



Valley County Firewise Grant Application Rules

Read the entire document to understand all the application questions.

- Application period February 1– April 15.
- Valley County Fire Working Group (VCFWG) will review application and assign priority. All decisions for project awards are at the sole discretion of the Board of County Commissioners.
- Include all examples of collaboration.
- Include all information in the application. Details matter. All reimbursement requests will require detailed documentation of expenditure. Include all receipts and confirmation of payment. Reimbursements made to the entity of record. No personal reimbursement for community projects.
- Applications receiving priority may undergo a site visit for more information.
- Inspectors assigned to awarded projects.
- The recipient agrees to display a provided project sign throughout the summer season.
- Proposals that include reimbursement for Woody Debris Bins are not accepted and are deferred to the Bring It Don't Burn It County cost-share program. No equipment purchases.
- Successful applicants receive notification no later than May 15.
- Deadline for completion is September 1.

Section 1

Grant Category

Individual Landowner: Owns property where project work is located. May or may not be unaffiliated with a community organization that does not qualify as a Community Applicant. Multiple individual owners may collaborate for a shared outcome even though the applications are separate. Individuals may apply solely for a project specific to their ownership.

Community: An organized entity with the ability to engage in agreement with the County for reimbursement, receive the reimbursement and show appropriate organizational management in the name of the applicant. Multiple individual ownerships may qualify under the banner of the organization and will work with the organization for project funding allocation and reimbursement through the organization. Community organizations are responsible for engaging contractors who will complete the project work and provide payment to the contractor directly. Community organizations will have an individual designated to be the project manager with authority to engage with the County Inspector on project development and completion of the project.

Larger Landowner: Landowners with multiple acres adjacent to community developments may apply and engage in projects that would result in a mutually beneficial outcome.

Project Name

Choose a title for the project. Owner name, community, street, neighborhood, or other designation to distinguish the project.

Reimbursement Entity, Address, Phone Number, Email Address

Reimbursement Entity. If you are applying for a Community Grant this will require a legal financial entity responsible for receiving and dispersing funds. If this is your project on your property, you need only fill out your information. Only the recipient listed on the application will receive an approved reimbursement. Reimbursement is based on final inspection of completed work on the proposed project area. Photos required. (Limited to 4).

Project Contact Name, Phone Number, Email Address

If this is your project, please duplicate your information here. If you are the designate project manager for a community, please fill this out.

Fire District Serving your area.

If you are unsure, please ask.

Previous Application Status – check all that apply.

- None Submitted – never applied before
- Successfully completed one project – Received reimbursement.
- Successfully completed more than one project - Received reimbursement.
- Received approval, project not completed – No reimbursement.
- Application unsuccessful – Your application did not receive funding approval.

Funding is not available to provide maintenance activities for previously completed projects through this program.

Section 2

Proposal to Utilize a Valley County Firewise Grant – Your reasons for Applying. Not available to use for cost share funding to rent a woody debris bin. Not available to purchase equipment.

Type of project – Check all that apply if relevant.

- Fuels Removal – reducing vegetation and high-risk woody debris. Create defensible space. Woody debris bin rental cost is not reimbursable. The Woody Debris Bin Cost Share program is available.
- Landscape Hardening – Replace areas of vegetation with non-flammable materials.
- Propane Tank Safety – Bury, relocate, remove dangerous vegetation around tanks.

- Firewise Material Upgrade – replacing flammable building materials with fire resistant materials. This is a rarely funded category that is only for certain situations where there is danger to the structure or neighborhood. Full cost reimbursement is unlikely.
- Evacuation Planning – Communities may apply for this funding to assist with development of a plan for residents to understand options, routing and decision making.
- Firewise Garden Development – Working with Idaho Firewise to replace flammable vegetation with drought resistant Firewise options.
- Other – If you have another idea, explain in detail in your narrative.

Project Narrative

Explain your project in detail. Projects with vision and projected results will score well during assessment. If you do not know exactly what result you are seeking, let us know and we can help walk you through a proposal. FYI We are encouraging applicants to plan to hire a contractor to complete the work. If your plan is to accomplish the work yourself, as a community or in tandem with a contractor, please be very explicit. Explain how the community will implement the project. Value will need to be determined prior to approval and at the conclusion of the project.

Previous Project(s)

Explain the result of successfully reimbursed project and how they integrate or impact this application. If have never received a grant, type N/A. Funding is not available to provide maintenance activities for previously completed projects.

Project Collaboration

Who else is involved with your project? Are you collaborating with other landowners on your own project with a planned result that will impact more than your ownership? Are you working with a non-profit to engage youth or adults willing to aid in fuels removal to gain financial support for their organization? Is there a community action group or homeowner’s association that is part of your planning or is helping your project?

Project Cost Budget Estimate

Outline what you would like to accomplish for the project result. Make a projection for the cost of hiring a contractor, or using a community-based work project, or other methods as outlined for conducting your own project result. Final reimbursement will be based on the value of the project result as it relates to the awarded funding. Projects may receive a grant award that is less than the total project estimate. All projects will be subject to review prior to reimbursement.

Matching Funds and Volunteer Effort

Indicate who engages in this project result. Are you collaborating with neighbors, an organization, volunteers, non-profit organizations, or another entity? Delineate your plan to involve other resources in your project.

Timeline for Implementation

When will you plan to begin? Include any time sensitive information, such as HOA Annual meetings, other seasonal concerns, and any reason the time allowed creates a difficulty.

Project Location

Where is the project site located? You may provide an address, a named community, a description, a map, GPS coordinates or other accepted methods of identifying a location.

History of Firewise Activities

Describe other fire risk reduction activities outside of Valley County Firewise Project Grant funding.

Valley County Firewise Signs

Signs for the project, giving visual information to others. Signs provided by the County. Signs displayed by the community or landowner throughout the summer season and then again, the following year. Discuss any concerns with your inspector.

Additional Information

Other valuable information not covered in the grant application questions that should be known about your project proposal.

Digital Photo Information

You may submit up to four photos, one may be a map showing location. Send to valleycountyfirewise@gmail.com. Include your contact information and reference the name of the grant application.

Agreement for Awarded Projects

Awarded projects require a signed agreement prior to commencement. You will receive the agreement online. The agreement will be due prior to your pre-work meeting with your inspector. Part of your agreement for funding reimbursement will include a maintenance clause. You agree to keep the project area in good condition over a 5-year period. Another part will include your agreement to accept pre-planned guided tours of your project. An interesting and well executed result can be a valuable example to others.

Read Carefully Section

Select the appropriate response.

Your confirmation will include your responses.

Sponsored by the Valley County Board of County Commissioners and the Valley County Fire Working Group. Local Fire Districts and Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association are in partnership on this project and are a resource for your home and community.

Ways to Apply:

Scan QR Code

Visit link below

<https://forms.gle/wf6Y2AtvpC6dPeZE6>

Visit Valley County Fire Working Group (VCFWG) Facebook

Click on Application link

Contact Valley County Wildfire Mitigation Director

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