



Clayton-Morgan Territory Fire Safe 2015 Fuel Reduction Project Cost Share Funding

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Program Description

Cost-share funding of up to \$5,000 per project is available to groups or groups of individuals to hire a contractor to reduce fuel loads and create defensible space on your property!

The Diablo Fire Safe Council (DFSC) is sponsoring defensible space fuel reduction projects in Clayton-Morgan Territory for 2015 – 2016. Funding provided by a grant from the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fire Prevention Fund (http://calfire.ca.gov/fire_prevention/fire_prevention_fund_grants.php). Emphasis will be in areas prioritized by the Contra Costa County Community Wildfire Protection Plan or where homeowners associations, civic organizations and other groups of individuals are organized and available to promote fire safe efforts. Projects can include:

- Chipping or green waste removal of homeowner cut material,
- Mowing or “weed whacking” (as a part of a larger project)
- Tree thinning (cutting of small trees) or “limbing-up”
- Brush cutting
- Grazing

Immediate funding will be available for chipping or removal of homeowner cut materials. Projects that have possible environmental concerns or the potential to disturb protected species will be reviewed for impacts prior to funding. Best management practices will be incorporated into all ground disturbing fuel reduction work. Grant funds need to be matched dollar for dollar with community contributions and “sweat equity.”

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL SCHEDULE

Applications will be reviewed for funding on a rolling basis once every quarter.

September 10, 2015 Early Bird applications due
October 8, 2015 4QTR 2015 application due
January 14, 2016 1QTR 2016 application due
April 21, 2016 2QTR 2016 application due
July 21, 2016 3QTR 2016 application due

IF NEEDED (if not all funds dispersed)

October 20, 2016 4QTR 2016 application due

See Diablo Fire Safe Council web site www.diablofiresafe.org for more information on selection criteria and an application. Or contact Cheryl Miller Executive Coordinator DFSC
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Selection Criteria For Project Funding

OVERALL GOALS

Project reduces hazardous fuels that, if left untreated, would generate high intensity burning adjacent to structures or communities at risk, or produce large quantities of airborne burning embers that could carry into communities or other important resources.

Project reduces hazards along strategic emergency access and evacuation routes, or other critical infrastructure.

Project includes vegetation modification treatments that will reduce the threat of unacceptable impacts of high intensity fire to high value ecosystems, sensitive watersheds and high concentration recreation areas, including regional parklands and state or federal lands.

ELIGIBILITY

Funds are targeted for fuel reduction projects that result in a group of homes that meet the defensible space requirements set forth by local fire codes or Public Resource Code 4291. To be eligible for funding a project must be:

1. Located within Clayton-Morgan Territory and identified as a wildfire hazard, within a local wildfire hazard area or CALFIRE identified *Very High or High Fire Hazard Severity Zone*.
2. Focus fuels reduction in the 100' defensible space radius that surrounds homes, or clear vegetation from along access routes or other critical facility.
3. Have the support of local fire department (e.g. inspection notice, letter of support, email).

SELECTION CRITERIA.

Projects will be ranked by DFSC's selection committee according to the following criteria:

1. Application is clear as to what the project entails and supports DFSC's Overall Goals
2. Well defined project tasks and timeframe
3. Realistic budget that maximizes fuel reduction for minimal investment
4. Measurable goals that provide more than a single growing season hazardous fuel reduction
5. Sustainable effectiveness that includes a plan for maintenance into the future
6. Strong commitment from multiple neighbors to participate
7. Designated organizer and support person who will keep records of participation, provide a final report within 2 weeks of project completion and before/ after photos.
8. Project will lead to further neighborhood fire safe activities

Extra Points for: 1. Matching funds. 2. Projects that have considered means for re-use of woody biomass. 3. Project assists underserved senior or disabled community members. 4. Project continues or extends work that was previously done by neighborhood. 5. Attendance of organizers at a DFSC workshop or event.

For further information contact
Cheryl Miller, DFSC Executive Coordinator at DFSCMiller@comcast.net or (510) 282-1265
Or your local Fire Department Representative.



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Request to Participate

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DFSC may assist Clayton-Morgan Territory property owners with vegetation management projects that will lead to compliance with their local fire department’s defensible space requirements in areas designated as fire hazard zones.

Contractors will be hired directly by property owners with DFSC funds augmenting dollar for dollar private property owner contributions and “sweat equity.” Diablo Fire Safe Council maintains a list of Contractors to aid property owners with selection and scoping of projects.

Contractors and homeowners will not contract directly with the Diablo Fire Safe Council. DFSC will pay directly to the contractors a portion of project costs up to \$5,000 per project.

*To have your project considered for funding
please complete the following information:*

1. Designated Project Coordinator: _____

Phone: (Daytime) _____ (Evening) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

2. Neighborhood/ Street Names: _____

Project Address: _____ APN: _____

3. Number of households or volunteers involved (minimum 5): _____

Names and address of household or volunteers involved (attach an additional sheet if necessary):

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

Diablo Fire Safe Council is not obligated to provide services and is not liable for its failure to provide services, nor for the performances of services under this program.

4. Describe your project and what you plan to do to achieve Defensible Space within 100 feet of your homes, anticipated tasks and timeframe (attach an additional sheet if necessary):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chipping of homeowner cut material | <input type="checkbox"/> Green waste removal of homeowner cut material |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weed whacking/ mowing (as part of a larger project)* | <input type="checkbox"/> Needle/ leaf removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree thinning (cutting of small trees)* | <input type="checkbox"/> Brush cutting* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree "limbing up"* | <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing* |

**Note: Your project may be located where there are federally protected species or other environmental concerns. Ground disturbing projects as indicated by * will require environmental review by DFSC and the funding agency. Best management practices will need to be incorporated into all ground disturbing fuel reduction work.*

5. Briefly describe the services or funding your neighborhood can provide. Services may include: time spent organizing your neighbors for a work-day, follow-up weed control, tools or supplies needed for the project. If you are providing matching funds, indicate amount.

6. Briefly describe how your project will help protect your neighborhood from wildfire.

I certify this information to be true and correct and that the information provided is subject to verification. If my group is selected, we agree to work with Diablo Fire Safe Council to further define the scope of the project. We understand that we will be responsible for hiring a contractor for the work.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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