



National Fire Plan

2019 Prescribed Fire Grant Application

**Grant Funded Through USDA – Forest Service
Award #17 DG-11083148-001 & #18-11083148-001
CFDA #10.664**

Scope of Project: Provide assistance to communities that have been or may be threatened by wildland fire by funding prescribed burning to reduce hazardous fuels in and around communities. Treatment areas will be located in the 33 Texas Counties that have a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) within the county (See map of eligible counties). The goal is to protect high-risk communities and aid in ecosystem restoration by utilizing prescribed fire to consume excess vegetation before it contributes to catastrophic wildfire. Priority will be given to treatment sites that are within a CWPP, located near a Firewise community, located near homes based on Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (TxWRAP), and contain ecosystems that will benefit from prescribed fire. Priority will also be given to landowners that were approved in 2018 grant process but were unable to complete their burn project. The total funding for these grants is anticipated to be \$54,000.00. No cost shares are involved with this grant program.

Grant recipients will be reimbursed actual per acre costs associated with conducting the prescribed burn not to exceed the maximum reimbursement rate of \$30.00 per acre with a total limit of 300 acres per recipient.

TFS will supply the grant recipient with an approval to burn letter when all TFS required paperwork has been completed by recipient. Any burning on an approved project prior to receiving an approval to burn letter from TFS may not be eligible for reimbursement.

Applications may be filled out online at the Texas A&M Forest Service webpage:
www.tfsweb.tamu.edu/NationalFirePlanRxFireGrantApplication/

Alternatively, there is also an option to complete a hard copy of the application and mailed it to:
**Texas A&M Forest Service- Mitigation & Prevention Department
P.O. Box 310, Lufkin, Texas 75902-0310
Attn: Fuels Coordinator**

Application packages must be post marked or submitted online before 5:00 pm Friday, September 28, 2018, or they will not be considered for funding. **No faxes or e-mailed applications will be accepted.**

All applicants will receive a notification of decision letter of either approved or denied no later than December 7, 2018. TFS will also publicize the listing of approved recipients on our website. The grant funding period is from December 7, 2018 to July 31, 2019. No application deadline extensions will be granted.



We will be happy to help with any questions. Please call Andy McCrady, Fuels Coordinator, at (936) 689-9393 or wmccrady@tfs.tamu.edu or Tammy Russell, Business Associate III, at (936) 273-2261 or trussell@tfs.tamu.edu.

Applications Must Include:

- Complete landowner information on page 1.
- Complete contractor information on page 1 including the vendor's TDA license number.
- A comprehensive burn plan along with the "Burn Unit Location" information requested on page 2 of application. **Contracted burn vendor must be a Licensed TDA Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager and must sign and date their submitted burn plan.** See the Texas Department of Agriculture website for details of a comprehensive burn plan: <http://www.texasagriculture.gov/Home/ProductionAgriculture/PrescribedBurnProgram/SampleBurningPlanDocuments.aspx>
- Coordinates: Latitude & Longitude of burn unit (Degrees/Minutes/Seconds).
- County and physical address of burn unit location or distance and direction to nearest intersection.
- Burn unit boundary map: showing proposed burn perimeter, acres to be burned, coordinates, and aerial or satellite imagery as background.
- Box must be checked certifying that the applicant is the landowner or has the expressed permission of the landowner to submit the application on their behalf.

Additional Information of Prescribed Fire Grant:

- Burn units that received payments in the 2018 grant process are not eligible for funding in the 2019 grant.
- Priority will be given to burn units that were approved in 2018 grant process but were unable to complete their burn project.
- Burn units that were selected for funding and failed to complete their burns two years in a row, will not be eligible for funding the following year.
- Multiple applications may be submitted per individual, but grant is competitive and selection will be based on the goal of reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire near communities. All applications will receive a notification of decision by mail by December 7, 2018.
- **Complete application packages must be post marked or submitted online before 5:00 pm Friday, September 28, 2018, or they will not be considered for funding.** Deadline for applications is firm. No fax or e-mailed applications will be accepted.
- Name on application, grant agreement, and invoice for payment must match.
- TFS personnel may contact and speak directly with recipient's burn vendor about burn dates after the recipient has received the approval to burn notification letter from TFS.
- Grant is to be used only for the reimbursement of costs to landowners for private contractor to conduct a prescribed burn (maximum of \$30.00 per acre and maximum of 300 acres of total burns).



- Grant funds do not apply and will not be provided to reimburse charges for application or creation of burn plans by a private contractor.
- TFS may complete an on-site assessment prior to approval of recipient's application.

If you are selected:

- All grant documents including agreement must be completed and signed by applicant and approved by Texas A&M Forest Service before the prescribed burn can take place.
- TFS staff member will make a short site documentation visit and take pre-burn photos of vegetation condition along with a final post burn inspection and photos of vegetation after the burn.
- **TFS will supply the recipient with an approval to burn letter when all TFS paperwork has been completed by recipient. Any burning on approved project prior to receiving this notice may forfeit recipient's prescribed burn funding.**
- No exchange of land tracts will be allowed. Reimbursement made only upon approved contracted land tract.
- **Recipient's burn contractor should notify TFS at least 24 hours prior to the prescribed burn taking place, along with notifying TFS when the burn has been completed. Contractor should call Andy McCrady, TFS Fuels Coordinator, at (936) 689-9393 or secondary contact Bobby Dixon, TFS Resource Specialist, at (904) 204-5698 with this notification.**



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Landowner/Applicant Information:

Landowner Name, Partnership, Trust, or Company that owns the land –CIRCLE ONE

Mailing Address City, State Zip Code

Home/Business Phone Number Cell Number E-Mail Address

Check this box to certify: “I am the landowner or I have the landowner’s expressed permission to submit this application on their behalf”. _____
Date

Contractor Information:

Prescribed Burn Vendor Name TDA Prescribed Burn Manager License #

Mailing Address City, State Zip Code

Phone Number Cell Number E-Mail Address



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Burn Unit Location:

Latitude: _____ **Longitude:** _____

County: _____

Physical address of burn unit or nearest intersection: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Was this same tract of land approved in the NFP 2018, but failed to complete burning?

NO

YES

Pages 1 & 2 of application must be completed.

Please attach the following with your two page application:

- **Comprehensive Prescribed Burn Plan-** Signed by TDA Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager.
- **Burn Unit Boundary Map-** showing proposed burn perimeter, acres to be burned, coordinates, and aerial/satellite imagery as background.