

• **Question: What are the reimbursable costs for Firewise Community programs:**

- The County may use Title III funds to carry out the following Firewise Communities program activities that: (1) educate homeowners in fire sensitive ecosystems about techniques in siting (positioning or locating a home, constructing a home, landscaping and maintenance around the home that will decrease risk of injury or death and decrease the risk of damage or destruction of a home as a result of a wildfire in the area surrounding the home, or (2) assist homeowners in implementing these techniques. Disseminating Firewise information with door hangers, print or radio advertisements;
- Making Firewise information available at community events;
- Holding Firewise educational workshops for homeowners;
- Creating or distributing videos on Firewise principles related to the home ignition zone and fire-resistant building materials; and
- Outfitting and staffing Firewise trailers or mobile units to educate homeowners about the Firewise principles related to the home ignition zone and fire-resistant building materials.

Examples of mitigation assistance to homeowners include:

- Assisting communities with Firewise planning, including conducting a Firewise community assessment;
- Hosting "clean-up days" to encourage homeowners to remove brush and other vegetation from around their homes;
- Assisting communities with applications for Firewise Communities recognition;
- Providing grants or partial funding for removal of vegetation from around homes;
- Salary and transportation costs for youth crews removing vegetation from around homes;
- Supervision, transportation and related costs for parolees or prisoners removing vegetation from around homes; and
- Providing chippers to treat hazardous vegetation within the home ignition zone.

**Examples of activities not authorized by section 302(a)(1) include:**

- Clearing vegetation along emergency evacuation routes;
- Clearing vegetation from county lands, parks, schools or cemeteries or other larger swaths of land not directly associated with home siting;
- Clearing fuel breaks or removing understory vegetation from large linear areas surrounding communities beyond 200 feet from homes.
- Purchasing address and street signs to make it easier for firefighters and emergency responders to locate homes, cabins and businesses;
- Updating a 911 emergency response system;
- Purchasing or installing water tanks or hydrants to be used for fire suppression;
- Purchasing or installing fire danger signs to display the current level of wildland fire danger;
- Educating youth about the Firewise program and other issues related to wildland fire; and
- Purchasing informational materials and supplies to be used to educate people about the larger issues of wildland fire beyond the home ignition zone.

Specific examples include:

- Note: Expenditure of such funding is limited to Firewise activities that are carried out in the following communities:
- Activities carried out in a community that is Firewise Community/USA Recognized Site.
- Activities carried out by a community to become recognized as a Firewise Communities/USA Recognized Site.
- Activities necessary to renew recognition as a Firewise Communities/USA Recognized Site.