SUMMARY:

The Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC) promotes wildfire preparedness, prevention and mitigation education throughout Grand County. Our mission is “through education and action, promote wildland fire prevention, preparedness, mitigation and survival.”

The GCWC is offering private landowners and collective groups of private landowners the opportunity to apply for incentive cost-share funding in an effort to implement recommendations outlined in approved Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs). Funding and/or technical assistance is available to assist homeowners/landowners with completing defensible space and/or landscape-scale fuels reduction projects.

Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis, until available funding has been expended. All projects must receive approval prior to beginning work. **We will not reimburse for work performed prior to award.**

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS & REQUIREMENTS**

(1) DEFENSIBLE SPACE: Cost-share reimbursement opportunity (up to $525/acre treated) for homeowners or groups of homeowners to implement defensible space around their homes in wildland urban interface communities. Examples of eligible projects are: removal of common juniper shrubs, tree removal, tree thinning, tree limbing and pruning. (Projects that involve clearing or reducing vegetation around a structure/home.)

(2) LANDSCAPE-SCALE FUELS REDUCTION: Cost-share reimbursement opportunity (up to $525/acre treated) for private landowners and/or communities to implement landscape-scale fuels reduction projects. Examples include shaded fuel breaks, greenbelt treatments and roadside thinning projects. (Projects that involve clearing or reducing vegetation, focusing on breaking up the continuity of horizontal and vertical fuels.)

Eligibility Requirements:

- Projects located in an Extreme, Very High or High hazard-rated community as identified in an approved Community Wildfire Protection Plan within Grand County will be given priority.
- Landscape scale fuels reduction projects should be identified projects in an approved CWPP, or be recognized by the local Fire District as a priority project for wildfire hazard mitigation.
- Applicants are required to consult with a GCWC mitigation specialist for project design.

Application must also include:

- **MAP:** A detailed map of the project area including total acres treated.
- **SCOPE:** A detailed Scope of Work (SOW).
- **BIDS:** You are required to submit at least one contractor bid, however we recommend more than one (1) contractor bid, if possible.
- **PHOTOS:** At least three (3) photos of the project area to be treated.

**Map and SOW documents can be completed by a CSFS Forester, a GCWC mitigation specialist, or other natural resource professional, if applicable.**
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please read the application requirements thoroughly and fill out the application provided. Completed applications can be submitted by mail or emailed to:

Hard copy applications:
Grand County Wildfire Council
PO Box 338
Granby, CO 80446

PDF/scanned applications:
email Adam Gosey at:
bewildfireready@gmail.com

Questions regarding funding eligibility or application requirements may be directed to the email address above or by calling our shared office phone line.

PRE-APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Before beginning your application, please read through this pre-application checklist. If any of your answers are “no,” give us a call so we can provide answers to these and any other questions you might have.

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<td>I understand that this is a reimbursement program and that I will be responsible for full initial payment to the selected contractor.</td>
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1. Please provide the CWPP community name/community wildfire hazard rating (if applicable), and name the Fire District for the area where your project will take place. To find your community’s CWPP please visit https://bewildfireready.org/cwpps/

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2. Does this project include multiple landowners? If so, please specify and include support documentation from all involved landowners.

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PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

Applicant’s Name_________________________________________ Date_________________

Mailing Address_________________________________ City __________________ State______ Zip__________

Project Address____________________________________ City_________________ State______ Zip__________

Phone Number____________________ Email_____________________________________

CONTRACTOR BIDS (please attach copies of project bids to this application)

Project Start Date: ____________________________ All funded projects must be completed by Dec. 31, 2019.

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Selected Contractor Name(s): _____________________________________________________________

GCWC recommends that you obtain more than one (1) bid from different contractors, if possible.
ADDITONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Relocate your firewood pile at least 30 feet away from your home (if applicable).
- Clear flammable debris from gutters and roof (if applicable).
- Mow grass to a height of six inches or less for at least the first 15 feet surrounding your home (if applicable).
- Rake/remove pine needles and other flammable debris away from the home (if applicable).
- Remove flammable material from underneath any elevated decking (if applicable).
- Agree to maintain your defensible space/ fuels reduction project and regularly address items above.
- Submit three (3) post-treatment pictures.
- Complete an in-kind tracking sheet (found on our website) documenting time spent coordinating/overseeing your project and completing the additional requirements listed above.

FINAL APPLICANT CHECK LIST: Please ensure that all required information is completed or attached to this grant application before submitting to the GCWC. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed:

☐ Pre-Application Checklist is complete (page 2)
☐ Application is complete
☐ Scope of Work (attached or on file with GCWC)
☐ Project Map (attached or on file with GCWC)
☐ Three (3) pre-treatment project area photos (preferably emailed in a digital format).
☐ Copies of contractor bids (attached or on file with GCWC)
☐ I have been in contact with my selected contractor and have confirmed they have time in their schedule for my project. (Please note that if your project is GCWC Cost Share funding dependent, you should not sign an agreement or contract until you receive notice of GCWC funding.)

I, ___________________________________________ have reviewed, understand and agree to all of the GCWC Cost-Share Program requirements and certify that this application, and any attached documents, are accurate.

Applicant Signature __________________________________________ Date________________________

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Date Received________________ Application Requirements Met________________
Approved Funding Source______________ Award Amount______________