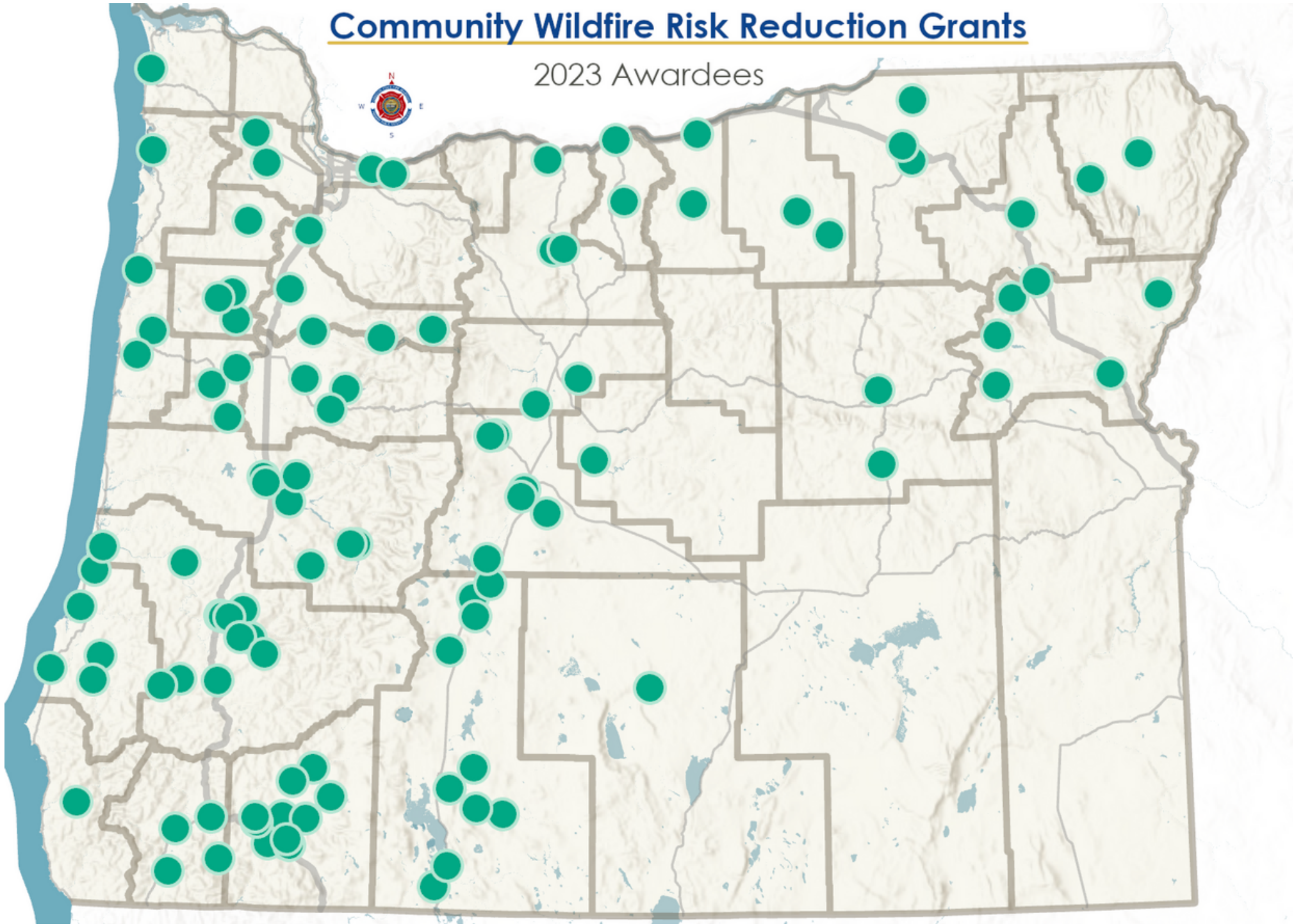


Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grants

2023 Awardees





COMMUNITY WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION GRANT **BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES**

BACKGROUND

This competitive grant was open to local governments, special districts, structural fire service agencies, and non-governmental organizations. Funds are for wildfire risk reduction projects, equipment, and staff for local efforts.

The projects will help protect people, property, and communities from wildfire and better prepare communities for wildfire impacts, creating a more fire-adapted Oregon.

Allowable costs include personnel, projects for vulnerable communities, defensible space programs, community common area projects, educational projects, fuel mitigation and reduction, tree service and debris clearing companies, planning, and administrative costs.

Unallowable costs include fire suppression and response equipment, personal protective equipment, prescribed burns, building infrastructure, road paving projects, home hardening, federal grant matches, and contracting or funding a state agency.

KICKOFF MEETING

In the first five months, the OSFM will host an in-person project kickoff meeting and applicants must attend. More details will be given to applicants.

FUNDING

Funding will be allocated as soon as possible after grant award notification in a one-time lump sum to be spent across the grant time period. The funding was available from 2021's Senate Bill 762.

TIMELINE

Applications opened	December 2022
Applications closed	January 31, 2023
Data analysis	February 2023
Committee scoring	March - April 2023
Award notifications	May 2023



COMMUNITY WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION GRANT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE GRANT'S GOAL?

The goal is to give communities the tools they need to be better adapted to living with wildfire. By offering grant funding to local governments, the fire service, special districts, and organizations, communities can build systems, programs, and projects that work for them.

Project examples may include yard debris recycling days, curbside chipping programs, community education, equipment purchases, Firewise community support, and staff to support local efforts.

WHO WAS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

This competitive grant was open to local governments, special districts, structural fire service agencies, and non-governmental organizations for funds to support individual community members.

The funds will enable local organizations to create and/or support existing programs to reduce wildfire risk in communities. Example projects may include yard debris recycling days, curbside chipping programs, community education, equipment purchases, Firewise community support, and staffing to support local efforts.

Additional funding programs will be available to individual landowners in spring 2023. Please visit the [OSFM grants webpage to sign up for funding opportunity updates.](#)

WHAT WERE THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS?

The requirements are covered in [section A of the application guide.](#)

ARE THERE COST SHARE OR MATCH REQUIREMENTS?

No.

ARE THESE ONE-TIME FUNDS?

Yes, these are one-time funds. The Oregon State Legislature allocated the funds for the 2021-23 biennium. The current legislative process determines future allocations for this grant or similar grants.

WHO SCORED AWARDS? WHAT WERE THE SCORING CRITERIA?

Please see the scoring page below in this document.



COMMUNITY WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION GRANT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN WILL FUNDS BE DISTRIBUTED?

The funds will be distributed when the scoring process is complete, dependent on the number of applications and selected projects.

WHY WASN'T MY PROJECT FUNDED?

Careful and thorough consideration was given equally to all applications. The need in Oregon is greater than the funding available. Many creative projects were submitted and we continue to learn new, innovative ways to protect Oregonians against wildfire. The OSFM seeks to turn these one-time funding opportunities into continual funding.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE A QUESTION?

Please email OSFM.grants@osp.oregon.gov.



COMMUNITY WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION GRANT APPLICATION STATISTICS

APPLICATIONS, PROJECTS, AND MONEY REQUESTED

161 applications

269 projects

\$44,543,521 requested

PROJECTS AND AMOUNT REQUESTED BY ORGANIZATION TYPE

Non-governmental organizations	69	\$6,515,184
Counties	33	\$5,645,229
Fire agencies	113	\$25,864,279
Municipalities	42	\$5,332,263
Other	1	---
Rangeland Fire Protection Association	7	\$590,866
Special districts	4	\$595,700
Totals	269	\$44,543,521



COMMUNITY WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION GRANT **SCORING**

SCORING COMMITTEE

The scoring committee was comprised of representatives from:

- The OSFM
- Other state government agencies
- Fire service agencies
- Non-governmental organizations
- Special districts
- Emergency management

HOW WAS SCORING DETERMINED?

Projects were prioritized based on:

- Impact in high wildfire-risk regions
- Communities with high social vulnerability
- Those in and around the built environment
- Providing defensible space and community resiliency
- Protecting people and communities
- Geographically diverse projects to ensure all areas of the state have the resources to improve community wildfire risk reduction and better prepare communities