

A faded, rectangular background image showing a wildfire scene. It depicts several houses engulfed in flames, with thick smoke and fire visible. The image is intentionally faded to serve as a backdrop for the title text.

# California Fire Safe Council

## Laguna Niguel Communities

November 10, 2022

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# WHO We Are

***California's leader in community wildfire risk reduction and resiliency***

- Formed by CAL FIRE - 1993
- Independent with non-profit 501c3 status - 2002
- Grant Clearinghouse – 2004
- Advisory Role
- Bridge Gaps & Build Synergy in communities
  - Focus on creating intrinsic public appeal for community resiliency

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# WHO We Are

- Board of 15 – 20: mixed disciplines & regional interests
  - Fire Service
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - CALFIRE
  - NFPA - Firewise
  - Foresters
  - Building Industry
  - Academia
  - Insurance
  - Utilities
- Staff: increased from 7 to 21 since 2020

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# WHO We Are

**OUR PARTNERS**

 CAL VOLVS Office of the Governor	 PG&E	 FIRE ADAPTED COMMUNITIES LEARNING NETWORK	 Cal OES GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES	 California Department of Conservation	 CAL FIRE
 STATE FARM	 FARMERS INSURANCE	 NATIONAL SYSTEM OF PUBLIC LANDS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	 EDISON INTERNATIONAL	 FOREST SERVICE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	
		BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR			UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

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# WHY We Do It

## National **STRATEGY & PLAN** (2014)

All California counties are characterized by higher-than-average annual area burned, structures lost, and homes exposed within the WUI, and were assigned the highest national priority for community action.

## National **PROCESS**

Fire Adapted Community (2005) - A human community consisting of informed and prepared citizens collaboratively planning and taking action to safely coexist with wildland fire

FAC NET (2013) & Self Assessment Tool



## National **PROGRAMS**

Firewise – 2002

Ready Set Go! – 2011

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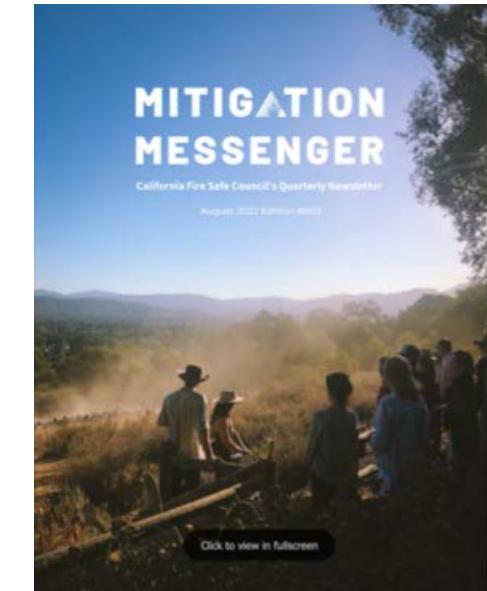
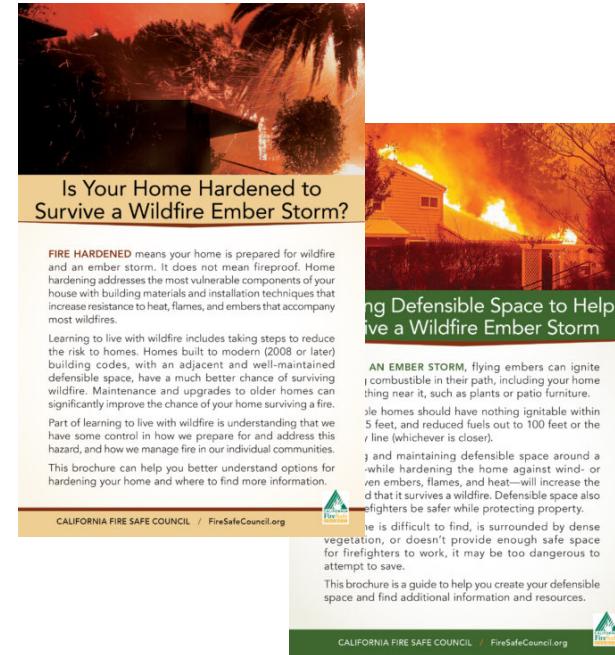


# WHAT We Do

Grant Clearinghouse ● Programs & Outreach ● Communications

Build community resiliency through

- Grant Awards & Support
- Forestry Expertise
- Tools & Materials
- Advocacy
- Policy Development
- Technical Assistance
- Education – preparedness, education, mitigation



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## Fire Safe Communities Capital Walk Day

## Incident Action Plan



## WHAT We Do



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Group Assignments	Representative	County
Fire Safe Sonoma	Caerleon Safford	Sonoma A
Humboldt County FSC	Cybelle Immitt	Humboldt A
Trinity County FSC	Larry Winter	Trinity A
Fire Safe Marin	John Hansen	Marin A
Lake County FSC	Magdalena Hurwitz	Lake A
CFSC Board Member	Pat Frost	State/Trinity A
Butte County FSC	Jim Houtman	Butte B
Nevada County FSC	Jamie Jones/Wanda Mertens	Nevada B
Sierra RCD	Steve Haze	Sierra B
El Dorado County FSC	Steve Willis	El Dorado B
CFSC Board Member	Frank Stewart	State/Butte B
Diablo Fire Safe Council	Kim Johnson	Alameda C
(Napa) Dry Creek Lokoja Vol FD/Mt Veeder	Joseph Nordlinger	Napa C
Santa Clara FSC	Patty Ciesla	Santa Clara C
Napa RCD	Lucas Patzek	Napa C
CFSC Board Member	Dave Shew	State/Napa C
Central Ventura FSC	Luis Espinosa	Ventura D
Fire Safe Ojai	Chris Danch	Ventura D
North Topanga FSC	Beth Burnham	Los Angeles D
CFSC	Bob Roper	State/Ventura D
Inland Empire RCD	Mandy Parkes	Riverside E
Mountain Rim FSC	Laura Dyberg	San Bernardino E
San Diego FSC/RCD	Sheryl Landrum	San Diego E
COAST: County of Orange Area Safety Task	Mike O'Connell	Orange E
CFSC Board Member	David Horne	State/Orange E
CA Assoc of RCD	Karen Buhr	State S
CFSC Leadership	Tracy Katelman	State S
CFSC Leadership	Ruben Grijalva	State S



# Grants Dashboard

Since 2004, the Grants Clearinghouse:

- Awarded **1,100 grants**
- **\$118.4 M in grant funds**
- **\$111.1 M in matching funds**
- **Total of \$225.3 M**
- **Increased Wildfire Resiliency in 363 Communities**



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# Grants Dashboard

3.4k

Plans Created

3.3k

Education Products

2.5k

Workshops

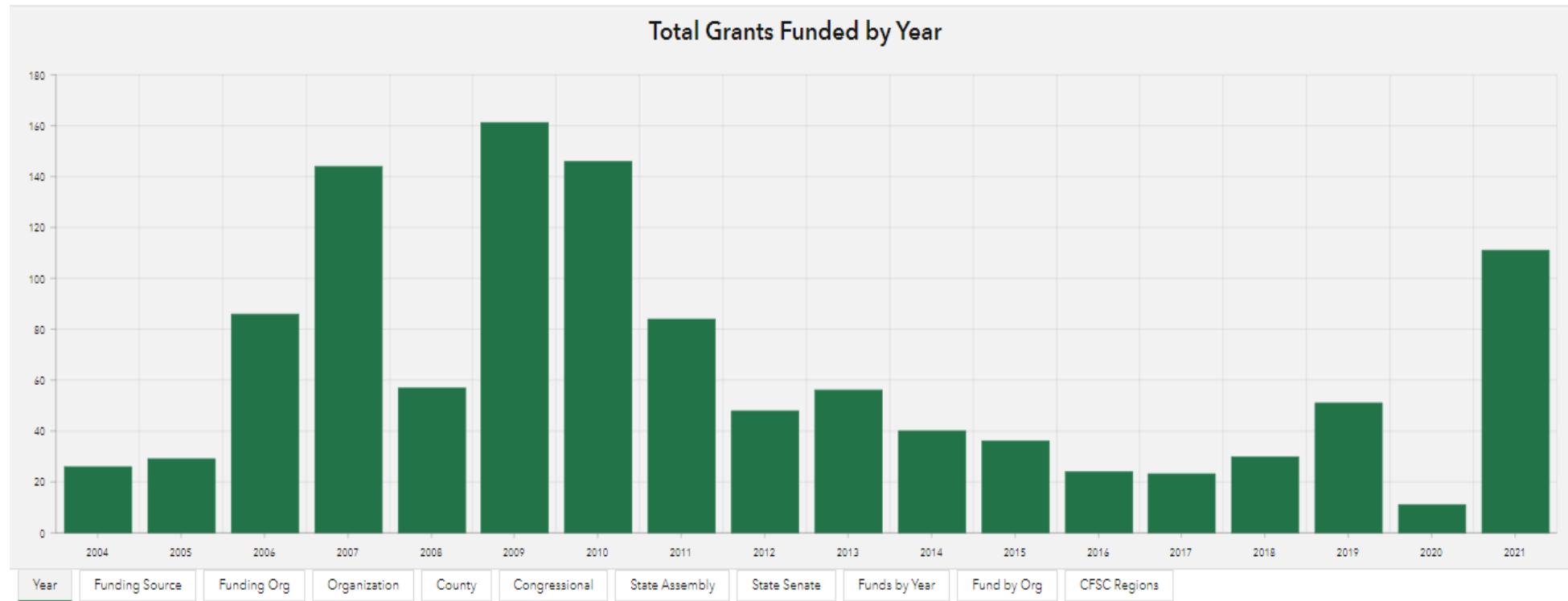
10k

Education Programs

532.3k

Acres Treated

Total Grants Funded by Year



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# County Coordinator Grant Program Impact



## **Northern Region County Coordinator Program**

**1,028**  **16,299**

Wildfire Mitigation Groups Engaged  Community Members Engaged

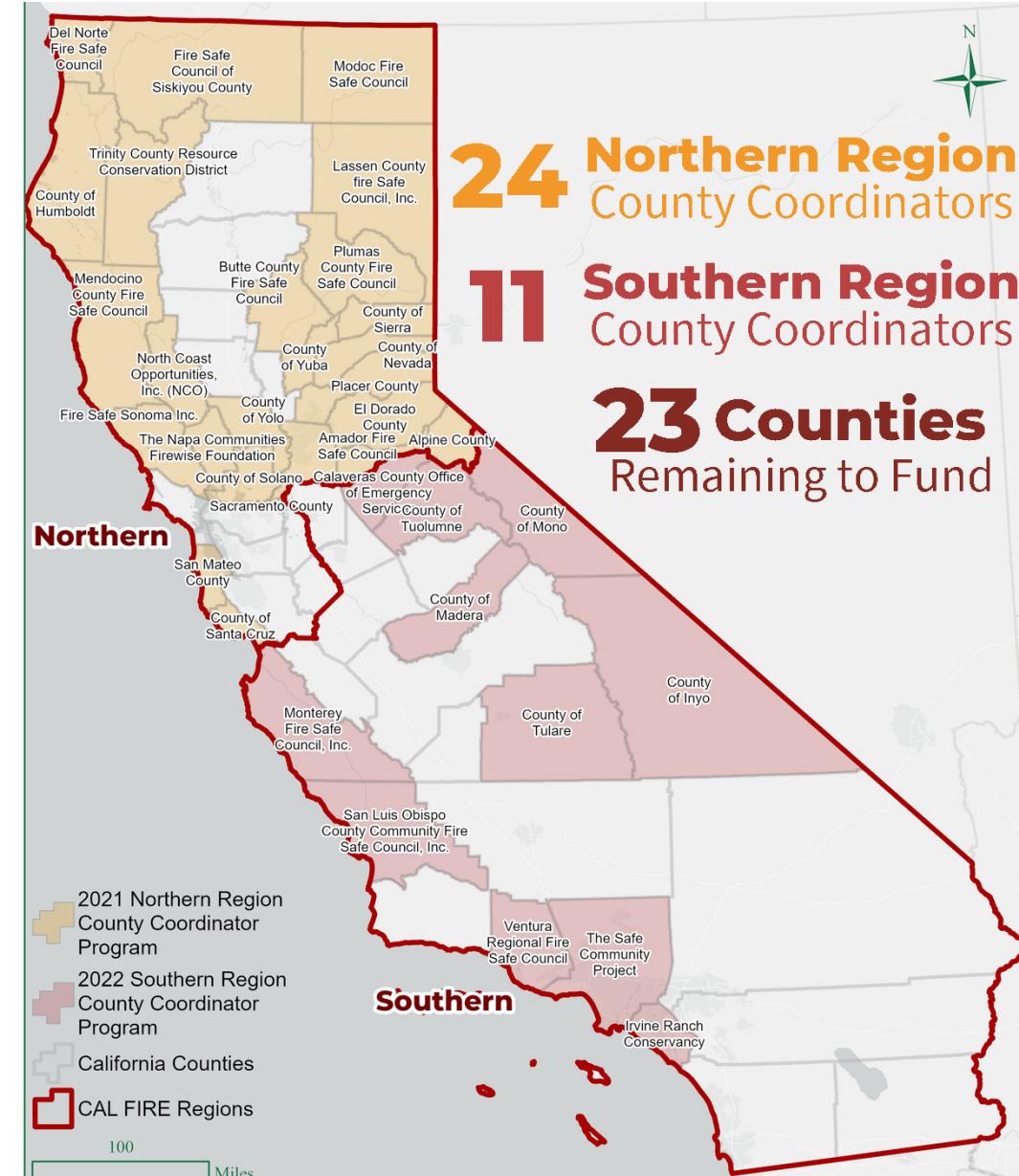
# 125 Educational Products Produced



## 375 EVENTS HOSTED

# 73

people Employed  
relevant to County  
ordinators Grant



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# Capacity Building Grant Program

## Partners:

- **SCE**
- PGE
- **RFFC**
- Insurance Industry
- Cal OES/CAL Vols



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## 2022 COMMUNITY FIRE-SAFE CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) is pleased to announce the opening of a grant program to provide capacity support to local wildfire prevention organizations. This program is directed to new or emerging Fire Safe Council's and similar organizations. Funding for this grant is in partnership with Edison International and the California Department of Conservation's Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program.

Awarded grants will support capacity building, including salary support, volunteer management, and media messaging communication development.

CFSC is accepting applications for the 2022 Community Fire-Safe Capacity Grant opportunity as of October 10, 2022. The deadline for submission is November 15, 2022 at 11:59 PM PST. Grants will be awarded in the amount of \$20,000.

This capacity program will also partner with the CFSC County Coordinator grant program to ensure support of newly developed fire safe council partnerships during and after the grant award. This program will prioritize applicants from counties that have a county coordinator and/or the applying organization is a fire safe council, please refer to the RFA once available for more information.

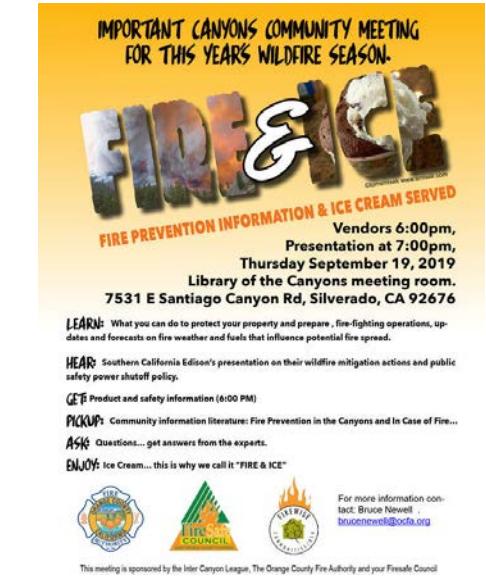
- New FSCs
- SCE Area
- \$20k
- County Coordinator Support
- November 15



# WHAT We Do

Facilitate creation of new FSCs

- strengthen local synergy toward building community resiliency
- providing legal and advisory tools to encourage and support





# Fire Safe Council Project Work

Education  
Planning

Mitigation  
Community Preparedness

Statewide Success Stories:

<https://cafiresafecouncil.org/all-resources/>



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