



2026-2027 Wildfire Risk Reduction Program for Rural Communities Funding Application

Instructions:

- Application due to BLM by Friday, February 27, 2026
- Application due to NMC by Friday, March 27, 2026
- Each application must include the General Information **and** CWPP, Education/Outreach **or** Hazardous Fuels Treatment
- Application checklist must be submitted with funding application

General Information	
Project type Use separate application for each project.	<input type="checkbox"/> CWPP Update (award up to \$30,000) <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Outreach Activities (award up to \$20,000) <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Fuels Reduction Treatment (award up to \$100,000)
Project title	
Amount requesting	\$
Match amount A minimum 10% match is required for all projects.	\$ List type(s) or source(s) of match (in-kind, etc.):
Applicant organization	
Applicant address	Street: City: State: Zip:
Applicant contact	Name: Title: Phone: Email:
Organization type	<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
Federal EIN #	
Does your organization receive more than \$500,000 in federal funding on an annual basis?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, applicants must submit a copy of their audit with this application. <input type="checkbox"/> No

Has your organization previously received funding from the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, grant year(s): Name of project(s) funded: Amount(s): \$
Has this project been submitted to, or will be submitted to, other funding sources?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, name of funding source(s): Amount requested: \$
Project location https://www.topozone.com/	Project coordinates/central area location: Latitude ____ . ____ N Longitude ____ . ____ W Shape files: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, attached (Required for CWPP updates, fuels reduction projects and ground disturbing education & outreach projects) <input type="checkbox"/> No, not required
District information https://www2.census.gov/geo/maps/cong_dist/uswall/cd115/CD115_US_WallMap.pdf?# https://www.nmlegis.gov/Members/Districts	Congressional district number: State Senate district number: State House of Representatives district number:
Identify the most current CWPP update for your community, county or tribe. https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/fire-prevention-programs/community-wildfire-protection-plans-cwpp/	CWPP title: Approval date: Provide a link to the most recent CWPP:
Check all boxes that relate to your project objectives. National Cohesive Strategy information: https://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/strategy/thestrategy.shtml	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Wildfire Protection Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach &/or Education <input type="checkbox"/> Defensible Space <input type="checkbox"/> Protect Watershed <input type="checkbox"/> Ecosystem Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Protect Threatened & Endangered Species Habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce Invasive Species <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Reduction <input type="checkbox"/> Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) <input type="checkbox"/> Rangeland Health <input type="checkbox"/> Improves Responses to Wildfire <input type="checkbox"/> Maintains Previous Investments <input type="checkbox"/> Aids in Reducing Large Fire Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Provides for Firefighter Safety

<p>Communities at Risk List as rated in the 2022 Communities at Risk Assessment Plan: https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/fire-prevention-programs/community-wildfire-protection-plans-cwpp/</p>	<p>List Communities at Risk. High: Medium: Low: List additional communities affected, but not on list (if applicable):</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is yes, list agency(s):</p>
<p>Community, local, state and federal partners & their role in the project</p>	<p>Community: Local government: State: Federal: ✓ Attach letters of commitment from each partner identifying role, responsibility and cost sharing arrangement (if any).</p>

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

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

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

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		
<p>Provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear scope of work • Need for project • Scale of project <p>Describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Narrative:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">✓ Attach project area map(s).</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">✓ Provide electronic shape files.</p>	
Previous Experience		<p>Narrative:</p> <p>Paste web link to previous experience documentation:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(If web link not available, attach examples supporting previous experience.)</p>
Do you have an established CWPP core team?		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, list core team members:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No If no, list members/agencies you intend to contact:</p>
BLM Requirements		
<p>BLM Benefits</p> <p>Projects must show benefit to BLM lands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how your project benefits BLM lands. • Include actual <u>mileage</u> information between project and BLM land. 	<p>Benefit to BLM Land:</p> <p>Treatment on tribal land: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, allow additional time for application processing)</p> <p>Distance to BLM Land: If the project is adjacent, you may put adjacent. Do not use terms such as close or nearby.</p>	
<p>BLM District Office Review</p> <p>All projects must be reviewed and recommended by your local BLM district office.</p> <p>Application must be submitted to your local BLM district office by Friday, February 27th to allow processing time prior to the application deadline.</p>	<p>BLM district office closest to project location:</p> <p>Fire/Fuels management officer contacted about project:</p> <p>BLM NM district offices: www.blm.gov/office/new-mexico-state-office</p>	
BLM Fire Management Officer/Fuels Specialist Signature		
<p>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.</p> <hr/> <p>BLM Fire/Fuels Management Officer Signature</p>		<hr/> <p>Date</p>

Education & Outreach Applicants ONLY	
<p>If you are applying for a ground-disturbing demonstration project, your application must include a map of the project footprint, vegetation photographs, and a link and map of endangered species in the area and require clearances (see below).</p>	
<p>Project Description</p> <p>Provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear scope of work • Scale of project • Need for education • Target audience <p>Describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community events • Community economic benefits • Reasons for purchasing/developing products • Understanding of special considerations • How you'll survey participants, monitor effectiveness and collect data 	<p>Narrative:</p> <p>(For ground-disturbing demonstration projects only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Attach project area map(s). ✓ Provide electronic shape files.
<p>Previous Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe previous experience for this type of project. • Note successes and failures. 	<p>Narrative:</p> <p>Web link to previous experience documentation:</p> <p>(If web link not available, attach examples supporting previous experience.)</p>
<p>Meetings/Activities/Trainings</p>	<p>Number of activities planned:</p> <p>List types of meetings or activities:</p> <p>Anticipated number of attendees for project duration:</p>
<p>Products Developed or Purchased</p> <p>Provide specifics on the types of products such as green waste roll-off containers, billboard rental, etc.</p> <p>Include marketing materials you intend develop or purchase with anticipated cost per item, number of items printed such as brochures, booklets, advertising, and television spots, etc.</p>	<p>List types of products you plan to purchase or develop:</p> <p>How many products do you plan to purchase or develop?</p>
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Additional Requirements for Ground-Disturbing Activity			
If you are applying for a ground-disturbing demonstration project, the following information and additional signatures must be provided.			
This section to be filled out by BLM representative ONLY			
Biological Review and Signature			
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	
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.			
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> , https://biologistshandbook.com . 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.			
Was ESA Section 7 Consultation (informal or formal) initiated with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)? <small>*If yes, provide agency, contact and date of submission:</small>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
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BLM Wildlife Biologist Signature		Date	
Cultural Review and Signature			
BLM Field Office Archeologist Signature		Date	
Tribal Land Requirement <small>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</small>			
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Hazardous Fuels Treatment Applicants ONLY

<p>Project Description</p> <p>Provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear scope of work • Project need • Type of project: maintenance or retreatment of area • Type and number of landowners benefited <p>Describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific treatment method(s) and note why the method is appropriate and consistent with other prescriptions in the area • Vegetation type • Community notification/outreach • Community economic benefits • Understanding of clearance requirements, etc. • How you will address endangered species impacts (if applicable) • How you propose to mitigate cultural impacts (if applicable) <p>Prescribed burning is explicitly excluded as an approved practice through this grant program.</p>	<p>Narrative:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">✓ Attach photographs of project area. ✓ Attach project area map(s). ✓ Provide electronic shape files. ✓ Provide link and map of endangered species area (if applicable).</p>																				
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<p>Treatment Acres (Total acres treated will exceed project footprint if more than one type of treatment.)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Treatment Type (e.g. cut, treat, grazing)</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Vegetation Type</th> <th style="width: 25%;"># of Acres</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Add lines as needed</td> <td> </td> <td>Total #:</td> <td>Total: \$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Treatment Type (e.g. cut, treat, grazing)	Vegetation Type	# of Acres	Cost													Add lines as needed		Total #:	Total: \$
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Example:			
Treatment type	Vegetation type	# Acres	
Cut	P/J	25	
Grazing	Grass	50	
Total treated acres:			75 acres

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