

USDA Forest Service

2021 Wood Innovation Grant & NEW Community Wood Grant



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2021 Wood Innovation Grant

Purpose:

Significantly stimulate or expand wood products markets and wood energy markets to support the long-term management of National Forest System and other forest lands.

Priorities:

- Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forest lands.
- Reduce costs of forest management on all land types.
- Promote economic and environmental health of communities.

2021 Wood Innovation Grant

- Up to \$8 million total
 - Individual awards up to \$250,000
 - 100% match required (1:1)
 - National competition
 - Application due to Larry (larry.swan@usda.gov) on **January 20th 2021**
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- <https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/wood-innovations-home/2021-wood-innovations-grant-program-request-proposals>

Community Wood Grants

- New grant program from the 2018 Farm Bill

Purpose:

- Install thermally led community wood energy systems and build innovative wood product facilities to
 - Improve forest health
 - Stimulate local economies

Community Wood Grants

- Shovel ready projects only (must be completed during grant period- no additional time or funding required)
- Up to \$1 million/ project
- Up to 35% of the total capital costs of completing the project
- No formal matching funds
 - BUT- 100% of total costs to complete the project must be accounted for (leveraging)
 - Less reporting but still required

Community Wood Grants

- Examples include but are not limited to:
 - Install a thermally led community wood energy system for heating, cooling, and/or electricity that replaces fossil fuels such as coal, oil, propane, or natural gas.
 - Purchase and install manufacturing equipment at a mass timber production facility.
 - Expand a sawmill to add higher value production lines that incorporate innovative technologies and cost cutting measures.
 - Purchase and install equipment at a new facility to produce renewable natural gas or other biofuels from forest residues.

Community Wood Grants

- \$5 million available nationally
- Applications due to larry.swan@usda.gov on **February 3rd, 2021**
- <https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/wood-innovations-home/2021-community-wood-energy-and-wood-innovation-grant-program-request-proposals>

Questions?

- National Webinar 11am on November 10th
- Regionally focused webinar November 17th

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/programs/wood-education-and-resource-center/wood-innovations-home>

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