

US Forest
Service,
Southwestern
Region
Cooperative
Fire Program



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Cooperative Fire Program and Alignment with National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy Goals

Make progress towards:

1. Fire resilient landscapes
2. Fire adapted communities
3. Safe and Effective Wildfire Response.



Cooperative Fire Federal Financial Assistance Grants

Fund State Fire Assistance (SFA), Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA), Community Wildfire Defense Grants, Community Wildfire Protection Plans, and Non-Federal Lands Hazardous Fuels reduction projects.

Over \$50 million dollars are invested within New Mexico between State and Tribal partners.





SFA and VFA

-Funding made available directly to states to bolster wildfire training, fire prevention, fire suppression equipment, and support fire funded positions.

VFA:

- Volunteer Fire departments serving a rural area or a rural community with a population of 10,000 or less is eligible.

SFA:

- Funds can be sub-granted down directly to local fire districts or held at the state level.

SFA/VFA funding awarded directly to states (Forestry Division of New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department)



Community Wildfire Defense Grants

- Funding opportunities to establish a new Community Wildfire Protection Plan or re-write older plans.

- Fund community risk mitigation projects (i.e. thinning, rx burn, hazardous fuels reductions) found within an established CWPP.

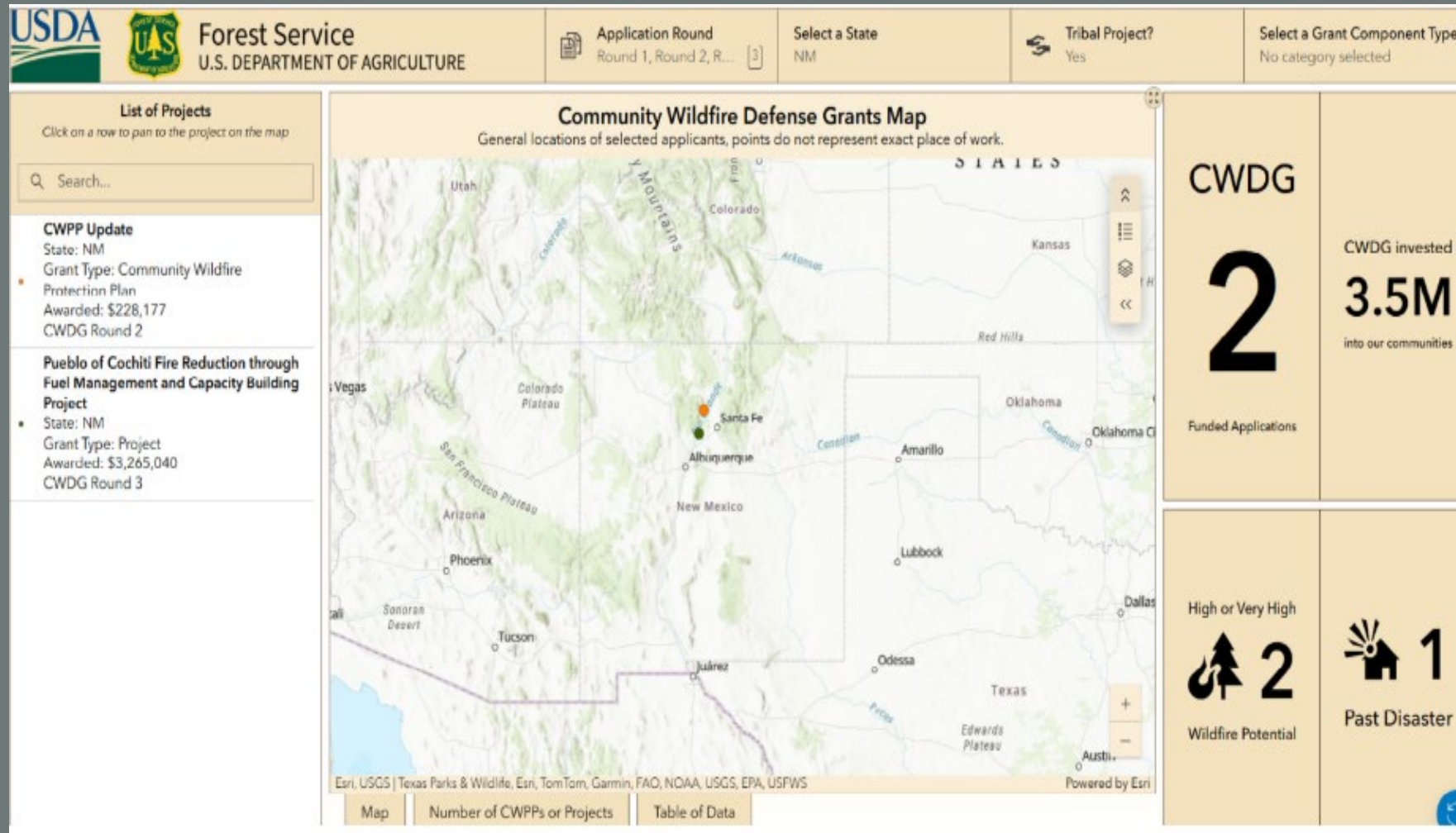
*Available to tribal communities and local municipalities.



CWDG Round #3 – New Mexico



Tribal CWDG Awards



Thank you

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