



ROARING FORK VALLEY  
**WILDFIRE**  
COLLABORATIVE

## ROARING FORK VALLEY WILDFIRE MITIGATION COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### OVERVIEW

The Roaring Fork Valley Wildfire Collaborative manages a program to support and encourage property owners and community groups in creating wildfire resilient homes and neighborhoods. This funding is made possible via a grant from the Bureau of Land Management; we are grateful for their generous support.

### QUICK LINKS

- First step: [sign up for a wildfire home risk assessment](#) (before applying)
- [Application Form](#) (before starting work)
- [Reimbursement Request Form](#) (after project completion)

### DEADLINES

- Fall/Winter application cycle
  - Applications collected from September 1 to March 31
  - Funding decisions made by April 30
- Spring/Summer application cycle
  - Applications collected from April 1 to August 31
  - Funding decisions made by September 1

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Eligible applicants include: (1) residents who own homes or property and (2) homeowner associations or municipal or community groups. Homes and associations must be located within the Roaring Fork Valley Wildfire Collaborative's service area (generally the Roaring Fork Watershed region from Aspen to Glenwood; see map below). HOAs and municipal or community groups may apply if the mitigation work is for vital infrastructure protection. Because this program utilizes Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Community Assistance dollars, we cannot provide financial support to projects that are already receiving BLM funding for this same purpose.

### TYPES OF FUNDED PROJECTS

1. Vegetative Fuels Reduction Projects: Projects that reduce the risk of home ignition during a wildfire by reducing fuel loading and distribution immediately surrounding a home. We recommend first prioritizing work in the first five feet around the home, followed by the next 30 feet, and lastly up to 100 feet.
2. Home Ignition Zone Hazard Reduction: Projects that reduce the risk of home ignition during a wildfire by "hardening" the home from ember exposure, typically in the first 0-30 feet. At this time, we are not able to fund projects on the home itself, including screening gutters, enclosing decks, installing metal flashing on roofs and decks, screening vents, and similar mitigation actions, but these actions are encouraged.
3. Community Chipping Programs: Wood-chipping programs involving collective groups of residents.
4. Landscape Scale Projects: Projects that have the potential to change wildfire behavior, at a larger scale, such that suppression resources can be more effectively utilized during wildfire management activities.

### WHAT THE GRANT PROVIDES & WHAT MATCH IS REQUIRED

Grant funds are distributed to program participants under the following conditions:

Grantee	Required Match	Funding Maximum	Eligibility
Individual Homeowner	Required 50% match*	Up to \$1,500 per home per year	Can apply annually for different projects
Homeowner Associations, Municipal, or Community Group	Required 50% match*	Up to \$10,000 per community per year	Can apply annually, but after 3 years of consecutive funding groups <i>may</i> be asked to wait before reapplying.

Match can be demonstrated via cash payments (e.g., contractor payments, tool rentals, material purchases, mileage) or with pre-approved hourly in-kind work. Homeowner work will be counted for match funding at the standard volunteer time valuation of \$35/hour, but homeowners will not be compensated directly for work on their own property. *\*Residents and groups can apply for a reduction in the required match (reduction from 50% to 25%) if low-income status is demonstrated.*

#### HOW TO APPLY

1. The first step to eligibility for funding is to get a no-cost home wildfire risk assessment (or the equivalent for HOAs and community groups) from a qualified assessor. Qualified assessors include:
  - a. Your local fire station (Aspen Fire, Roaring Fork Fire, Carbondale & Rural Fire, or Glenwood Springs Fire)
  - b. Eagle County (for residents in the Eagle portion of the Roaring Fork Valley), or
  - c. West Region Wildfire Council (Marble / Gunnison County) .

There is no cost for a home/community assessment and all reports shared are confidential. There must be less than a three-year period between when the assessment was conducted and when a project is approved for funding via this grant. To sign up for an assessment, please either [complete this form](#) or call your local fire station.

If you've already had an assessment done within the past 3 years, you may use that.

2. Once you have completed a wildfire risk assessment and received your assessment report, you can fill out this [online application](#) to apply for funding support.
3. Once your application has been received, it will be reviewed by the grant board and we will contact you with a funding decision by the deadlines identified in this document. If your project is selected for funding, we'll ask you to document your expenses (you can use the paper form below) and save all receipts.

#### HOW TO SUBMIT FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Once you have finished your projects, documented your expenses, and photographed your mitigation work, and are ready to request reimbursement, you can use this [online form](#) where you can upload your expense documentation, receipts, and photos/documentation of completed work. If verification is not possible through photographs, an in-person project completion compliance check-off may be necessary before funding is granted. Upon verification by the Roaring Fork Valley Wildfire Collaborative, your reimbursement will be mailed via check within 2-4 weeks.

#### QUESTIONS?

Please reach out to Angie Davlyn, Executive Director of the Roaring Fork Valley Wildfire Collaborative, with any questions via email at [Angie@RFVwildfire.org](mailto:Angie@RFVwildfire.org)

**WILDFIRE MITIGATION COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
**Project and Cost Documentation**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/neighborhood treated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please document all expenses related to the wildfire mitigation project which you received approval for funding. The labor rate for work completed by the homeowner/land owner is \$35.00/hr.

<b>Date of Work</b>	<b>Completed by</b> <i>(list name of contractor or homeowner)</i>	<b>Activity/Expense</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Expense Amount</b>
3/12/2024	Bob (homeowner)	Limbed up 6 trees	5.0	\$175.00
3/20/2024	RFV Tree Service	Removed juniper bush within 3 feet of home	3	\$400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>#</b>	<b>\$</b>

Total acres treated: \_\_\_\_\_

I have incurred the following itemized expenses for the completion of the wildfire mitigation projects for which I have been funded. I agree to take necessary actions to maintain this mitigation work.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Signature