



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 2022 the Forest Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, received 417 Community Wildfire Defense Grant applications for a total request of \$525 million. Applications came from 36 States and 1 U.S. Territory, and Tribes and Alaska Native corporations submitted approximately 45 of the 417 applications. Review panels made up of representatives from Tribes and State forestry agencies selected 100 proposals totaling \$197 million in this initial round.

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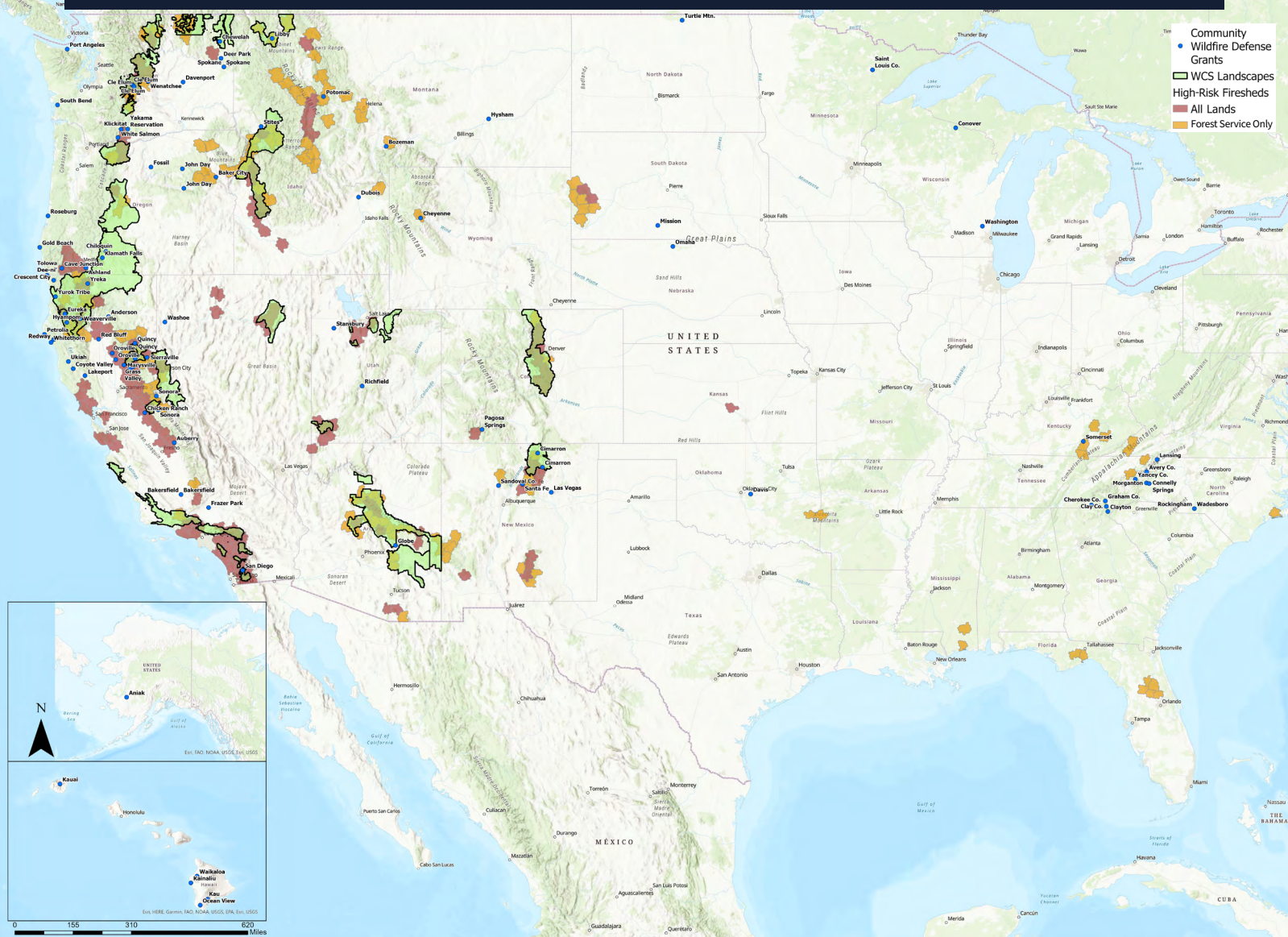
Selected Applicant Statistics

One hundred applicants were selected for Community Wildfire Defense Grants in the first round. Recipients represent 7 Tribes and 22 States. The funding total for approved grants from Tribes is \$4.78 million.

- 100% meet at least two of the three priorities of eligibility¹
- 100% represent areas of high or very high wildfire hazard potential
- 84% meet all three priorities of eligibility
- 86% meet the definition of underserved communities
- 64% implement projects described in a community wildfire protection plan
- 36% develop or revise community wildfire protection plans
- 54% contain a roofing ordinance

¹ Eligibility priorities were established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58), and are listed at the end of the first paragraph of this factsheet. Priorities are weighted equally.

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FUTURE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANT APPLICATIONS

Communities that did not apply or were not selected in this initial round will have future opportunities to apply for Community Wildfire Defense Grant funding. The Forest Service will announce the next round of funding in 2023 and will provide additional technical assistance and guidance to communities.



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