

FIRE RISK REDUCTION COMMUNITY LIST APPLICATION

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- A list of local agencies in the VHFHSZ that meet best practices for local fire planning
- Developed and maintained by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Started in July 2022 and updated every two years

What is the Fire Risk Reduction Community List?

The Fire Risk Reduction Community List (FRRCL) is a list of local agencies located in state responsibility areas or very high fire hazard severity zones that meet best practices for local fire planning.

What are the benefits to local agencies?

- Priority for CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grants
- Possible insurance discounts for FRRCL communities.

How can my agency apply for the list?

The application form is available on: bof.fire.ca.gov

2024 Fire Risk Reduction Communities



2024 FIRE RISK REDUCTION COMMUNITIES

- 2024 list has 50 Fire Risk Reduction Communities
- Only Brea Fire Department in Orange County

APPLICATION CRITERIA

- Mandatory Criteria
 - Determine whether a city has done its due diligence to keep compliant with State regulations
- Optional Criteria
 - Credit agencies for local fire planning actions which exceed State minimums
 - Must meet at least two of six criteria

Mandatory Criteria

The first four criteria are designed to determine whether a city or county has done its due diligence in keeping compliant with state regulations. In this portion cities and counties will be asked to provide documentation showing they have fulfilled the requirements of the following areas:



Fire Hazard Severity Zones



For Counties only: Subdivision Map Submission



Safety Elements



Subdivision Review Recommendations Progress Reports

CITY APPLICATION

Mandatory

- Adoption of local ordinance designating Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones pursuant to Government Code (GC) § 51179(a) and submission to BOF pursuant to 14 CCR § 1280.02.
- The Safety Element of the local agency's general plan has been submitted to the BOF for review pursuant to GC § 65302.5(b) within the last eight years, and all recommendations have been adopted.

Optional (Must meet at least two of six)

- Adoption of one or more local regulations which exceed the State minimum Fire Safe Regulations (14 CCR §§ 1270.00-1276.04)
- Adoption of one or more local defensible space ordinance, rule or regulation which exceeds State minimum regulations in 14 CCR § 1299.03.
- Adoption of a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) code stricter than Chapter 49, Part 9, of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.
- Identification of wildfire as a high priority hazard in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) updated within the last five years.

BENEFITS

- Applications for Cal Fire Wildfire Prevention Grants receive priority if the community is on the FRRCL
- The California Department of Insurance “Safer from Wildfires” regulations require that insurance companies take into account and reflect whether a structure is in a Fire Risk Reduction Community.

Benefit of FRRCL for Grants

Wildfire Prevention Grants are funds for projects in and near fire threatened communities to improve public health and safety while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. CAL FIRE's Wildfire Prevention Grants can be used to fund projects or activities focused on the protection of people, structures, and communities.

What types of projects can be funded with Wildfire Prevention Grants?

- Hazardous Fuels Reduction**
 - Vegetation Clearance
 - Fuel Breaks
 - Chipping Days
 - Prescribed Grazing
 - Green Waste Programs
- Wildfire Prevention Planning**
 - Wildfire Risk Mapping
 - Strategic Fire Planning Documents
- Wildfire Prevention Education**
 - Outreach Programs
 - Educational Materials

Wildfire Prevention Grant applicants will receive priority if the applicant is on the Fire Risk Reduction Community List, or if the applicant plans to utilize the grant funding to meet the List eligibility requirements.



Want to learn more about CAL FIRE's Grants Program?

Benefit of FRRCL for Insurance

The California Department of Insurance “Safer From Wildfires” regulations in Title 10, Section 2644.9(d), require insurance companies to use a rating plan that takes into account and reflects whether a structure is in a Fire Risk Reduction Community.



[Read the Safer From Wildfires Regulations Here!](#)

FRRCL communities may see a discount on insurance costs. Property owners in FRRCL communities can be directed to the Board's FRRCL webpage to access the list and other supporting documents for submission to their insurance providers. Questions or concerns regarding their insurance can be directed to the California Department of Insurance, or their insurance provider.

Quick Links for Property Owners

For documents which can be submitted to insurance Providers to verify FRRCL community status, including the resolution of Board approval:	Board of Forestry's FRRCL Webpage
For information on Safer from Wildfires insurance discounts for homeowners:	California Department of Insurance, Safer from Wildfires

PROCESS

- Submit application online
- Application period closes October 1, 2025
- The next two-year list will be published January 2026