

CA ad hoc Forest Biomass Working Group – eNewsletter 4/2/2019

CAL FIRE currently offers several grant opportunities each with its own scope and funding priorities:

Urban and Community Forestry

Through the California Climate Investments (CCI) [Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program](#), CAL FIRE works to optimize the benefits of trees and related vegetation through multiple-objective projects. These projects result in a net greenhouse gas benefit, and provide environmental services and cost-effective solutions to the needs of urban communities and local agencies. Co-benefits of the projects include increased water supply, clean air and water, reduced energy use, flood and storm water management, recreation, urban revitalization, improved public health, and producing useful products such as bio-fuel, clean energy, and high-quality wood.

[Concept Proposals are due November 27, 2019.](#)

Fire Prevention

Through the California Climate Investments (CCI) [Fire Prevention Grant Program](#), CAL FIRE provides funding for local projects and activities that address the risk of wildfire and reduce wildfire potential to forested and forest adjacent communities. Funded activities include: hazardous fuel reduction, fire planning, and fire prevention education with an emphasis on improving public health and safety while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

[Application Deadline is 3:00 PM on December 4, 2019.](#)

Forest Health

Through the California Climate Investments (CCI) [Forest Health Grant Program](#), CAL FIRE funds projects that increase the carbon stored in living trees and protect forests, fish and wildlife habitats, native plant species and water. This requires preventing epidemic tree mortality, protecting water quality in upper watersheds, and creating forests consisting of optimally spaced trees that are resilient to disturbances such as wildfire and tree mortality. Forests with these attributes will be able to store carbon for long time periods with a lower risk of loss to wildfire or insects and disease.

[Application Deadline is 3:00 PM on December 6, 2019.](#)

Forest Research

Through the California Climate Investments (CCI) [Forest Health Research Grant Program](#), CAL FIRE provides funding to identify outstanding questions, prioritize needs, and fund sound scientific studies that support forest landowners, resource agencies, and fire management organizations in California, and to further the goals of the California Forest Carbon Plan, CCI, and AB 32 Global Warming Solutions Act. The Research Program operates in conjunction with the [Forest Health Program](#), but draws from a separate source of funds. The program funds “stand-alone research” projects, where research-related activities are the only activities proposed.

[Filing Deadline is 3:00 PM on December 6, 2019.](#)