



# CWDG – Community Wildfire Defense Grants

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# Program Purpose

- Helps communities in the wildland urban interface (WUI) implement the three goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy (Cohesive Strategy):
  - **Restore and Maintain Landscapes:**
  - **Create Fire Adapted Communities:**
  - **Improve Wildfire Response:**



# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- Fire Years – 1 Billion dollars
- \$160,000,000 per year



# Two Project Types

- The Development and revisions of Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP).
- The implementation of Projects in a CWPP less than 10 years old.



# Eligibility

- At risk community – Wildfire Risk Assessment
  - State
  - Regional
  - National
- CWPP < 10 years Old or Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)
  - Action item in a CWPP



# Projects

- Home assessments
- Defensible space creation
- Staff support prevention
- Building codes
- **Prescribed fire training**
- **Vegetation and fuels management**



# Match

- CWPP development 10% match
- Projects 25% Match
  
- Match waived for low income counties.





# Numbers

- Requests for CWDG application links: 57
- Submitted applications: 45
- Total amount requested: \$53,980,256
- Average request: \$1,358,186
- Median request: \$526,650
- Largest request: \$10,000,000
- Smallest request: \$42,601
- Requests for new or update CWPP: 18
- Requests to implement action items: 27



# More Numbers

- Kittitas County had the biggest application at \$10,000,000
- Okanogan CD had the second at \$9,995,689
- Edelweiss A Firewise USA site submitted one for: \$2,093,127
  - A total of 3 Firewise USA sites submitted applications
- Mason PUD submitted one
- 3 NGO's submitted
  - Café
  - Methow Trails
  - Mt. Adams Resource Stewards
- DNR submitted 4. Two in NE region and Two in SE region
- 1 Tribal – Nisqually (through DNR)
- DEM, Fire District and Conservation Districts



# Round 2

# Late Spring 2023



