



January 7, 2017

To Pedro Nava  
Chairman  
Hoover Commission

From: E. Jerry Davies  
Chairman  
California Fire Safe Council

RE: California Tree Mortality Crisis and Role of the California Fire Safe Council

California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), a statewide non-profit organization provides grant monies it receives from federal agencies like the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service to local California Fire Safe Councils (more than 140), and other organizations and communities. The grants fund wildfire prevention programs in their communities to mitigate loss of life and property.

Since 2004, CFSC has funded over 950 grants totaling over \$93 million using CFSC's unique and innovative online Grants Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse is a statewide recognized system for distributing grant monies efficiently with excellent monitoring by CFSC's highly qualified grant specialists and support staff.

California is entering its sixth year of severe drought. Communities are threatened by disastrous wildfire due to more than 66 million trees in the state's forests dying or dead due to drought induced Beetle infestation. In addition, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (Cal Fire), reports that wildfires are growing in frequency, severity and causing major economic damage in the state annually.

CFSC is an active hub organization in the national Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network; achieved 128% increase in the number of Firewise Communities, from 50 to 114 since 2012; and conducted more than 150 fire prevention education events in

California since 2006, reaching hundreds of thousands of homeowners and business owners throughout California annually.

In 2017, CFSC board members will travel to Washington D.C. to visit with key Congress and staff members to provide in depth information on the vital fire prevention work conducted by CFSC.

Attached are the CFSC grant award reports for 2014, 2015 and 2016. Several of the targeted counties with extreme hazardous tree have received grants. CFSC delivers the expertise needed to meet the growing fire prevention education demands of the State of California.

For further information about CFSC, a list of Fire Safe Councils and CFSC grants, visit the CFSC Website at [www.cafiresafecouncil.org](http://www.cafiresafecouncil.org).

Attachments: CFSC Grant Reports for 2014, 2015 and 2016



# 2016 Grants Clearinghouse Competitive Grants Program Report

AUGUST 10, 2016

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

**20 PROJECTS**  
**20 COUNTIES**  
**4,921 ACRES**

**GRANT DOLLARS  
PROVIDED:  
\$2,149,999**

**PROJECT MATCH  
COMMITTED:  
\$2,735,874**

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## California Fire Safe Council Announces Support to Help Communities Prevent Wildfire

### 2016 PROJECT SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) is pleased to announce the selection of 20 projects for funding under its 2016 Grants Clearinghouse. CFSC will provide over \$2.1 million in federal grant funds to support wildfire risk reduction activities in at-risk communities in 20 counties across California.

The selected projects help California communities respond to the growing concern over catastrophic wildfire and exemplify efforts to create fire adapted communities. Through subgrants from CFSC, these projects provide support to implement fuel reduction projects such as community chipper programs, fuel breaks, and roadside and defensible space projects. These projects will also utilize educational tools to spread the Fire Safe message and engage community members.

Funding for the 2016 Grants Clearinghouse is provided through master grants to CFSC by the Cooperative Fire Program of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Department of Agriculture, Pacific Southwest Region. These State Fire Assistance (SFA) grants provide \$2,150,000 for subgrants to support:

- ◆ Hazardous fuels reduction and maintenance projects on non-federal land
- ◆ Community Wildfire Protection Plans and other plans or assessments
- ◆ Prevention and mitigation education and outreach opportunities.

In addition to the federal funds, the projects will utilize over \$2.5 million in matching funds, both in-kind and cash contributions. This generous support demonstrates the value of collaboration and partnerships among agencies and organizations to create Fire Adapted Communities.

Congratulations to the Fire Safe Councils, resource conservation districts, fire protection agencies, and other organizations whose projects were selected for funding! Special thanks to USFS for supporting these vital projects!

For more information on California Fire Safe Council's Grants Clearinghouse, please visit [www.cafiresafecouncil.org](http://www.cafiresafecouncil.org).



# 2016 GRANTS CLEARINGHOUSE SUMMARY

## Project Selection Statistics

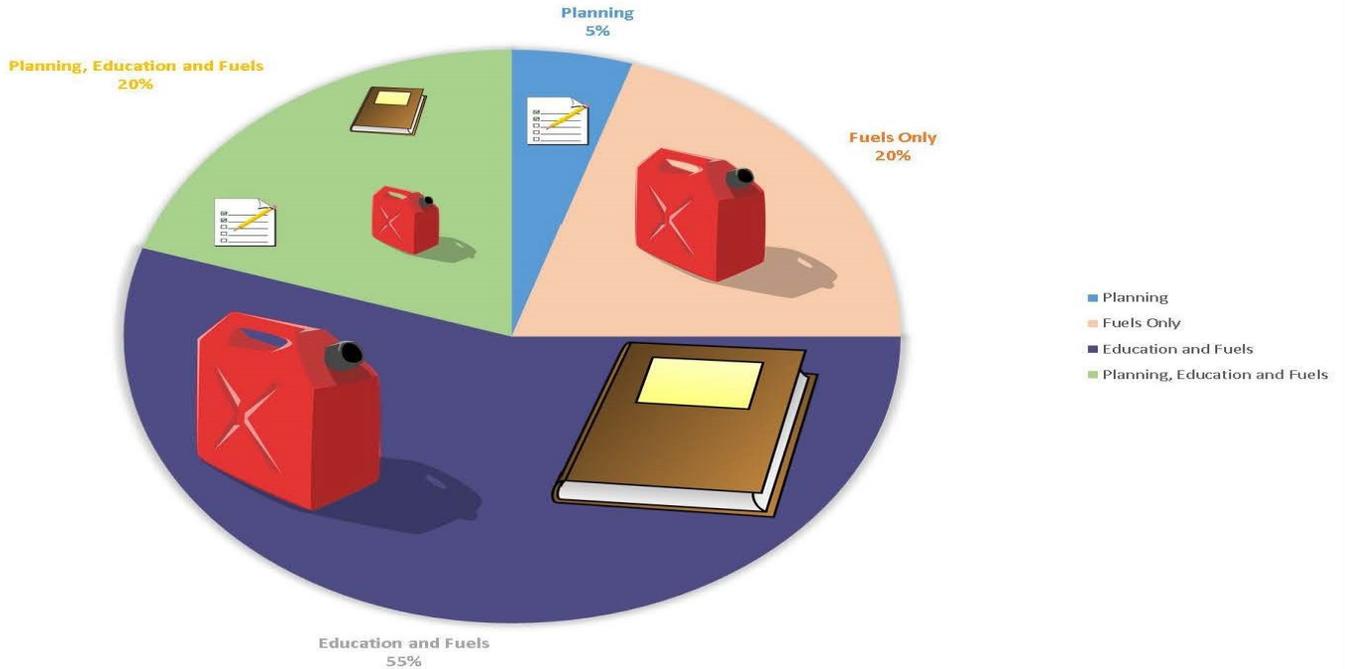
2016 Grant Cycle	Applications	Selected Projects
Number of Projects	53	20
Value of Funding Requested	\$5,557,038	\$2,149,999
Value of Match Commitments	\$6,570,315	\$2,735,874
Acres of Fuel Treatment	65,197	4,921
Number of Counties	32	20

ANNUAL CYCLE COMPARISONS	2016	2015
Percentage of Projects selected:	37%	40%
Average Application Amount	\$105,773	\$109,685
Average Grant Amount (preliminary):	\$107,500	\$134,343



# Project Statistics

## PROJECT TYPES



## Organization Types

- Non Profit
- Home/Property Owners Association
- Non-Federal Agency: County
- Non-Federal Agency: Fire Department
- Other: RCD/Special District





# Selected Projects

## 16 USFS-SFA

### BUTTE

#### Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council

*"Concow Hazardous Fuel Removal– Concow Lake"*

**Funded Amount : \$152,844 Match Amount: \$154,417**

### EL DORADO

#### El Dorado Fire Safe Council

*"Logtown East Side Fuel Break (LT-10)"*

**Funded Amount : \$99,831 Match Amount: \$106,114**

#### Auburn Lake Trails Fire Safety & Improvement Council

*"American River Canyon Perimeter Shaded Fuel Break Continuation & Tree Mortality Mitigation"*

**Funded Amount : \$130,250 Match Amount: \$194,075**

### FRESNO

#### Sierra Resource Conservation District

*"Fresno County Community Wildfire Protection Plans"*

**Funded Amount : \$40,000 Match Amount: \$40,000**

### HUMBOLDT

#### County of Humboldt

*"Fire-Adapted Landscapes and Safe Homes 2016"*

**Funded Amount : \$127,800 Match Amount: \$136,300**

### HUMBOLDT & SISKIYOU

#### Mid Klamath Watershed Council

*"2016 Klamath River Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TREX)"*

**Funded Amount : \$200,000 Match Amount: \$219,779**

### LASSEN,MODOC AND SHASTA

#### Day Lassen Bench Fire Safe Council

*"Day Lassen Bench WUI Fuel Treatments & Firewise Activities"*

**Funded Amount : \$113,500 Match Amount: \$113,763**

### MADERA

#### Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association

*"Cascadel Woods Fuel Reduction"*

**Funded Amount : \$50,000 Match Amount: \$50,000**

### MARIN

#### Homestead Valley Firewise Committee

*"HVLV FireWise 2016"*

**Funded Amount : \$94,275 Match Amount: \$124,666**

### MONTEREY

#### Carmel Views Community Association

*"Carmel Views Fire Fuel Abatement Program, Phase 2"*

**Funded Amount : \$49,988 Match Amount: \$79,313**

### PLACER

#### Northstar Fire Department

*"2016 Northstar Fuels Reduction Project"*

**Funded Amount : \$18,750 Match Amount: \$22,406**

### PLUMAS

#### Plumas County Fire Safe Council

*"Plumas Fire Safe Council Senior/Disabled Hazardous Fuels Reduction Assistance Program"*

**Funded Amount : \$51,700 Match Amount: \$51,700**



# Selected Projects

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## 16 USFS-SFA

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### RIVERSIDE

**Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council**

*"Prepared Mountain Communities"*

**Funded Amount : \$200,000 Match Amount: \$200,000**

### SAN DIEGO

**FireSafe Council of San Diego County/RCD of Greater San Diego County**

*"Fuel Reduction & Fire Prevention in SD County"*

**Funded Amount : \$200,000 Match Amount: \$438,516**

**Urban Corps of San Diego County**

*"Upper Otay Lake Fuel Reduction"*

**Funded Amount : \$57,764 Match Amount: \$66,617**

### SAN MATEO

**Fire Safe San Mateo County**

*" Woodside Road-Skywood Acres Shaded Fuel Break"*

**Funded Amount : \$107,662 Match Amount: \$162,746**

### SANTA CLARA

**Santa Clara FireSafe Council**

*"Santa Clara County Regional Education & Fuel Reduction"*

**Funded Amount : \$182,204 Match Amount: \$234,020**

### SISKIYOU

**Lake Shastina Property Owners Association**

*"Lake Shastina POA Hazardous Fuel Reduction and Community Protection Program"*

**Funded Amount : \$52,952 Match Amount: \$59,270**

### TRINITY

**Trinity County Resource Conservation District**

*"2016 Trinity County CWPP Implementation Phase 1"*

**Funded Amount : \$113,929 Match Amount: \$114,050**

### VENTURA

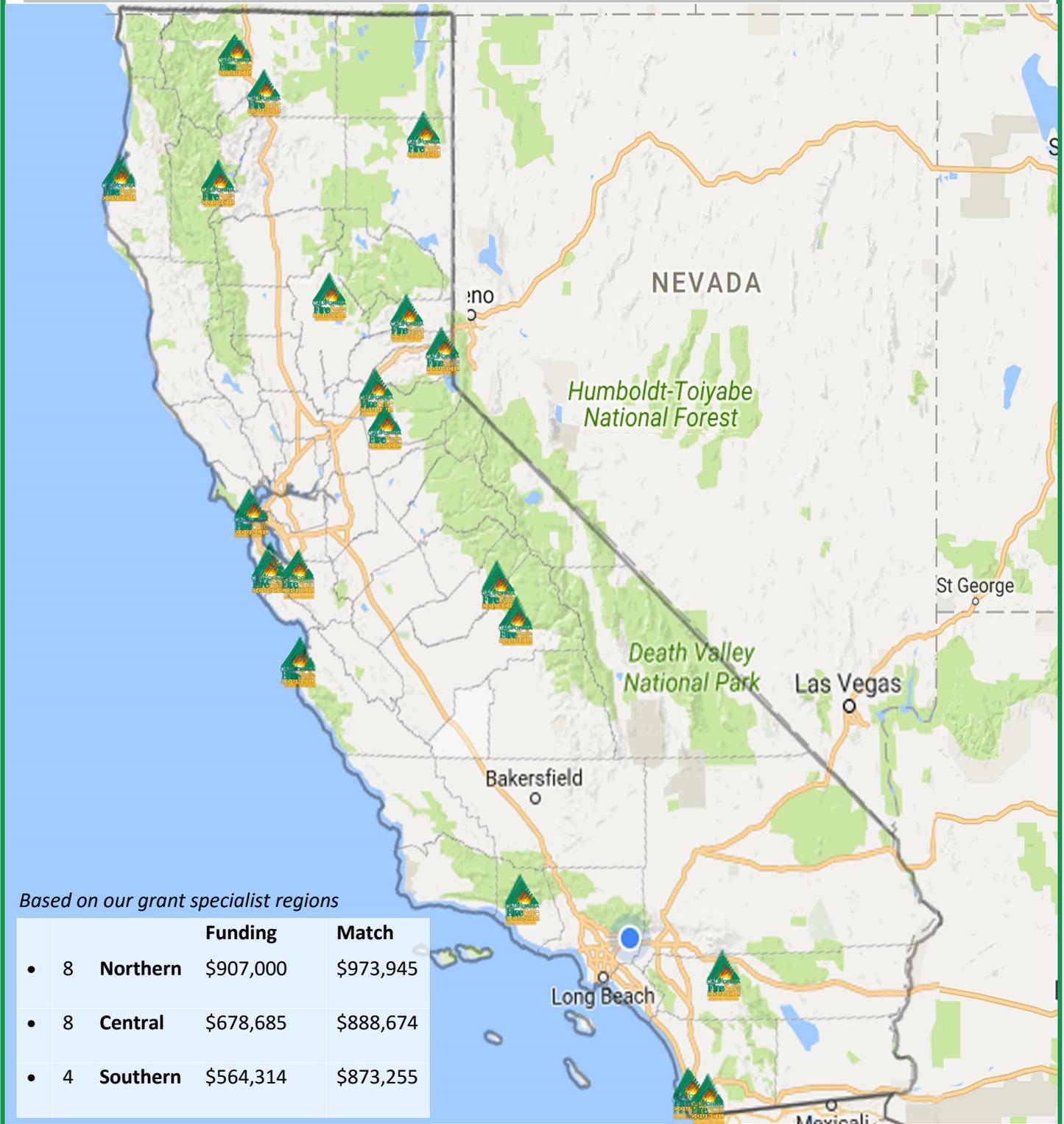
**Ojai Fire Safe Council**

*"Wildfire Protection and Education for Schools in the WUI"*

**Funded Amount : \$106,550 Match Amount: \$168,122**



# Regional Disbursement



Based on our grant specialist regions

		Funding	Match
• 8	Northern	\$907,000	\$973,945
• 8	Central	\$678,685	\$888,674
• 4	Southern	\$564,314	\$873,255



## 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

**25 PROJECTS**

**22 COUNTIES**

**7,187 ACRES**

## GRANT DOLLARS

**PROVIDED:  
\$3,358,081**

## PROJECT MATCH

**COMMITTED:  
\$4,082,160**

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# 2015 GRANTS CLEARINGHOUSE

## Competitive Grants Program

### 2015 PROJECT SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) is pleased to announce the selection of 25 projects for funding under its 2015 Grants Clearinghouse. CFSC will provide over \$3.3 million in federal grant funds to support wildfire risk reduction activities in at-risk communities in 22 counties across California.

The selected projects help California communities respond to the growing concern over catastrophic wildfire and exemplify efforts to create fire adapted communities. Through subgrants from CFSC, these projects provide support to implement fuel reduction projects such as community chipper programs, fuel breaks, and roadside and defensible space projects. These projects will also utilize educational tools to spread the Fire Safe message and engage community members.

Funding for the 2015 Grants Clearinghouse is provided through master grants to CFSC by the Cooperative Fire Program of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Department of Agriculture, Pacific Southwest Region. These State Fire Assistance (SFA) grants provide \$3,358,081 for subgrants to support:

- ◆ Hazardous fuels reduction and maintenance projects on non-federal land
- ◆ Community Wildfire Protection Plans and other plans or assessments
- ◆ Prevention and mitigation education and outreach opportunities.

In addition to the federal funds, the projects will utilize over \$4 million in matching funds, both in-kind and cash contributions. This generous support demonstrates the value of collaboration and partnerships among agencies and organizations to create Fire Adapted Communities.

Congratulations to the Fire Safe Councils, resource conservation districts, fire protection agencies, and other organizations whose projects were selected for funding! Special thanks to USFS for supporting these vital projects!

For more information on California Fire Safe Council's Grants Clearinghouse, please visit [www.cafiresafecouncil.org](http://www.cafiresafecouncil.org).

### 2015 PROJECT SELECTION STATISTICS

2015 GRANTS CYCLE	Applications	Selected Projects
<b>Number of Projects:</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Value of Funding Requests:</b>	<b>\$ 6,800,456</b>	<b>\$ 3,358,081</b>
<b>Value of Match Commitments:</b>	<b>\$ 7,928,401</b>	<b>\$ 4,082,160</b>
<b>Acres of Fuels Treatment:</b>	<b>22,849 Acres</b>	<b>7,187 Acres</b>
<b>Number of Counties:</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>
ANNUAL CYCLE COMPARISONS		
	2015	2014
<b>Percentage of Projects Selected:</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Average Application Amount:</b>	<b>\$ 109,685</b>	<b>\$ 100,227</b>
<b>Average Grant Amount:</b>	<b>\$ 134,343</b>	<b>\$ 106,011</b>



## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

**38 PROJECTS**

**30 COUNTIES**

**17,793 ACRES**

**GRANT DOLLARS  
PROVIDED:  
\$4,028,427**

**PROJECT MATCH  
COMMITTED:  
\$5,003,052**

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# 2014 GRANTS CLEARINGHOUSE

## Competitive Grants Program

### 2014 PROJECT SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) is pleased to report on its 2014 Clearinghouse Awards. Executive Director Margaret Grayson announced grants for 38 projects spanning 30 counties in California that support CFSC's efforts to support fire risk reduction activities by landowners and residents in at-risk communities in California and Nevada.

California Fire Safe Council would like to acknowledge the Cooperative Fire Program of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Pacific Southwest Region for their continued support of this grant program.

The 38 projects help California and Nevada communities respond to the growing concern over catastrophic wildfire and exemplify efforts to become more fire-safe and resistant to wildfire threats. These projects utilize current educational tools to spread the fire-safe message, engage community members and provide support to implement fuel reduction projects such as chipper programs and roadside and defensible space clearance.

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### 2014 PROJECT SELECTION STATISTICS

2015 GRANTS CYCLE	Applications	Selected Projects
<b>Number of Projects:</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Value of Funding Requests:</b>	<b>\$8,076,982</b>	<b>\$4,028,427</b>
<b>Value of Match Commitments:</b>	<b>\$10,064,232</b>	<b>\$5,003,052</b>
<b>Acres of Fuels Treatment:</b>	<b>33,630</b>	<b>17,793</b>
<b>Number of Counties:</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>