



Wildfire Mitigation Cost Share Stipend Guidelines

- The address must fall into the City of Colorado Springs wildland urban interface (WUI).
- Intended to reduce the wildfire risk to homes with hazardous vegetation within the first 30' around the structure.
- Hazardous vegetation closest to the structure must be removed before other work can be completed.
- If the first 30' has been properly mitigated, work can be completed on other areas of the property.
- Deciduous trees may be removed if more than half of the tree is dead and falls within the mitigation guidelines.
- This is not a grant award, but a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$500 per household and can only be used once per household, per grant cycle.
- This dollar-for-dollar match cannot reimburse residents for work that has already been completed.
- We will not “landscape” or maintain your property – must follow mitigation standards. Funding will be for hazardous vegetation removal, **not** stump grinding, vegetation replacement or mulch replacement.
- Tree service company must be licensed / insured with the City of Colorado Springs.
- Walk-through with CSFD, resident and tree service company are **required prior to work being done** –all work discussed will be noted on a work form and signed off by the resident and the contractor. The resident will receive an estimate for the work beforehand. CSFD must also receive an estimate from the tree service company to meet grant requirements.
- Residents and CSFD are to be billed separately from the tree service company once the approved work has been completed. Each party will pay the agreed upon amount.
- CSFD may request a second walk-thru to ensure the approved work is completed and may withhold payment if not satisfied upon inspection.
- Each participant must sign a stewardship agreement that explains the responsibilities, obligations and duties of the resident and the City of Colorado Springs. The stewardship agreement also states both parties can withdraw from the agreement without consent.
- Limited funds – first come, first served. Additional sign-ups will be on the “stand-by” list in case all funds are not used up or additional funds become available.
- Call Bailey to schedule a walk-thru of the property with a tree service company, or to request a copy of the approved tree service companies.
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