

## 2025-2026 Wildfire Risk Reduction Program for Rural Communities Funding Application

Application due to BLM by Friday, March 7, 2025

Application due to NMC by Friday, April 4, 2025

Application checklist must be submitted with funding application

General Information	
<b>Project type</b> Use separate application for each project.	<input type="checkbox"/> CWPP Update (award up to \$25,000) <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Outreach Activities (award up to \$20,000) <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Fuels Reduction Treatment (award up to \$100,000)
<b>Project title</b>	
<b>Amount requesting</b>	\$
<b>Match amount</b> A minimum 10% match is required for all projects.	\$  List type(s) or source(s) of match (in-kind, etc.):
<b>Applicant organization</b>	
<b>Applicant address</b>	Street: City: State: Zip:
<b>Applicant contact</b>	Name: Title: Phone: Email:
<b>Organization type</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> County Government <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality <input type="checkbox"/> Political Subdivision (e.g. Soil & Water Conservation District) <input type="checkbox"/> Native American Tribe <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization
<b>Federal EIN #</b>	
<b>Does your organization receive more than \$500,000 in federal funding on an annual basis?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, applicants must submit a copy of their audit with this application.  <input type="checkbox"/> No

<p><b>Has your organization previously received funding from the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program?</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, grant year(s):</p> <p>Name of project(s) funded:</p> <p>Amount(s): \$</p>
<p><b>Has this project been submitted to, or will be submitted to, other funding sources?</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, name of funding source(s):</p> <p>Amount requested: \$</p>
<p><b>Project location</b>  <a href="https://www.topozone.com/">https://www.topozone.com/</a></p>	<p>Project coordinates/central area location:  Latitude ____ . ____ N    Longitude ____ . ____ W</p> <p>Shape files:  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, attached (Required for CWPP updates, fuels reduction projects and ground disturbing education &amp; outreach projects)  <input type="checkbox"/> No, not required</p>
<p><b>District information</b></p> <p><a href="https://www2.census.gov/geo/maps/cong_dist/uswall/cd115/CD115_US_WallMap.pdf?#">https://www2.census.gov/geo/maps/cong_dist/uswall/cd115/CD115_US_WallMap.pdf?#</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.nmlegis.gov/Members/Districts">https://www.nmlegis.gov/Members/Districts</a></p>	<p>Congressional district number:</p> <p>State Senate district number:</p> <p>State House of Representatives district number:</p>
<p><b>Identify the most current CWPP update for your community, county or tribe.</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/fire-prevention-programs/community-wildfire-protection-plans-cwpp/">https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/fire-prevention-programs/community-wildfire-protection-plans-cwpp/</a></p>	<p>CWPP title:</p> <p>Approval date:</p> <p>Provide a link to the most recent CWPP:</p>
<p><b>Check all boxes that relate to your project objectives.</b></p> <p>National Cohesive Strategy information:  <a href="https://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/strategy/thestrategy.shtml">https://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/strategy/thestrategy.shtml</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Community Wildfire Protection Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach &amp;/or Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Defensible Space</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Protect Watershed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ecosystem Restoration</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Protect Threatened &amp; Endangered Species Habitat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reduce Invasive Species</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Reduction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rangeland Health</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Improves Responses to Wildfire</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintains Previous Investments</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aids in Reducing Large Fire Costs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provides for Firefighter Safety</li> </ul>

<b>Communities at Risk</b> List as rated in the 2022 Communities at Risk Assessment Plan: <a href="https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/fire-prevention-programs/community-wildfire-protection-plans-cwpp/">https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/fire-prevention-programs/community-wildfire-protection-plans-cwpp/</a>	List Communities at Risk. High: Medium: Low:  List additional communities affected, but not on list (if applicable):
<b>Does this project provide a direct mutual benefit to other initiatives by non-profit/state/federal entities such as BLM, NM Forestry, State Land Office or US Forest Service?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Is yes, list agency(s):
<b>Community, local, state and federal partners &amp; their role in the project</b>	Community:  Local government:  State:  Federal:  ✓ Attach letters of commitment from each partner identifying role, responsibility and cost sharing arrangement (if any).

<b>Project Timeline</b>		
<b>Project Tasks</b> Provide a brief description of the project's sequential tasks.	<b>Time Frame</b> Provide duration of time for each task within the 12-month grant period.	<b>Responsible Party</b> Grant applicant or appropriate partner.

Add lines as needed.

<b>Budget Summary</b>	
<b>Summarize the project budget:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a clear understanding for your request.</li> <li>• Provide specific information on personnel costs.</li> <li>• Note if you expect to receive any income from your project (firewood sales, etc.).</li> </ul>	

<b>Budget Spreadsheet</b>	These expenses may qualify as cost share/match. See OMB circulars A110 & 102.			Total Project Cost
	Grant Funds	Applicant Contribution	Partner/Third Party Contribution	
Personnel				
Travel				
Equipment				
Supplies				
Contractual				
Other (specify)				
<b>Total</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$

If there are fringe benefits or indirect charges that you'd like to include, enter as "other" and specify type.

## CWPP Update Applicants ONLY

### Project Details

#### Project Description

Provide:

- Clear scope of work
- Need for project
- Scale of project

Describe:

- Community specific strategies
- Impact on Communities at Risk ratings
- Community/economic benefits
- Mutual benefits to other projects or initiatives
- How your project will advance fire adapted community resilience

Narrative:

- ✓ Attach project area map(s).
- ✓ Provide electronic shape files.

#### Previous Experience

- Describe previous experience for this type of project.
- Note successes and failures.

Narrative:

Paste web link to previous experience documentation:

(If web link not available, attach examples supporting previous experience.)

#### Do you have an established CWPP core team?

Yes

If yes, list core team members:

No

If no, list members/agencies you intend to contact:

CWPP update requirements:

<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/fire-prevention-programs/community-wildfire-protection-plans-cwpp/>

### BLM Requirements

#### BLM Benefits

Projects must show benefit to BLM lands.

- Explain how your project benefits BLM lands.
- Include actual mileage information between project and BLM land.

Benefit to BLM Land:

Treatment on tribal land:  Yes  No  
(If yes, allow additional time for application processing)

Distance to BLM Land:

If the project is adjacent, you may put adjacent. Do not use terms such as close or nearby.

#### BLM District Office Review

All projects must be reviewed and recommended by your local BLM district office.

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BLM district office closest to project location:

Fire/Fuels management officer contacted about project:

BLM NM district offices: [www.blm.gov/office/new-mexico-state-office](http://www.blm.gov/office/new-mexico-state-office)

### BLM Fire Management Officer/Fuels Specialist Signature

By signing this application, the BLM representative states that they understand the scope of work and recommends that the project move forward to the grant evaluation panel for funding consideration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
BLM Fire/Fuels Management Officer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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<b>Additional Requirements for Ground-Disturbing Activity</b>	
If you are applying for a ground-disturbing demonstration project, the following information and additional signatures must be provided.	
<b>This section to be filled out by BLM representative ONLY</b>	
<b>Biological Review and Signature</b>	
Will animal or plant species proposed or listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) potentially be exposed to this project, or will proposed or designated critical habitat for a listed species be exposed to this project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>If exposure will occur, potential impacts must be analyzed in a Biological Assessment (BA). The BA documents the potential impacts and the anticipated responses (e.g., none, injury, death, reduced reproductive success, reduced foraging success, abandoned the area, etc.) to any likely exposure.</b>	
Was a Biological Assessment documenting the conclusions and the rationale for those conclusions regarding the project's effects on proposed or listed species and/or their critical habitat written for this project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Information on how to write a Biological Assessment, can be found at <i>Guidance for Preparing a Biological Assessment</i> , <a href="https://biologists handbook.com">https://biologists handbook.com</a> . If your project impacts proposed or listed species, or proposed or designated critical habitat, ESA Section 7 determinations or findings must be provided in your BA. The ESA Section 7 determination for each species and/or critical habitat should be explicit and will generally be one of the following: 1) No effect; 2) May affect not likely to adversely affect; or 3) May affect, likely to adversely affect.	
<b>Was ESA Section 7 Consultation (informal or formal) initiated with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)?</b> *If yes, provide agency, contact and date of submission:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>If ESA Section 7 Consultation was initiated, has it been completed?</b> Section 7 Consultation must be completed prior to project initiation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
_____ BLM Wildlife Biologist Signature	_____ Date
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<b>Tribal Land Requirement</b> Review the proposed project area and the definition of "tribal lands" in 36 CFR 800.16(x), and send to the NM State Office cultural lead for review, noting whether the project area meets the definition	
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Contact Hannah Kase Woods at (505) 820-8102 or [hwoods@nmcountries.org](mailto:hwoods@nmcountries.org) if you have any questions.