



CITY OF RAPID CITY

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA 57701

Department of Fire and Emergency Services

10 Main Street

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LF103002-01

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Rapid City Department of Fire & Emergency services is requesting permission to enter an application for a 50/50 wildland fuels mitigation grant. This grant allows homeowners to apply for monies in which to reduce fuel buildup in urban interface wildland fire areas. This is a US Forest Service pass down grant. The grant reimburses homeowners 50% of costs associated with fuels reduction.

The state has agreed to handle the reimbursement of funds to landowners as this will cut down on the paperwork and local handling of these funds.

The fire department has agreed to due site surveys for interested homeowners wishing to apply for monies. There is money in the grant to assist with some of this work. We already perform these functions on request and do not see any major work differences from duties now performed. We will also do in-kind donations of public service ads so that citizens know that this program is available. I have attached the grant request for your perusal. This is a multiyear program that hopefully benefits the citizens of Rapid City. We feel that this will help make urban interface areas more easily defendable to wildfires when they occur.

If there are any questions please feel free to contact me at any time at the main fire station or drop me an e-mail and I will forward any information that is needed.

Sincerely,

Richard Lehmann
Assistant Chief Education & Administration

2003 Western States Wildland Urban Interface Grant Program

1	State information for
State Contact	State priority for this application:
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2	Applicant Information
Applicant Name:	Rapid City Dept of Fire and Emergency Services
Contact Person:	Richard Lehmann
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	Rapid City, SD 57701
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3	Community Information
Community Name:	City of Rapid City
County:	Pennington
Population:	60,000
Homes:	1,400
Congressional District:	1
What organization in the community is providing leadership for the project?	
Homeowners Association:	
Fire Department or Protection District:	Rapid City Dept of Fire and Emergency Services
Local Government:	
County Government:	
Corporation:	
Private Individual:	
Hazard Description (Check appropriate type of interface)	
Interface:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intermix:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Occluded Interface:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Interface:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Threat Description (Check what is threatened)	
Homes:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Businesses:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Watersheds:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Infrastructure:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Economic Viability:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Project Summary											
	<p>Project Type (Check all that apply)</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Assessment/Scoping:</td> <td style="text-align: center; width: 40px;">X</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Planning:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Information/Education:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Implementation/Treatment:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Monitoring/Evaluation:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> </tr> </table> <p>Project Description: 50/50 cost share with homeowners to create defensible space in west Rapid City and a Public Education Program to market the project to targeted property owners.</p>	Assessment/Scoping:	X	Planning:	X	Information/Education:	X	Implementation/Treatment:	X	Monitoring/Evaluation:	X
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4	<p>How will you mitigate the threats checked in Block 3?</p> <p>Reduce the wildfire hazardous fuels in the interface through thinning, brush disposal and prescribed fire and improve overall forest ecosystem health. The project will engage individual property owners and the community in the effort. Targeted property owners in the interface will be identified through a Public Education Program consisting of a video production, a mailing, and public presentations. Implementation will come through a 50/50 cost share with the property owner. Progress will be monitored by the applicant (Fire Dept).</p> <p>Give a brief description of the project steps and activities to achieve objectives.</p> <p>Property owners wishing to participate will contact the Fire Department; their property will have a site assessment to assure its validity. The homeowner or a contractor will do thinning and brush disposal. The Fire Department, where applicable, will do a prescribed fire. Upon completion of the treatment, a follow up assessment will be done.</p> <p>Time-line for meeting the steps listed above. Include major milestones, accomplishments and completion date.</p> <p>A Public Education Program would be conducted and completed in three months. A site assessment would be completed immediately upon request. The property owner would be given reasonable time to have the work completed (possibly three months), followed by prescribed fire (where applicable) & when conditions allow, either in the spring or fall. Project completion date would be three calendar years upon grant acceptance.</p>										

Contributors	
5	<p>Name the private, local, tribal, state, and/or federal organizations that are contributing or participating in getting the project done.</p> <p>Rapid City Department of Fire and Emergency Services (Fire Department) Participating Property Owners</p>

Project Revenue						
Contributors	Grant		Fire Dept		Property Owners	Total
6	Dollars (Hard Match)	19,000			16,000	35,000
	In-Kind (Soft Match)		3,000			3,000
	Total	19,000	3,000		16,000	38,000

Project Costs						
Contributors	Grant		Fire Dept		Property Owners	Total
	Cooperators Salary/ Wages/Benefits					
7	Operating Expenses	1,000	3,000			4,000
	Contractual Services	16,000			16,000	16,000
	Capital Expenses					
	Indirect Costs	2,000				2,000
	Total	19,000	3,000		16,000	38,000

Additional Comments						
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