

Agenda Item

DATE: APRIL 22, 2025
TO: DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
THROUGH: DOUGLAS J. DEBORD, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: MATTHEW DZIUBANSKI, CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
CC: JILL WELLE, WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND RESILIENCE COORDINATOR
CC: DYLAN WILLIAMS, WILDFIRE MITIGATION SPECIALIST
SUBJECT: 2024-2025 COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE (CSFS) FOREST RESTORATION WILDFIRE RISK MITIGATION (FRWRM) GRANT AWARD

SUMMARY

To increase the efficiency of monies allocated to the wildfire mitigation program, further supporting the BOCC initiative around wildfire, mitigation staff made application to the 2024-2025 CSFS FRWRM grant program and was awarded \$350,000 for the DC wildfire cost share program. This additional funding continues supporting mitigation work on private lands, protecting communities and residents from wildfire in and around the built environment.

BACKGROUND

Established in 2017, the FRWRM grant program provides state support through a competitive process that encourages community level action to reduce the risk of wildfire to people, property, and infrastructure in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), encourage and promote forest health and forest restoration projects, and encourage and promote the use of woody material for traditional forest products and biomass energy. 2024-2025 awarded \$7.04 million over 37 projects. \$5.7 million was awarded to support fuels reduction projects and another \$1.3 million towards capacity building. This is a highly competitive grant program, 2024-2025 applicants resulted in over \$21 million in requests.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Accept the \$350,000 CSFS FRWRM grant program award.

ATTACHMENTS

Award Notification

Initialed Scope of Work

Signed award notification