

**PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**

**ISSUED BY THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
FOR HAZARDOUS FUELS MITIGATION PROJECTS**

The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), Forestry Division (Division) is seeking Applications for the planning and implementation of hazardous fuels mitigation projects that will reduce the fire threat in Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas in New Mexico. Funding will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the Western Wildland Fire Protection Committee (WWFPC), with emphasis on hazardous fuel reduction, information, and education and community and homeowner action. The Division plans to award multiple contracts as a result of this Request for Applications (RFA).

Eligible Applicants are governmental entities, including tribes and pueblos, which are located within an existing approved Community Wildfire Protection Plan or Forest Action Plan area, and which are surrounded by hazardous forest fuels that pose a threat in the event of a wildland fire. Successful Applicants must provide a non-federal cash or in-kind match of 50%.

The Division may consider projects not funded through the WWFPC process for other federal and state hazardous fuels reduction funding that may become available. Each Application is limited to \$300,000.00. EMNRD encourages communities that are new to the program and small projects under \$75,000.00 to apply. Nationally, 25% of available grant funds may be awarded to new projects.

Applicants must use the 2019 Western States Wildland Urban Interface Grant Application (Application), which can be downloaded from the Division web site: <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SFD/RFPs/RFPMain.html>. Upon request, the Division will provide a copy of the Application on a disk. **Questions regarding this RFA shall be addressed to:** Andrew Frederick, State Timber Management Officer, EMNRD, Forestry Division, Wendell Chino Building, 1220 S. St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, N.M., 87505. Telephone: (505) 476-3343.

All Applications must be printed on white 8.5 X 11" paper. Applicants must also submit an electronic MS Word or Word compatible copy of the completed Application on a CD/DVD or a USB flash drive. Applicants shall submit the CD/DVD drive or flash drive, one paper original, and four identical paper copies of the Application at the address above no later than 4:30 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time, **August 17, 2018**. All information pertaining to the project must be included in the Application, and accompanied by a cover letter signed by an individual with authority to bind the Applicant to the terms of this RFA. **Absolutely no exceptions** will be made for Applications not received at the above location by the appointed time. **Applications MAY NOT be sent by facsimile or e-mail.**