



County of Sonoma

Response to Questions presented to Vegetation Management Grant Program

January 12, 2022

The following is a response to the questions submitted to the Vegetation Management Grant Program prior to January 7, 2022.

Questions:

1. The instructions in Attachment D limit the response to 4 double-sided pages. Since the application is being submitted via email, does that mean that Attachment D can be 8 pages?

Response:

Correct, the proposal may consist of 8 page description of the narrative proposal. Brevity is encouraged.

2. Do any supplemental documents for CEQA count towards that page limit?

Response:

Supplemental documents for CEQA do not count towards the 8-page limit.

3. Is a CEQA categorical exemption approval required BEFORE a grant can be rewarded?

Response:

Your project must be either exempt from CEQA or CEQA review must be complete before the grant award. If CEQA has not been completed for the proposed project by another lead agency and the applicant believes that their project is exempt from CEQA, the applicant should indicate why, referring to the specific CEQA categorical exemption(s), and provide any supporting documentation. The final CEQA determination will ultimately be decided by the County of Sonoma when acting as lead agency. For more information on CEQA, please see [\[link\]](#)

4. Is this grant only available to non-profit groups, or is it open to the general public?

Response:

This funding is targeted to support the work of local fire districts, schools, communities with Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs), Resource Conservation Districts, community groups, nonprofit organizations, licensed foresters, Tribal entities, and technical advisors. Funding will not be provided to individual landowners or private companies. Individual landowners are encouraged to partner with their local fire safe council, resource conservation district, a licensed forester, or other community group or non-profit organization that is able to enter into a legal agreement with the County.

5. Can a for-profit business apply, or does the applying organization need to be a special district or NGO in order to be eligible?

Response:

This funding is targeted to support the work of local fire districts, schools, communities with Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs), Resource Conservation Districts, community groups, nonprofit organizations but licensed foresters and technical advisors can apply too.

6. What company would you recommend to come out and survey my property to tell me how much it would cost for me to remedy the problems caused by the dead trees?

Response:

Since this is a competitive grant process we are unable to recommend tree services or specific non-profit organizations that you can work with to obtain a cost estimate. However, you can visit our website to see the types of organizations that received grant funding to determine if any of those organizations can work with you.