownership. Most FLP conservation easements restrict development, require sustainable forestry practices, and protect other values.

### Program Activities: Where does the money go?

Forest Legacy complements private, federal and state programs focusing on conservation in two ways. First, FLP directly supports property acquisition. Additionally, FLP supports efforts to acquire donated conservation easements. FLP funded acquisitions serve public purposes identified by participating states and agreed to by the landowner.

### Eligibility: Who benefits, and how much?

Participation in Forest Legacy is limited to private forest landowners. To qualify, landowners are required to prepare a multiple resource management plan as part of the conservation easement acquisition. The federal government may fund up to 75% of program costs, with at least 25% coming from private, state or local sources. In addition to gains associated with the sale or donation of property rights, many landowners also benefit from reduced taxes associated with

violation of property rights, finally identifying also whether there are associated will limits placed on land use.

## Program Administration:

The USDA Forest Service administers the Forest Legacy Program in cooperation with State Foresters. The state grant option allows states a greater role in implementing the program. FLP also encourages partnerships with local governments and land trusts, recognizing the important contributions landowners, communities and private organizations make to conservation efforts.

## Program Guidelines

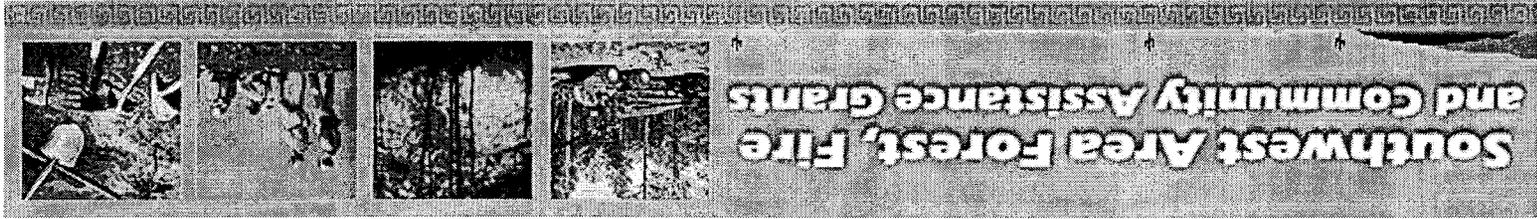
For more information Legacy including items such as: Budget History, Program Description, Examples of Programs Throughout the Country, Summary of Completed Projects, Prospective Future Projects) Click on the link: [http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/legacy\\_overview.PDF](http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/legacy_overview.PDF). (This is a PDF document that requires Adobe Acrobat reader to view it. If you don't have the free Adobe Acrobat reader on your computer, [click here](#).)

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**Other Related Grant Websites**

Other programs and websites of interest you may want to investigate:

Program Title	Description
<p><b>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)</b></p> <p>FEMA and US Fire Administration program. Funds are to improve fire fighting operations, purchase firefighting vehicles, equipment, personal protective equipment, fund fire prevention programs, and establish wellness and fitness programs.</p> <p>National website: <a href="http://usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/grants.cfm">http://usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/grants.cfm</a></p>	<p>FEMA program delivered through state emergency management agency in each state.</p>
<p><b>Predisaster Mitigation Program</b></p>	
<p><b>National Volunteer Fire Council</b></p>	<p>The National Volunteer Fire Council is a non-profit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. Organized in 1976, the NVFC serves as the voice for the volunteer fire service. The NVFC is the volunteer fire service's representative in the national policy arena and on numerous national and international committees and organizations. Each state firefighter's association elects a representative to the NVFC. Currently, 49 of the states are members of the Council.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nvfc.org/federal/funding.html">www.nvfc.org/federal/funding.html</a></p>
<p><b>USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service</b></p>	<p>The purpose of the Resource Conservation and Development (R&amp;D) program is to accelerate the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources, improve the general level of economic activity, and to enhance the environment and standard of living in designated RC&amp;D areas. It improves the capability of State, tribal and local units of government and local nonprofit organizations in rural areas to plan, develop and carry out programs for resource conservation and development. The program also establishes or improves coordination systems in rural areas. Current program objectives focus on improvement of quality of life achieved through natural resources conservation and</p>

	<p>of the derived through natural resource conservation and community development which leads to sustainable communities, prudent use and the management and conservation of natural resources. RC&amp;D areas are locally sponsored areas designated by the Secretary of Agriculture for RC&amp;D technical and financial assistance program fund .</p> <p><a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/rcd">www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/rcd</a></p>
<b>Community Facilities Grant Program</b>	<p>The Rural Housing Service helps rural communities and individuals by providing loans and grants for housing and community facilities. Funding is provided for single family homes, apartments for low-income persons or the elderly, housing for farm laborers, childcare centers, fire and police stations, hospitals, libraries, nursing homes, schools, and much more. In partnership with non-profits, Indian tribes, state and federal government agencies, and local communities, RHS creates packages of technical assistance and loan and grant funds to assist more rural communities and individuals.</p> <p><a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/">www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/</a></p>
<b>Office of Hazardous Materials Safety</b>	<p>The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant program is intended to provide financial and technical assistance as well as national direction and guidance to enhance State, Territorial, Tribal, and local hazardous materials emergency planning and training. The HMEP Grant Program distributes fees collected from shippers and carriers of hazardous materials to emergency responders for hazmat training and to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) for hazmat planning.</p> <p><a href="http://hazmat.dot.gov/hmep.htm">http://hazmat.dot.gov/hmep.htm</a></p>
<b>Firehouse.com</b>	<p>Emergency Services Grants from A to Z</p> <p><a href="http://www.firehouse.com/funding/grants.html">www.firehouse.com/funding/grants.html</a></p>
<b>Airport Improvement Program</b>	<p>To assist sponsors, owners, or operators of public-use airports in the development of a nationwide system of airports adequate to meet the needs of civil aeronautics.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda20106.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda20106.html</a></p>
<b>Chemical Emergency Preparedness Planning (CEPP) Technical Assistance Grants Program</b>	<p>To provide financial assistance to States, Local agencies, and Indian Tribes for chemical accident prevention activities that relate to the Risk Management Program under the Clean Air Act Section 112(r). To provide financial assistance to Tribes for chemical emergency planning, and community right-to-know programs which are established to prevent or eliminate unreasonable risk to the health and environment of communities within the State.</p>

	<a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda66810.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda66810.html</a>
<b>Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program</b>	To enhance emergency preparedness capabilities of the States and local communities at each of the eight chemical agent stockpile storage facilities. The purpose of the program is to assist States and local communities in efforts to improve their capacity to plan for and respond to accidents associated with the storage and ultimate disposal of chemical warfare materials.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83549.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83549.html</a>
<b>Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants</b>	To develop viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda14218.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda14218.html</a>
<b>Community Development Block Grants/Small Cities Program</b>	The primary objective of this program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda14219.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda14219.html</a>
<b>Community Development Block Grants/Special Purpose Grants/Technical Assistance Program</b>	To help States, units of general local government, Indian tribes and areawide planning organizations to plan, develop and administer local Community Development Block Grant programs.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda14227.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda14227.html</a>
<b>Community Development Block Grants/State's Program</b>	The primary objective of this program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda14228.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda14228.html</a>
<b>Community Facilities Grants and Loans</b>	To construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve community facilities providing essential services to rural residents.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda10766.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda10766.html</a>
<b>Cooperative Forestry Assistance</b>	With respect to nonfederal forest and other rural lands to assist in the advancement of forest resources management; the encouragement of the production of timber; the control of insects and diseases affecting trees and forests; the control of rural fires; the efficient utilization of wood and wood residues, including the recycling of wood fiber; the improvement and maintenance of fish and wildlife habitat; and the planning and conduct of urban and

	and wildlife habitat, and the planning and conduct of urban and community forestry programs.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda10664.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda10664.html</a>
<b>Disposal of Federal Surplus Real Property</b>	To dispose of surplus real property by lease, permits, sale, exchange, or donation.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda39002.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda39002.html</a>
<b>Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans and Grants</b>	To encourage and improve the use of telemedicine, telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies to provide educational and medical benefits through distance learning and telemedicine projects to people living in rural areas and to improve rural opportunities.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda10855.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda10855.html</a>
<b>Donation of Federal Surplus Personal Property</b>	To donate Federal personal property no longer required for Federal use to public agencies and qualifying nonprofit entities in order to reduce the cost of State and local government.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda39003.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda39003.html</a>
<b>Economic Action Programs</b>	USDA Forest Service funding will provide for Economic Action Programs that work with local communities to identify, develop, and expand economic opportunities related to traditionally underutilized wood products and to expand the utilization of wood removed through hazardous fuel reduction treatments. Information, demonstrations, application development, and training will be made available to participating communities.  <a href="http://www.fireplan.gov/community_assist.cfm">www.fireplan.gov/community_assist.cfm</a>
<b>Emergency Management Institute Training Assistance</b>	To defray travel and per diem expenses of State, local and tribal emergency management personnel who attend training courses conducted by the Emergency Management Institute, at the Emmitsburg, Maryland facility; Bluemont, Virginia facility; and selected off-site locations. Its purpose is to improve emergency management practices among State, local and tribal government managers, in response to emergencies and disasters. Programs embody the Comprehensive Emergency Management System by unifying the elements of management common to all emergencies: planning, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83527.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83527.html</a>
<b>Emergency Management Performance Grants</b>	To develop comprehensive emergency management, including terrorism consequence management preparedness, at the State and local levels and to improve emergency planning,

	<p>preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery capabilities. By combining several former funding streams into the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), FEMA is providing States the flexibility necessary to achieve measurable results in key functional areas of emergency management. This flexibility will be achieved within the standard grant administration process. The thirteen key functional areas of emergency management are: Laws and Authorities; Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment; Hazard Management; Resource Management; Planning; Direction, Control, and Coordination; Communications and Warning; Operations and Procedures; Logistics and Facilities; Training; Exercises; Public Education and Information; and Finance and Administration.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83552.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83552.html</a></p>
<b>Emergency Medical Services for Children</b>	<p>To support demonstration projects for the expansion and improvement of emergency medical services for children who need treatment for trauma or critical care. It is expected that maximum distribution of projects among the States will be made and that priority will be given to projects targeted toward populations with special needs, including Native Americans, minorities, and the disabled.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93127.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93127.html</a></p>
<b>Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program</b>	<p>To supplement and expand ongoing efforts to provide shelter, food, and supportive services for needy families and individuals. To strengthen efforts to create more effective and innovative local programs by providing supplemental funding for them. To conduct minimum rehabilitation of existing mass shelter or mass feeding facilities, but only to the extent necessary to make facilities safe, sanitary and bring them into compliance with local building codes.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83523.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83523.html</a></p>
<b>FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program</b>	<p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/apply.cfm">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/apply.cfm</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.nvfc.org/federal/funding.html">www.nvfc.org/federal/funding.html</a></p>
<b>Federal Property Reimbursement Agreement</b>	<p>Reimbursement may be made to fire departments for fighting fire on property owned by the Federal government. Only firefighting costs over and above normal operating costs are reimbursable. Claims are submitted to USFA and are reviewed by the Deputy Administrator to ensure they meet the criteria outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/fedfire.cfm">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/fedfire.cfm</a></p>

<b>Federal Surplus Property Programs</b>	Federal surplus property is sold, or otherwise disposed of, primarily by the General Services Administration, who manages surplus property of civilian Federal departments and agencies. The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service handles military surplus and excess property, however the donation of excess military property is handled through GSA via state agencies for surplus property. GSA transfers Federal surplus personal property to State agencies for surplus property. They in turn can distribute this surplus property for use by eligible recipients.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/surplus.cfm">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/surplus.cfm</a>
<b>Fire Suppression Assistance</b>	To provide grants to States for the suppression of any fire on public (nonfederal) or privately owned forest or grassland that threatens to become a major disaster. On October 30, 2001, the Fire Management Assistance Program will replace the Fire Suppression Assistance Program. The Fire Management Assistance Program was authorized by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and provides for the mitigation, management and control of fires that threaten such destruction as would constitute a major disaster.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83542.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83542.html</a>
<b>Food and Drug Administration Research</b>	To assist profit-making organizations, public and other nonprofit institutions, to establish, expand, and improve research, demonstration, education and information dissemination activities concerned with young peoples' awareness of the new rules regarding the use and abuse of tobacco products; acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), biologics, blood and blood products, therapeutics, vaccines and allergenic projects; drug hazards, human and veterinary drugs, clinical trials on drugs and devices for orphan products development; nutrition, sanitation and microbiological hazards; medical devices and diagnostic products, radiation emitting devices and materials; food safety and food additives. Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Programs: to stimulate technological innovation; to encourage the role of small business to meet Federal research and development needs; to increase private sector commercialization of innovations derived from Federal research and development; and to foster and encourage participation by minority and disadvantaged persons in technological innovation.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93103.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93103.html</a>
<b>General Research and Technology Activity</b>	To carry out research, demonstration and program evaluation and monitoring projects of high priority and pre-selected by the Department to improve the operations of the Department's programs.

	<a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda14506.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda14506.html</a>
<b>Grants-in-aid for Railroad Safety-State Participation</b>	To promote safety in all areas of railroad operations; reduce railroad related accidents and casualties; and to reduce damage to property caused by accidents involving any carrier of hazardous materials by providing State participation in the enforcement and promotion of safety practices.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda20303.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda20303.html</a>
<b>Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Training and Planning Grants (HMEP)</b>	To increase State, local, territorial and Native American tribal effectiveness to safely and efficiently handle hazardous materials accidents and incidents; enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA); and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency planning and training by incorporating response to transportation standards.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda20703.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda20703.html</a>
<b>Hazardous Materials Training Program for Implementation of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986</b>	To make funding available to provide training in support of Tribal governments emergency planning, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery capabilities. These programs must provide special emphasis on emergencies associated with hazardous chemicals.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83011.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83011.html</a>
<b>Hazardous Waste Management State Program Support</b>	To assist State governments in the development and implementation of an authorized hazardous waste management program for the purpose of controlling the generation, transportation, treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous wastes.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda66801.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda66801.html</a>
<b>Health Program for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry</b>	To work closely with State, local, and other Federal agencies to reduce or eliminate illness, disability, and death resulting from exposure of the public and workers to toxic substances at spill and waste disposal sites.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93161.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93161.html</a>
<b>Indian Community Development Block Grant Program</b>	To provide assistance to Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages in the development of viable Indian communities.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda14862.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda14862.html</a>
<b>Injury Prevention and</b>	RESEARCH GRANTS: (1) To support injury control research on

<p><b>Control Research and State and Community Based Programs</b></p>	<p>priority issues; (2) to integrate aspects of engineering, public health, behavioral sciences, medicine, and other disciplines in order to prevent and control injuries more effectively; (3) to rigorously apply and evaluate current and new interventions, methods, and strategies that focus on the prevention and control of injuries; (4) to stimulate and support Injury Control Research Centers (ICRC) in academic institutions which will develop a comprehensive and integrated approach to injury control research and training; and (5) to bring the knowledge and expertise of ICRC's to bear on the development of effective public health programs for injury control. STATE AND COMMUNITY PROGRAM GRANTS: (1) To develop and evaluate new methods or to evaluate existing methods and techniques used in injury surveillance by public health agencies; and (2) to develop, expand, or improve injury control programs to reduce morbidity, mortality, severity, disability, and cost from injuries.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93136.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93136.html</a></p>
<p><b>Integrated Flood Observing and Warning System (IFLOWS)</b></p>	<p>The Integrated Flood Observing and Warning System (IFLOWS) is a joint undertaking by the National Weather Service (NWS) and the participating States to improve flood warning capabilities in the Appalachian region. This is a Federal, State, and county cooperative program. The NWS is responsible for the overall management of the Program and provides technical support and funds (through cooperative agreements) for initial capital and installation costs for equipment, life-cycle equipment replacement or upgrading in coming years, software development, and centralized forecast and analysis activities. The States assume the responsibility and cost of maintaining and operating all the equipment to support the State/county portion of IFLOWS.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda11450.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda11450.html</a></p>
<p><b>Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program</b></p>	<p>To support State and Tribal corrective action and enforcement programs that address releases from underground storage tanks containing petroleum.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda66805.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda66805.html</a></p>
<p><b>Mental Health Disaster Assistance and Emergency Mental Health</b></p>	<p>To provide supplemental emergency mental health counseling to individuals affected by major disasters, including the training of workers to provide such counseling.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93982.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93982.html</a></p>
<p><b>Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program</b></p>	<p>To reduce the number and severity of accidents and hazardous material incidents involving commercial motor vehicles by substantially increasing the level and effectiveness of enforcement activity and the likelihood that safety defects, driver deficiencies</p>

	<p>activity and the likelihood that safety defects, driver deficiencies, and unsafe carrier practices will be detected and corrected.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda20218.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda20218.html</a></p>
<p><b>National Fire Academy Training Assistance</b></p>	<p>Presently, the program covers reimbursement for the cost of a 21-day pre-purchase, nonrefundable ticket for round-trip transportation by common carrier, or privately owned vehicle mileage reimbursement not to exceed the cost of the airline ticket, for the resident program courses at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland and a limited stipend for selected regional delivery courses throughout the nation.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83009.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83009.html</a></p>
<p><b>National Program of Transit Planning and Research</b></p>	<p>(1) To foster innovation in public transit systems, through local demonstrations of promising, but risky, new technologies and service or operational concepts to provide information that can be used nationally, wherever sound decisions are needed on how best to improve service or reduce costs. The National Program emphasizes advanced technology applications which complement private sector R&amp;D, enhancing the vitality, competitiveness and responsiveness of America's industrial base so that it can better serve domestic needs and foster export markets. (2) To address economic and social issues resulting from human impacts on the environment, and develop risk assessment methodologies, integrated assessments, and other analytical tools for effective policy formulation. The program provides funds for assessing and improving local transportation conditions through innovative planning tools, assessing the condition of the transit industry, and providing technical support in safety, security, and drug and alcohol control. (3) To develop practical know-how for solving fundamental industry-wide problems, such as how to accommodate the travel needs of persons with disabilities, how to finance transit infrastructure construction and maintenance, and how to meet requirements of the Clean Air Act, and (4) To support development of information and technical assistance to convey results of research, technology development and innovative demonstrations for adaptation and local implementation.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda20514.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda20514.html</a></p>
<p><b>National Urban Search and Rescue (US&amp;R) Response System</b></p>	<p>To develop an immediately deployable, national response capability to locate and extricate, and medically stabilize victims of structural collapse during a disaster, while simultaneously enhancing the US&amp;R response capabilities of State and local governments.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83526.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83526.html</a></p>

<b>NIEHS Hazardous Waste Worker Health and Safety Training</b>	To provide cooperative agreements and project grant support for the development and administration of model worker health and safety training programs consisting of classroom and practical health and safety training of workers and their supervisors, who are engaged in activities related to hazardous materials, hazardous waste generation, treatment, storage, disposal, removal, containment, transportation, or emergency response. To assist organizations in the development of institutional competency to provide appropriate training and education to hazardous waste workers.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93142.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93142.html</a>
<b>Occupational Safety and Health-Susan Harwood Training Grants</b>	To provide occupational safety and health training and education to employees and employers, particularly in the recognition, avoidance and abatement of workplace hazards.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda17502.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda17502.html</a>
<b>Occupational Safety and Health-Training Grants</b>	To develop specialized professional and paraprofessional personnel in the occupational safety and health field with training in occupational medicine, occupational health nursing, industrial hygiene, and occupational safety.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93263.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93263.html</a>
<b>Occupational Health and Surveillance-Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation</b>	To (1) Recognize new hazards; (2) define the magnitude of the problem; (3) follow trends in incidence; (4) target exceptional hazardous workplaces for intervention; and (5) evaluate the effectiveness of prevention efforts. The goal of this program is to prevent selected occupational morbidity and mortality by evaluating work situations at high risk and formulating and disseminating prevention strategies to those who can intervene in the workplace.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93957.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93957.html</a>
<b>Physical Disaster Loans</b>	To provide loans to the victims of declared physical- type disasters for uninsured losses.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda59008.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda59008.html</a>
<b>Pipeline Safety-Federal Grant Programs</b>	To develop and maintain State natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and hazardous liquid pipeline safety programs.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda20700.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda20700.html</a>
<b>President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports</b>	To promote physical fitness for Americans of all ages by encouraging the development, implementation and improvement of physical fitness and sports programs. These objectives are

	<p>accomplished through the provision of professional consultation, technical assistance, publications and public information, program evaluation and development to school systems, government agencies, employee organizations, industrial organizations, recreation and park departments, and others who wish to introduce or to improve physical fitness or sports programs.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93289.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93289.html</a></p>
<b>Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant</b>	<p>To provide States with the resources to improve the health status of the population of each grantee through: (A) activities leading to the accomplishment of the year 2000/2010 objectives for the nation; (B) rodent control and community-school fluoridation activities; (C) specified emergency medical services excluding most equipment purchases; (D) services for sex offense victims including prevention activities; and (E) for related administration, education, monitoring and evaluation activities.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93991.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93991.html</a></p>
<b>Project Impact - Building Disaster Resistant Communities</b>	<p>To encourage the implementation of a sustained pre- disaster mitigation program with activities that reduce the existing risk of natural hazard losses within the geographic location of the designated communities.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83551.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83551.html</a></p>
<b>Public Assistance Grants</b>	<p>To provide supplemental assistance to States, local governments, and political subdivisions to the State, Indian Tribes, Alaskan Native Villages, and certain Private Non-profit organizations in alleviating suffering and hardship resulting from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83544.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83544.html</a></p>
<b>Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program</b>	<p>The PSOB Act was designed to offer peace of mind to men and women seeking careers in public safety and to make a strong statement about the value of those who serve their communities in potentially dangerous circumstances.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/psob2.cfm">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/psob2.cfm</a></p>
<b>Public Safety Officers' Educational Assistance</b>	<p>The PSOEA Program, an expansion of the Federal Law Enforcement Dependents Assistance (FLEDA) Program, provides financial assistance for higher education to the spouses and children of public safety officers killed in line of duty. The PSOEA Program also makes assistance available to spouses and children of public safety officers permanently and totally disabled by catastrophic injuries sustained in the line of duty.</p>

	<a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda16615.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda16615.html</a>
<b>Reimbursement for Firefighting on Federal Property</b>	To provide that each fire service organization which engages in firefighting operations on Federal property may be reimbursed for their direct expenses and direct losses (those losses and expenses that are not considered normal operating expenses) incurred in firefighting.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83007.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda83007.html</a>
<b>Resource Conservation and Development</b>	To encourage and improve the capability of State and local units of government and local nonprofit organizations in rural areas to plan, develop and carry out programs for resource conservation and development.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda10901.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda10901.html</a>
<b>Rural Telemedicine Grants</b>	The purpose of this grant program is to expand access to, coordinate, restrain the cost of, and improve the quality of essential health care services, including preventive and emergency services, through the development of integrated health care delivery systems or networks in rural areas and regions. Specifically the purpose of the Rural Telemedicine Grant Program is to demonstrate how Telemedicine can be used as a tool in developing integrated systems of health care, improving access to health services for rural citizens and reducing the isolation of rural health care practitioners. The purpose is also to collect information for a systematic evaluation on the feasibility, costs, appropriateness and acceptability of rural Telemedicine.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93211.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93211.html</a>
<b>Sale of Federal Surplus Personal Property</b>	To sell personal property no longer needed by the Government in an expeditious, economical and efficient manner and to obtain the maximum net return from sales. General Services Administration conducts the sale of personal property for most of the civil agencies; the Department of Defense handles the sale of its own surplus property.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda39007.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda39007.html</a>
<b>Social Security Disability Insurance</b>	To replace part of the earnings lost because of a physical or mental impairment, or a combination of impairments, severe enough to prevent a person from working.  <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda96001.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda96001.html</a>
<b>Social Security Survivors Insurance</b>	To replace part of the earnings lost to dependents because of the worker's death.

	<p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda96004.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda96004.html</a></p>
<p><b>State and Community Highway Safety</b></p>	<p>To provide a coordinated national highway safety program to reduce traffic accidents, deaths, injuries, and property damage.</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda20600.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda20600.html</a></p>
<p><b>State Rural Hospital Flexibility Program</b></p>	<p>To help States work with rural communities and hospitals to develop and implement a rural health plan, designate critical access hospitals (CAHs), develop integrated networks of care, improve emergency medical services and improve quality, service and organizational performance.</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93241.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93241.html</a></p>
<p><b>State Underground Storage Tanks Program</b></p>	<p>To assist State governments and Indian Nations in the development and implementation of underground storage tank (UST) programs.</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda66804.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda66804.html</a></p>
<p><b>State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT)</b></p>	<p>To provide delivery of specialized, multiagency anti- terrorism preparedness training. This training, along with related research, law enforcement intelligence, operational issues development, and technical assistance support activities, is delivered to State and local law enforcement and prosecution authorities. While State and local law enforcement preparation and readiness issues addressed in this project are tailored to interventions in domestic terrorism, major portions of the program's preparedness and operational readiness outcomes are equally applicable to any terrorist threat or incident whether domestically or internationally inspired.</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda16614.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda16614.html</a></p>
<p><b>Superfund State Site-Specific Cooperative Agreements</b></p>	<p>To (1) Conduct site characterization activities at potential confirmed hazardous waste sites; (2) undertake remedial planning and remedial implementation actions at sites on the National Priorities List (NPL) to clean up the hazardous waste sites that are found to pose hazards to human health; and (3) effectively implement the statutory requirements of CERCLA 121 (f) which mandates substantial and meaningful State involvement.</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda66802.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda66802.html</a></p>
<p><b>Superfund State Core Program Cooperative Agreements</b></p>	<p>To effectively implement the statutory requirements of CERCLA Section 121(f) for State involvement. To provide funds to conduct CERCLA activities that are not assignable to specific sites, but support a recipient's site-specific response program. For fiscal year 1999 \$1.5 million is added to the core cooperative agreements for</p>

	<p>1990, \$10,000,000 is added to the core cooperative agreements to support the development or enhancement of State voluntary cleanup programs.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda66809.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda66809.html</a></p>
<b>Surplus Property Utilization</b>	<p>To convey or lease all surplus Federal real properties made available by the disposal agency which are needed and usable by eligible organizations and institutions to carry out health programs.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93291.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93291.html</a></p>
<b>Surveillance of Hazardous Substance Emergency Events</b>	<p>To assist State health departments in developing a State-based surveillance system for monitoring hazardous substance emergency events. This surveillance system will allow the State health department to better understand the public health impact of hazardous substance emergencies by developing, implementing, and evaluating a State-based surveillance system.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93204.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda93204.html</a></p>
<b>Technology Opportunities Program</b>	<p>To promote the widespread use and availability of advanced telecommunications and information technologies in the public and nonprofit sectors. By providing matching grants for information infrastructure projects, this program will help develop a nationwide, interactive, multimedia information infrastructure that is accessible to all citizens, in rural areas as well as urban areas.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda11552.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda11552.html</a></p>
<b>Training and Fellowships for the Environmental Protection Agency</b>	<p>To provide training and fellowship opportunities to students interested in pursuing environmental careers.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda66607.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda66607.html</a></p>
<b>Transport of Transuranic Wastes to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP)</b>	<p>To enlist cooperation among the tribes, the southern, western, and midwestern States on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) shipping corridors, and DOE in developing plans and procedures for the safe and uneventful transportation of transuranic waste from current temporary storage facilities to the WIPP.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda81106.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda81106.html</a></p>
<b>Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention</b>	<p>To provide technical and financial assistance in carrying out works of improvement to protect, develop, and utilize the land and water resources in small watersheds.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda10904.html">www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/cfda10904.html</a></p>
<b>Agroforestry</b>	<p>The Agroforestry program is a joint-venture of the USDA Forest</p>

	<p>Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service. Its purpose is to educate technical assistance providers, landowners, and stakeholders about the benefits of agroforestry, resulting in increased adoption. Through research, development, applications, and training, the Program provides appropriate technologies, documentation, and tools to extension agents and others participating in efforts to incorporate agroforestry into conservation and production systems for farms, ranches, and communities.</p> <p><a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/cooperativeforestry/agro.htm">www.fs.fed.us/cooperativeforestry/agro.htm</a></p>
<b>Forest Taxation</b>	<p>Assuring that Non-Industrial Forest Landowners Have Access to the Best Available Information on Forest Related Tax Law.</p> <p><a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/tax.htm">www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/tax.htm</a></p>
<b>National Timber Tax Website</b>	<p>Very few sections of the Internal Revenue Code are written specifically for timber. This means there is a considerable amount of interpretation involved. This website was developed to be used by timberland owners, as well as a reference source for accountants, attorneys, consulting foresters and other professionals who work with timberland owners by answering specific questions regarding the tax treatment of timber.</p> <p><a href="http://www.timbertax.org">www.timbertax.org</a></p>
<b>Tax Tips for Forest Landowners for the 2002 Tax Year</b>	<p>Taxes are a major cost of doing business. Proper tax planning is just as important as the silvicultural techniques used to grow a profitable timber crop. Hence, to increase your revenues, you should be aware of the special income tax provisions that are available so that you can earn optimum income from your forestlands. Congress provides these favorable advantages and elections TO STIMULATE INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY from the nation's privately owned forestlands.</p> <p>You should have a general knowledge of these provisions whether you prepare your taxes yourself, or have someone else prepare your return for you. Most tax accountants are not familiar with all of the special provisions available for private forest landowners. The tax code is very complex and these special provisions are quite obscure. Hence, you need to be aware of them so that you can inform your tax accountant.</p> <p><a href="http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/taxation/default.htm">www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/taxation/default.htm</a></p>
<b>Rural Forestry Management</b>	<p>RFM provides matching funds directly to State forestry programs, which in turn assist NIPF landowners in answering their questions about forest management. As landowners receive only non-monetary assistance, RFM benefits are measured by the number</p>

	<p>of landowners receiving assistance, by state. State eligibility for RFM matching funds is determined by a formula which incorporates this number and a State-by-State analysis of non-industrial forest lands and landholders.</p> <p><a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/rfm.htm">www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/rfm.htm</a></p>
<b>Reforestation, Nurseries and Genetic Resources Group</b>	<p>The State and Private Forestry branch of the USDA Forest Service provides coordination, technical assistance, and financial assistance to forest and conservation planting projects through the Reforestation, Nurseries, and Genetic Resources (RNGR) team. RNGR technology transfer specialists facilitate information exchange between federal, state, industrial and private nurseries and research organizations. The major technology transfer services include the publications, newsletters, journals which are listed in this web page. The specialists also help coordinate the three regional Forest and Conservation Nursery Associations and other training sessions. Specific inquiries will be handled on a time-available basis.</p> <p><a href="http://www.rngr.net">www.rngr.net</a></p>
<b>Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program</b>	<p><a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crep/crephome.htm">www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crep/crephome.htm</a></p>
<b>Conservation Reserve Program</b>	<p>The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a voluntary program that offers long term rental payments and cost share assistance to farmers establishing permanent vegetative cover on environmentally sensitive cropland. Vegetative cover reduces soil erosion, improves water quality, and enhances or establishes wildlife habitat. When trees are employed as the cover crop, not only are these conservation objectives obtained, but timber, one of our most valuable natural resources can be produced.</p> <p><a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/crp.htm">www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/crp.htm</a></p>
<b>Environmental Quality Incentives Program-</b>	<p>The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) assists private landowners, helping them to address natural resource problems which threaten environmental quality. Cost share is a proven means of overcoming landowner reluctance to make long term investments in public goods. First, EQIP compensates landowners for the lack of market incentive to invest in public goods, such as watershed and wildlife protection. Second, it encourages landowners to make long term investments in maintaining the natural resource base (particularly land management practices capable of arresting or reversing damage to environmentally sensitive areas).</p> <p><a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/eqip.htm">www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/eqip.htm</a></p>

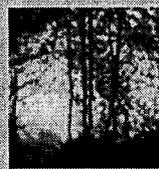
<b>Wetlands Reserve Program</b>	<p>The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is a voluntary program which offers financial support to landowners' wetlands restoration and protection projects. WRP authorizes the Federal government to obtain conservation easements from land owners, and provides cost-share payments for wetlands rehabilitation practices. Restoration of wetland hydrology and vegetation restores the functions and values of wetlands for migratory birds and other wildlife, improves water quality, aides in flood water retention and ground water recharge, increases open space, and provides aesthetic values and environmental education opportunities. WRP allows and encourages tree plantings which are primarily focused upon wetland rehabilitation.</p> <p><a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/wrp.htm">www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/wrp.htm</a></p>
<b>Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program</b>	<p>The Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) provides cost-share assistance to private landowners to help them enhance wildlife habitat areas on their lands. WHIP complements other cost share/incentive programs and provides a mechanism capable of overcoming two major obstacles to increasing wildlife habitat area. First, WHIP compensates landowners for the lack of market incentive to invest in public goods, such as watershed and wildlife protection. Second, it encourages landowners to make long term investments in maintaining the natural resource base (particularly land management practices capable of improving habitat areas).</p> <p><a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/whip.htm">www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/whip.htm</a></p>
<b>Landowner Assistance Programs national homepage</b>	<p>Helping Private Landowners Protect, Improve, Restore, and Sustain, Private Forests.</p> <p><a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/loa.htm">www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/loa.htm</a></p>
<b>Water Quality Improvement Grant Program</b>	<p>This program allocates money from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to interested parties for implementation of nonpoint source management and watershed protection. The distribution of grant funds from EPA is provided pursuant to Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act and administered by the ADEQ Water Quality Division. Projects must focus on improving or protecting water quality within the state of Arizona. Funds are available to public and private entities in Arizona.</p> <p><a href="http://www.adeq.state.az.us/environ/water/mgmt/planning.html">http://www.adeq.state.az.us/environ/water/mgmt/planning.html</a></p>

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**A place for local contractors to list their services for hire in the Southwest**

If you are a contractor willing to do work in Arizona or New Mexico, and willing to work for private citizens, communities, local, county, state or federal organizations, this is the place for you.

Contractors will be listed according to the type of service they can provide, and the county(ies) and states they are willing to work in. The public will be able to query the database for a specific service in a specific county.

The types of contracting services include:

- Planning/Risk Assessments
- Education/Prevention
- Hazardous fuels reduction
- Fire suppression firefighting
- Reforestation

Once you fill out the form it will be reviewed for integrity. Upon acceptance your information will be added to the database, and will be available to the public. You will be issued a username and password after you submit your registration, you will use them to update your information if necessary. All information will expire after 1 year. You will be sent an email notifying you to resubmit your information.

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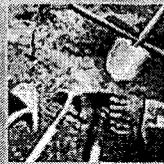
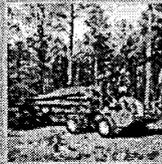
Another way to find contracting information is to go the National Fire Plan Interagency website and click on the Contracting link.

Specific information on each National Fire Region Geographical Area can be found at:  
<http://www.blm.gov/natacq/FIRE/contracting.html>

Another contracting website is the Interior Department Electronic Acquisition System (IDEAS). The Department of the Interior processes its purchase and contracts through the Interior Department Electronic Acquisition System (IDEAS). We encourage you to register in IDEAS if you wish to increase your opportunity to electronically bid on goods and services needed by the Federal government. You may register by clicking on  
[http://ideasec.nbc.gov/ecprod/owa/ecmenu\\$.firstcount/](http://ideasec.nbc.gov/ecprod/owa/ecmenu$.firstcount/).

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**Note:**  
\*Required Fields

### Contact Information

\* First name:

\* Last name:

\* Business Name:

\* Street Address:

\* City:

\* State/Province:

Country:

\* Zip/Postal Code:

\* Telephone:

Web Site:

\* Email:

### What do you want to do? (Check the appropriate box)

- I want to provide contractor services
- I want to be added to State/Federal contract mailing lists (Please select the state where you want to be added to the mailing list in the following box)

I am willing work in the following state(s):

- Arizona
- New Mexico
- Both

\*\*If you only want to be added to the mailing lists please stop here. If you want to be listed as a contractor on the website please fill out the rest of the page\*\*

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I am willing work in the  Arizona  New Mexico

Following county(s):  
(Select one or more)

- Apache
  - Cochise
  - Coconino
  - Gila
  - Graham
  - Greenlee
  - La Paz
  - Maricopa
  - Mohave
  - Navajo
  - Pima
  - Pinal
  - Santa Cruz
  - Yavapai
  - Yuma
  - All Counties
- Bernalillo
  - Catron
  - Chaves
  - Cibola
  - Colfax
  - Curry
  - De Baca
  - Dona Ana
  - Eddy
  - Grant
  - Guadalupe
  - Harding
  - Hidalgo
  - Lea
  - Lincoln
  - Los Alamos
  - Luna
  - McKinley
  - Mora
  - Otero
  - Quay
  - Rio Arriba
  - Roosevelt
  - San Juan
  - San Miguel
  - Sandoval
  - Santa Fe
  - Sierra
  - Socorro
  - Taos
  - Tarrant
  - Union
  - Valencia
  - All Counties

- What type of services will you provide?:  
(Select one or more)
- Planning
  - Education
  - Hazardous Fuels Reduction
  - Fire Suppression Firefighting
  
  - Reforestation

- What type of landownerships are you willing to work on?:  
(Select one or more)
- Private Land
  - County, Municipal, State
  - Federal (any Federal agency)

**\*\*All information provided will be maintained for one year\*\***

\* Please Choose a password:   
An e-mail will be sent to above address with maintainance instructions.

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### Note:

#### \*Required Fields

**Interested Party:**  Individual  Business  Organization  Community  
 (Check the appropriate box)

\* **First name:**

\* **Last name:**

\* **Street Address:**

\* **City:**

\* **State/Province:**

\* **Zip/Postal Code:**

**Country:**

\* **Telephone:**

\* **Email:**

**I Plan to do work in the following**  Arizona  New Mexico  Both  
**state:** States

### What type of assistance are you hoping to receive?

(Select one or more):

- Purchase equipment/supplies, or marketing/utilization of small diameter trees:  
 (select one of the following)
  - For business startup or expansion
  - For fire department or communities
  - For hazardous fuels treatment/utilization (other than businesses)
  
- Training/education/prevention/FIREWISE for fire departments, communities, or other.



- Training and/or education for business skill development and/or community organization.
- Planning for hazardous fuel reduction activities on Federal, state, municipal, tribal land (not private).
- Planning for hazardous fuel reduction activities on private land.
- Planning for businesses
- Hazardous fuels reduction activities (select one or more of the following land ownerships):
  - Private
  - State, County, Municipal

**If you would like to explain in more detail please use the following box:**

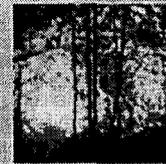
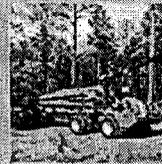
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