

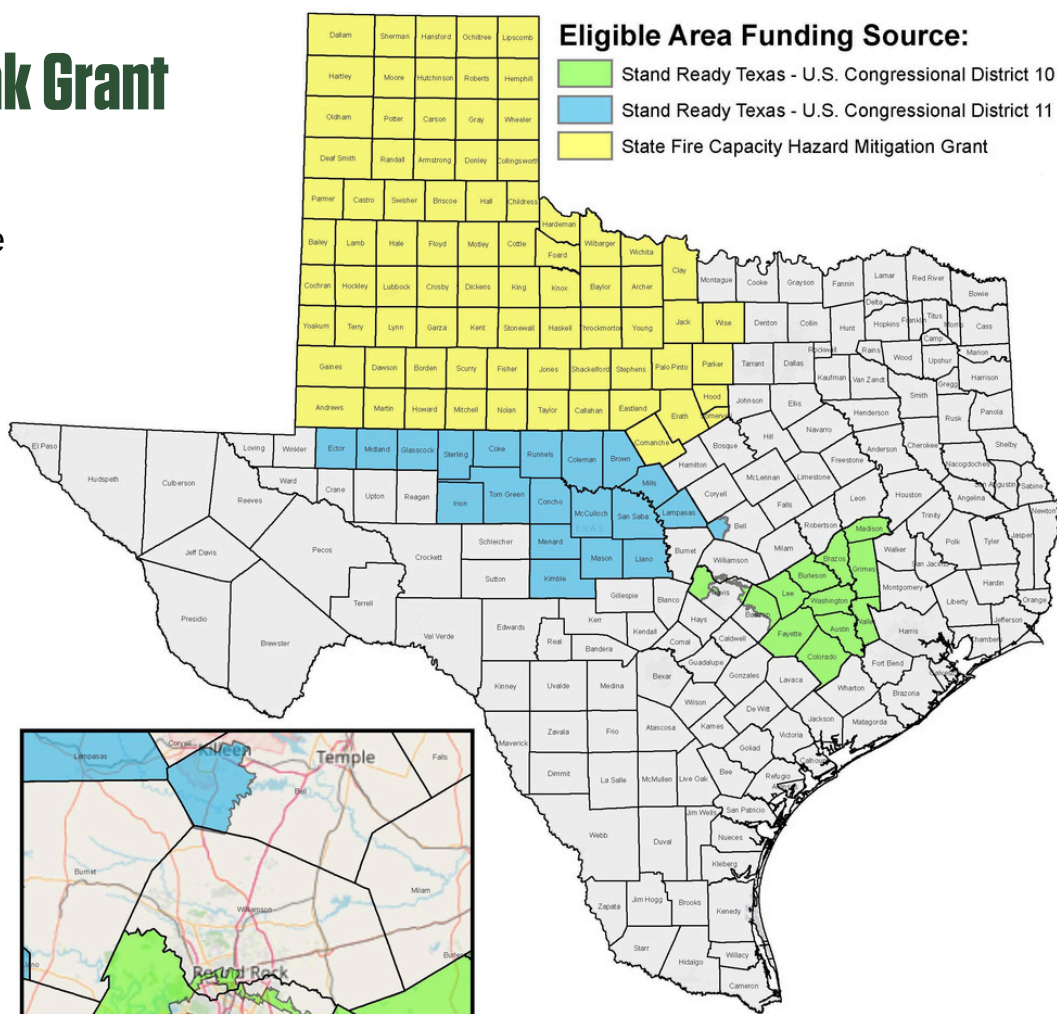
Cool Season Fire Break Grant

Quick Facts:

- Grant opens for the month of June
- reimbursed actual cost not to exceed \$80 per acre
- \$8,000 Max total reimbursement per applicant
- Linear shaped fire breaks should be a minimum of 300 feet wide
- Whole field planting is allowable but maximum width cannot be more than 1,000 ft
- Eligible cool season grasses for planting in this program are: Cereal Grains (Oats, Wheat, Rye), Annual Rye grass, native cool season annual grasses, or cool season legumes.

Eligible Area Funding Source:

-  Stand Ready Texas - U.S. Congressional District 10
-  Stand Ready Texas - U.S. Congressional District 11
-  State Fire Capacity Hazard Mitigation Grant



Interactive map and application available at:
tfsweb.tamu.edu/CoolSeasonFuelBreak

LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE



The goal of this grant program is to reduce the negative impacts of wildland fires to communities on the plains of Texas. Projects will be located in the Panhandle, Northwest, and parts of Central Texas as defined by Texas A&M Forest Service Mitigation and Prevention Department and Applied Technology Department as high priority (see map for eligible counties).

The projected outcome is to assist landowners by covering the costs of planting cool season fire breaks adjacent to and in strategic locations around communities at high risk from wind driven wildfires.

The great plains and rolling plains of Texas are a mostly flat or rolling landscape that is characterized by large wind driven wildfires. In the most extreme cases, these locations experience what is termed a Southern Plains Wildfire Outbreak. Fires that occur on these rangelands after previous wet cycles are often only contained when they reach a wide break in fuel like an agriculture field or recent burned scar, or the weather conditions moderate. Establishing wide fuel breaks planted in cool season grasses that are actively growing during the most common time of year for wind driven wildfires, is one strategy to reduce risk to communities.

Grant recipients in this program will be reimbursed for actual costs up to \$80 per acre for establishing a cool season fire break on their property. Work may be conducted by a hired contractor of the landowner's choosing or by the landowner themselves. Previous work conducted before agreement has been signed and a notice to proceed letter has been issued, will not be accepted. Individual landowners may submit more than one application. Only one application can be approved per landowner. If more applications are received than funding that is available, the applications will be reviewed on a competitive ranking system based on wildfire risk reduction criteria.

