

Oak Hill Area Fire Safe Council Mini-Grants Application Guidelines

1. As a Firewise Community, the Oak Hill Area Fire Safe Council is able to offer **mini-grants up to \$500 maximum** for residents or owners of homes in the Oak Hill Area Fire Safe Council (OHAFSC) Area to complete wildfire risk reduction work to be done on or around those homes or access roads. Grants are targeted for low to medium income residents to assist in making our community more “fire-safe”.
2. Qualifying projects create improvements to wildfire resilience and may include:
 - a. Defensible Space around homes,
 - b. Neighborhood Rental of Greenwaste Dumpster,
 - c. Neighborhood Hazardous Fuel Reduction,
 - d. Tree removal, tree trimming, or removal of dried grass and brush or other such vegetation identified as contributing to fire risk,
 - e. Conducting a neighborhood volunteer work day focused on implementing fire mitigation measures,
 - f. Hiring youth crews removing vegetation from around homes,
 - g. Providing chippers to treat hazardous vegetation within the home ignition zone.

Neighbors working together is encouraged, but individual projects or contracted projects may be eligible too.

3. Please complete the attached application form including a description of your project area with photos, how fire safety will be enhanced, who will be doing the work and what the grant money will be spent for. If needed, the OHAFSC may ask applicants for additional information or clarification.
4. Proposals will be reviewed by the OHAFSC Board for meeting the goals and requirements of the Secure Rural Schools Act, Title III program as adopted by El Dorado County and El Dorado County Fire Safe Council which are the funding sources. Up to 5 proposals will be awarded this year. If successful, the Board hopes to expand this program as more funding becomes available.
5. Applicants will be notified in writing as to whether their proposal is approved for funding.
6. For projects involving neighborhood groups working together, written Right of Entry permission letters to access individual properties will need to be obtained. (For example, if your project is to remove hazardous vegetation along a shared road, consents from each property owner affected will be needed.)
7. Project proposals for rented property will need written Right of Entry letters signed by the property owner.
8. It is important to understand that this grant is available by **reimbursement**. Grant receivers **must pay project costs initially** and submit all expense receipts in order to be repaid.
9. Projects awarded must be completed as proposed, photographed and receipts submitted to Oak Hill Area Fire Safe Council at P O Box 75, Diamond Springs CA 95619 by March 31, 2023

10. Pre-approved project expenses will be reimbursed in a timely manner after completion and site visit.
11. By accepting this funding, you give permission to OHAFSC to use photos in promotions as examples of fire mitigation efforts in our area.
12. OHAFSC and the funding sources are not responsible for assessing the safety of projects or individuals for any proposal funded and does not provide insurance for individuals working together on projects. OHAFSC recommends your group obtain Event Insurance through your homeowners policy when necessary.

OHAFC MINI-GRANT PROJECT COMPLETION FORM

Primary Project Organizer Name:

Today's Date:

Date of Project Completion:

Photos Attached of Completed Project:

Final Out-of-Pocket Cost of Project:

Receipts Attached For Reimbursement: