



Deschutes County Fuel Reduction Discretionary Grant Program

Funding Guidelines

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners has allocated \$40,000 to fund fuel reduction projects to reduce wildfire risk in Deschutes County communities. Discretionary grants are made available through the County's portion of proceeds from video lottery gaming. Preference will be given to communities or neighborhoods that are working to be recognized as a [Firewise USA™](#) site or are [currently recognized](#) as a Firewise USA™ site and are proposing projects consistent with their Firewise action plan and community assessment.

Purpose

Fuel Reduction discretionary grants are intended to assist communities with specific, short-term projects or activities related to reducing fuels and improving defensible space in Deschutes County. A wide range of activities may be eligible for funding, including, but not limited to, equipment rental, supplies needed for community work parties, contracting out roadside chipping, fuel reduction or defensible space, and debris disposal fees. Deschutes County discourages requests for regular maintenance (i.e. pine needle raking and removal) and ongoing operational funding that cannot be sustained beyond the grant period.

Eligibility

Applicants for Fuel Reduction discretionary grants must be working at a neighborhood or community scale (not individual properties) to reduce wildfire risks. Activities should result in reduction of wildland fuels and/or improvement of defensible space.

Funding

The amount of funding available for projects in the current fiscal year (through June 30, 2020) is \$40,000. There are no established minimum or maximum amounts for grant requests, however awards are anticipated to range between \$500 and \$5,000 and award amounts will be dependent on demand.

Application

Applicants must complete and submit one copy of the Deschutes County Fuel Reduction Discretionary Grant application. The most competitive applications will contribute some matching resources toward the project budget, either in cash, volunteer time or in goods and services; however, a match is not specifically required.

Completed application packets should be mailed or sent via email to the following address:

Ed Keith, County Forester
61150 SE 27th Street, Bend, OR 97702
ed.keith@deschutes.org

Timelines

The first round of applications will be accepted until December 13th, 2019, and will be reviewed shortly thereafter. A site visit may be conducted as part of the review. Applicants will be notified of results by the end of December. Projects should be completed prior to June 30, 2020. Applications received after December 13th may be considered depending on available funding.

Evaluation

Upon receipt, Deschutes County staff will screen applications for completeness. Incomplete applications may be returned to the applicant with a request for additional information. Factors that will be considered during the review process include, but are not limited to, whether the neighborhood or community is a recognized Firewise USA™ site or is working to become one, whether the proposed project is consistent with the Firewise action plan and community assessment, the number and/or size of properties that are anticipated to participate in the project, and matching resources (cash or in-kind) provided to accomplish the project. Awards will also be dependent on the available balance remaining at the time the application is reviewed.

Awards

All applicants will be notified of the funding decision. At that time, successful applicants will receive instructions describing how to receive the grant award.

Post-Award Requirements

Acknowledgement of Funding: If any public recognition is made related to the purpose for which the grant was received, such as in media announcements, marketing materials, advertising, or information campaigns, grant recipients must acknowledge support from the Deschutes County Fuel Reduction Discretionary Grant Program.

Final Report: Recipients will be required to submit a brief written report upon completion of the grant funded project or activity that summarizes results and certifies that grant funds were used as intended. Proof of expenses is required. To comply with restrictions on the use of public funds, recipients may be asked to furnish financial and accounting information for audit purposes.

Compliance: Grant recipients who do not comply with award requirements established by Deschutes County may be subject to repaying funds received and may become ineligible for future funding consideration.

Additional Information

For additional information about this Deschutes County Discretionary Grant Program, please contact Ed Keith, County Forester at 541-322-7117 or ed.keith@deschutes.org



Deschutes County

Fuel Reduction Discretionary Grant Program Application

Project Name:

Project Beginning Date:

Project End Date:

Amount Requested:

Date Funds Needed:

Name of Applicant Organization:

Address:

City & Zip Code:

Contact Name(s):

Telephone #:

Email Address:

On a separate sheet(s), please briefly answer the following questions:

1. Describe the applicant organization, including whether you are a current Firewise USA™ site and if so, how this project is consistent with your action plan and community assessment.
2. Describe the proposed project or activity.
3. Provide a timeline for the proposed project or activity.
4. Explain how the proposed project or activity will improve wildfire safety and reduce risks to the community.
5. Identify the properties that will participate in the project. Provide a map if possible.
6. Describe how grant funds will be used and include the source and amounts of matching funds or in-kind contributions, if any. Itemize anticipated expenditures in a project budget. (Volunteer time should be valued at the national volunteer rate of \$25.43 per hour.)