



Holiday Farm Fire Fire Hardening Grant Application



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 3050 N. DELTA HWY, EUGENE OR 97404 Planning: 682-3577

Date Received:

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Financial grants are available to assist residents who are rebuilding from the Holiday Farm Fire. Funding is available to residents interested in making landscaping and structural improvements to their properties, which can increase the survivability of their home in the event of a future wildfire. Residents may qualify for up to \$6,750 in financial assistance to carry out the following improvements:

- Replacement of wood shake roofs with noncombustible roof materials
- Installation of fire-resistant windows, doors and siding
- Screening of vents and other opening to prevent the entry of firebrands
- Protecting the undersides of eaves, soffits, and other building projections
- Installing fire-hardened walking surfaces of porches, balconies, and decks
- For manufactured homes, installing noncombustible skirting
- Installing non-combustible rooves and/or siding on nearby accessory buildings

Funding for this program is provided to Lane County by the Department of Consumer and Business Services through House Bill 5006 and Oregon Administrative Rules 918-001-5000 to OAR 918-001-5070

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Eligible properties will be located in rural Lane County (outside of the Eugene-Springfield Urban Growth Boundary or outside of the incorporated area of any other city within the county).
2. Property ownership will be verified with a copy of the title, manufactured home ownership documentation, a search of public property ownership records, or other documentation at the discretion of the County Building Official.
3. The property owner of record must be the applicant for the funds, and will be the only recipient of the funds.
4. Work will be completed on residences, commercial structures, and/or accessory buildings damaged or destroyed in the Holiday Farm Fire in September of 2020.
5. Property owners are responsible for scheduling and managing inspections with Lane County building inspectors, and submitting requested information to Lane County staff.
6. Completion of eligible work will be verified with the results of an inspection by Lane County building inspectors, or other documentation at the discretion of the Lane County Building Official.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please read the program eligibility requirements section above, before completing this application. Fill out the application form as completely as possible & be identify all improvements you will make by checking the appropriate box on page 3. This application must be signed by the property owner where the improvements will occur.

All wildfire-affected properties are eligible to apply for funding. If you already have an issued building permit, please submit this form to Marianne Nolte during regular office hours to qualify retroactively for fire-hardening improvements you have already made. Marianne is available at the McKenzie School new gym Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; and at the Leaburg Fire Station Thursdays from 9:30 am to noon.

If this application is for a new proposed rebuild project, submit the application to the Lane County Land Management Division Builder on Duty as part of your building permit document packet.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Land Owner (print name): _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please note; the landowner’s signature is required on page 4 of this application. If the property has been sold, but the new landowner’s name has not been updated in County records, a PROPERTY OWNER AUTHORIZATION FORM must accompany this application. This form is available from the Lane County Land Management Division.

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Site Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Map and Tax Lot Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Directions to site from nearest major intersection:

Acreage: _____

Is the property your primary residence?* Yes ___ No ___ Has the property been rebuilt? Yes ___ No ___

*This is not a requirement to participate in the program. A building that was not a primary residence can still qualify for the program. There may be additional tax implications for someone who receives grant funds for a building that is not their primary residence. Please consult a tax professional to get advice on any potential tax implications.

I would like this application to be shared with the McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group.**

**This is not a requirement to participate in the program. The MVLTRG may have additional funding available to eligible property owners. By sharing this application, MVLTRG may contact you about additional funding opportunities.

QUALIFYING WORK DESCRIPTION:

Was your property impacted by the Holiday Farm Fire? Yes ___ No ___

Use the following checklist to mark all the improvements you will make to your property:

AVAILABLE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

	Proposed Improvement	Standards that must be met to qualify	Available Grant Funding
	Roof Covering	Wood Shake Roofs shall be replaced with a Class A or Class B roof coverings.	\$2,200
	Noncombustible Exterior Siding	Wall coverings must be either non-combustible; ignition-resistant; heavy timber; or log wall	\$1,750
	Vent Protection	Vents designed to resist ember intrusion and flame, or using an unvented attic assembly	\$350
	Eave/Soffit Protection	Protecting undersides of eaves, soffits, and other building projections. At discretion of Building Official. Must use either non-combustible material; ignition-resistant material; exterior portion of one-hour assembly; one layer of 5/8" Type X gypsum sheathing or equivalent	\$400
	Walking Surfaces	Installing fire-hardened walking surfaces on porches, balconies and decks. Walking surfaces must be constructed from either non-combustible material; ignition-resistant material; exterior fire-retardant treated wood; materials meeting ASTM E2632.	\$550
	Fire Resistant Windows	Installing tempered glass windows or 20-minute fire rated windows	\$500
	Manufactured Home Skirting	For manufactured homes only, installing skirting that is made from either noncombustible or ignition-resistant materials	\$500
	Accessory Buildings	Installing Class A or Class B roof, and/or installing non-combustible exterior siding on accessory structures that are no more than 50' away from a dwelling	\$500

LAND OWNER AUTHORIZATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

I hereby affirm that I am the owner of the property located at:

Site Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I also affirm and acknowledge that by signing this application form I am authorizing Lane County staff to enter onto my property for the purpose of evaluating my home to inspect and certify that requirements of the Fire Hardening Grant Program have been satisfactorily completed.

I acknowledge that submittal of this application does not imply the award of any grant funding and that funding eligibility shall be determined upon inspection of my property by Lane County staff.

I acknowledge that distribution of grant funds is dependent on availability of those funds.

I acknowledge that I have read the **DETAILED PROCESS INFORMATION** below, and agree to comply with the requirements of Lane County building inspectors.

Land Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

DETAILED PROCESS INFORMATION:

Once this application and the accompanying W-9 tax document have been received, Lane County staff will calculate the amount of grant money available for the proposed improvements and notify the applicant.

Applicant will complete the proposed fire hardening measures. The applicant is responsible for paying for the work to be completed by any contractors. Applicant and/or contractors are responsible for using approved materials for the work and for following product installation instructions.

When the work is complete, the property owner will schedule Lane County building inspectors to perform inspections. Work must meet the code in effect at the time the building permits were issued. Inspectors will notify applicant of the results of the inspections. Building inspectors will also notify staff of the inspection results. Staff will only reimburse work that has been completed.

If the applicants wishes to change their proposal to include more or fewer fire hardening measures, they must notify Lane County’s Permit Navigator so that the total dollar amount due can be adjusted.

When fire hardening improvements are complete and inspections are finalled, Lane County staff will start to process a reimbursement check. PLEASE BE AWARE; applicants will receive their check within 45 days after the Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the building.

OTHER INFORMATION:

The Fire Hardening Grant is retroactive to the date of the Holiday Farm Fire, September 8, 2020. Grant funds are available to residents who have already completed their rebuilds, residents whose rebuilds are in process, and residents who have yet to rebuild.

Residents who live outside of the Holiday Farm Fire area who are interested in making landscaping and structural improvements that can help their home survive a wildfire may qualify for funding under the Lane County Firewise Grant Incentive Program: www.lanecountyor.gov/firewise

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Total dollar amount applied for: _____ Date of Application: _____

Total dollar amount approved: _____ Date of Approval: _____

Staff Name: _____ Staff Signature: _____