**California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection**

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**Request for Proposals for**

**FY 2022 Landscape Scale Restoration Competitive Grant Program**

**ABOUT LANDSCAPE SCALE RESTORATION**

The Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) program provides USDA Forest Service State and Private Forestry (S&PF) competitive grants focused on promoting collaborative, science-based restoration of priority forest landscapes and on furthering priorities identified in State Forest Action Plans. Proposals are now being accepted for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 cycle. 

LSR projects must be cross-boundary, include a combination of land ownerships, and prioritize funding towards one or more of the following objectives:

* Reduce the risk of uncharacteristic wildfires;
* Improve fish and wildlife habitats, including those of threatened and endangered species;
* Maintain and improve water quality and watershed function;
* Mitigate invasive species, insect infestation, and disease;
* Improve important forest ecosystems;
* Measure ecological and economic benefits, including air quality, soil quality, and productivity.

**APPLICATION DETAIL**

State forestry agencies may submit up to five applications per state. Units of local government, Tribes, non-profit organizations (defined as 501c3), and universities are eligible to submit applications and may do so by contacting their state forestry agency. The state forestry agency will determine which applications to submit. Federally Recognized Tribes may alternatively choose to submit applications (up to two applications per state above and beyond the maximum of five allowed through the state forestry agency) directly through the USDA Forest Service Region where the proposed project is located by contacting the relevant USDA Forest Service tribal relations or LSR staff person for that region. State Recognized Tribes should submit to CAL FIRE.

Project proposals may be submitted for any amount up to $300,000 each and are required to demonstrate a 1:1 match using only non-federal funds, unless a match waiver is acquired from the USDA Forest Service in advance of submitting the proposed project for consideration. Each state (including all applicant entities therein) is limited to no more than 15% of the total funds available for the West.

Timeline: Full Proposals are due on: October 15, 2021

 Cal Fire reviews the proposals and submits its choices on: October 29, 2021

Consultative discussions with CAL FIRE or USFS can occur anytime up until the above due dates

To submit an application for consideration as one of California’s five proposals or if you have any questions, please contact:

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Federally Recognized Tribes that prefer to submit directly to USFS as one of California’s two Tribal proposals please contact:

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Stacey Clark is currently the USFS Region 5 representative on the national selection committee and is available to review any applications to strengthen their competitiveness against the selection criteria prior to final state level submission on October 15.

**MORE INFORMATION**

For more information on LSR, including the FY 2022 [National Guidance](https://www.thewflc.org/sites/default/files/Proposed%20National%20LSR%20Manual.pdf) and Western Guidance documents outlining the full requirements, please visit [this website](https://www.thewflc.org/sites/default/files/LSR%20FY%202022%20Western%20Guidance_FINAL.docx.pdf_PI%20Waiver.pdf). The website also contains the LSR application worksheet, which can be used to ensure you provide all necessary information to the state forestry agency for submission. For examples of projects funded in previous years and other questions, please see: [forestrygrants.org](https://www.forestrygrants.org/)