



State Fire Assistance for Mitigation (SFAM) - Mechanical Fuel Reduction Grant FAQ

Can you apply for both Hand-cut Fuel Break and Mulcher Fuel Break?

- No, you may only apply for one treatment at a time, not both.

What if your contractor backs out after application is signed and returned?

- Once the signed application is submitted with current contractor information, the landowner cannot change contractors. If the contractor declines or fails to complete the work by the deadline, then the applicant may re-apply the following grant cycle. This is only available on the first occurred. Failing to complete the work 2 years in a row will result in automatic disqualification the 3rd cycle/year.

If debris is left on site from contractor, can landowner be reimbursed?

- We will not reimburse until debris is removed by contractor, which will be verified by the post-treatment inspection.

What can be reimbursed?

- Reimbursable costs are limited to those expenditures listed on a contractor's invoice that are directly related to the installation of the fuel breaks or the rental of equipment that is directly related to the installation of the fuel breaks. The purchase of equipment is not reimbursable.

What if the contractor cannot complete all the acreage before 180 days?

- If work is not completed by the end of the 180-day term, the landowner can be reimbursed for the acreage that was completed.

What if I complete more than originally accepted?

- We will only reimburse what was agreed upon on your acceptance letter for acreage or max reimbursement amount.

What if I want to switch treatment types after acceptance?

- If the landowner wishes to change treatment method, contractor, project location/ dimensions, or reimbursement maximum, then the landowner will need to reapply for the next grant cycle with their changes. Once the acceptance letter and signed documents are received, nothing can be changed.

What if I turn in an incomplete map that does not have all the requirements?

- Your application will be automatically disqualified.

Can I submit more than one application?

- Individual landowners may submit more than one application per different project location. Only one application can be approved per landowner.

Can previous work be accepted?

- Previous work conducted before pre-inspections will not be accepted.



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How were the eligible counties selected?

- The 32 eligible counties are where the concentration of high-risk fuels type and increased populations meet with problematic fuel driven fire behavior. The Western side of Texas has historically had wind driven fires. Other regions in Texas may have similar fuel types, however, previous years fire behavior was elevated in these counties.

How are the applications scored?

- These applications will be scored on a matrix system which takes problematic fuel type, burn probability, number of homes protected from treatment, and community protection zone data into consideration.