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# COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANTS

Community Wildfire Defense Grants, authorized under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, provide communities with funds to plan for and reduce their risks from wildfire. Communities, Tribes, States, nonprofits, and Alaska Native Corporations are eligible to apply for grant funding.

Priority is given to applications that represent:

- areas with high wildfire hazard potential,
- low-income communities,
- and communities impacted by a severe disaster.

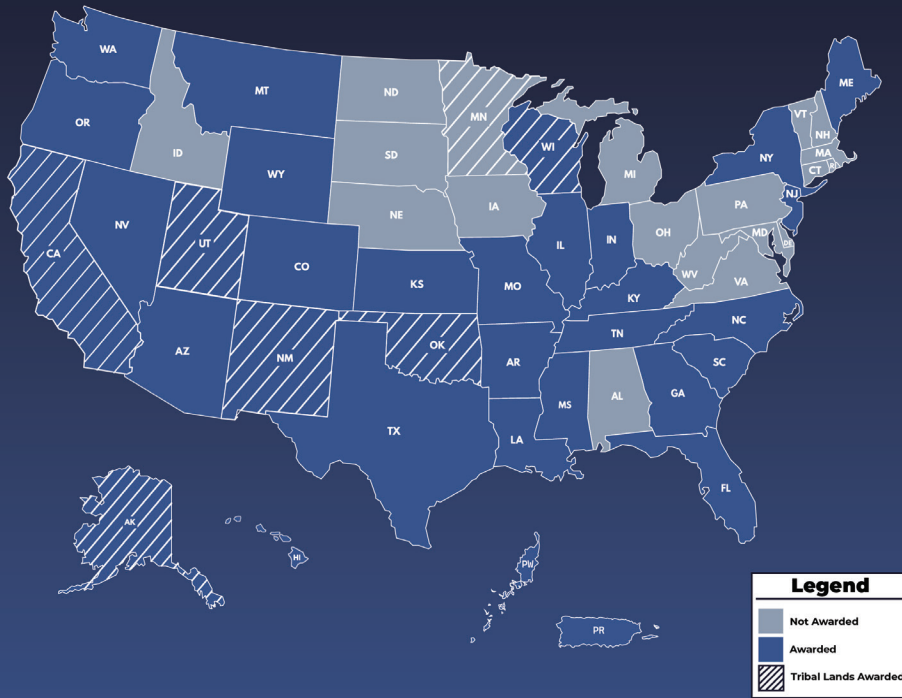
In the second year of this opportunity, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service received 535 applications requesting a total of \$975 million. Applications came from 40 states, two U.S. territories and 41 Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations.

Review panels made up of representatives from Tribes and state forestry agencies selected 158 proposals totaling \$250 million. The awarded projects span 31 different states, 11 Tribes and two U.S. territories.

*Communities in high wildfire risk areas benefit from Community Wildfire Defense Grants. (USDA Forest Service photo)*







## Year Two Selected Applicant Statistics

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58) established eligibility priorities for Community Wildfire Defense Grants. The priorities are weighted equally.

- 100% represented areas of high or very high wildfire hazard potential
- 97% met the definition of underserved communities
- 82% are in areas that have experienced severe disasters
- 72% met all three priorities of eligibility



Pile burning to remove fuels. (USDA Forest Service photo)

Chipping brush along a roadway. (USDA Forest Service photo)



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