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# **Wildfire Mitigation Grant Guidelines**

## **Program Goals:**

The City of Castle Pines supports the community by providing financial resources to eligible homeowner groups and residents to conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects to reduce the risk of wildfire in the community.

# **Program Details:**

- The intention of this program is to assist HOAs and residents with funding opportunities that reduce wildfire risk and align with the <u>Castle Pines Wildfire Mitigation Plan</u>.
- South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) must support the application to be awarded funding.
- After submission, the applications will be scored.
- Funding will be awarded based on the scores received.
  - Funding amounts can be requested at up to \$5,000 for HOAs and up to \$250 for residents
- Funding requests require a minimum match of 50%. Providing higher match scores higher.
- If your project is selected, funds will be reimbursed. In order to receive reimbursement, a final report, before and after pictures, and receipts must be submitted.

#### **Project Requirements:**

- Any planted plants must be of a species on the approved <u>South Metro Fire Rescue</u> Wildfire Resistant Plant List.
- Projects must focus on open space and vegetation mitigation.
- Applicants must own the property or have authorization from the property owner for projects conducted at the project location.
- Participating in Slash Mulch programs to dispose of any wood materials, tree limbs, shrubs, or brush is strongly encouraged.

## Reimbursement and Final Report Requirements:

Funding is on a percent reimbursement basis. Grant awardees will be required to pay all up-front costs associated with the project. Upon staff review of the final report and receipt submission, the pre-approved percentage of the total project cost (no greater than actual expended funds, up to the approved requested amount) is eligible for reimbursement. If grants are awarded, grant recipients will have until the end of the year to complete their project.

The final report requires the submission of before and after photos of the project area, a summary of the project, and copies of receipts related to the project. Photos taken during the project itself are also preferred.

For more information and resources, please visit http://www.castlepinesco.gov/wildfiregrant.

If you have any questions, please contact Makenna Shaw, Assistant to the City Manager, at Makenna.Shaw@castlepinesco.gov or 303-705-0205.