

Title III Project Proposal
Resource Conservation District of Tehama County
Community Defensible Space Program

The Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC) is requesting **\$25,445.14.** from Tehama County's Title III funding to help bolster the RCDTC's defensible space assistance (DSA) and wildfire prevention through the TinderSmart Tehama program. DSA has been hugely popular with and helpful to the residents of Tehama County.

One of the successes of the program has been leveraging both State and Federal funding for wildfire mitigation in Tehama County. In the past, the RCDTC has leveraged Title III funding in the development of millions of dollars in project work for the residents of Tehama County. This work includes TinderSmart wildfire prevention within Tehama County including Tehama DSA, roadside fuel reduction services, and forest health grants on both the east and west sides of Tehama County.

As residents of Tehama County are engaging more in wildfire preparedness within their communities to develop Fire Safe Councils and Firewise Communities, the RCDTC is requesting \$25,445.14. to continue to serve the community. The funding will be broken out into two, which consist of the following:

1. Continue to support grant writing and the Tehama-Glenn Fire Safe Council. The RCDTC will continue to utilize the funding to seek project ideas from community groups and write additional grants that benefit Tehama County. This year's request is **\$5,000.00.**
2. Further development of ingress and egress evacuation routes in Tehama County. The request is for **\$20,445.14** in Title III funds which will leverage three \$99,000.00 grants from PG&E for ingress/egress fuels reduction along county roads in Tehama County. The aim is to reduce fuels load to lower susceptibility to high intensity wildfire and increase ingress/egress for community members and emergency personnel. The work is to be completed via hand crew or mastication.

Total Request: **\$25,445.14**

FY 2022 TITLE III – COUNTY PROJECTS

Section 1: Please list all **existing** projects that you anticipate submitting to the Board for Title III funding in this reauthorized year. If you do not have any existing projects or programs that you will apply for funding under Title III, please write “none” in box #1 below.

<u>EXISTING</u> SERVICE/PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	REQUESTED AMOUNT OF REAUTHORIZED FY 2021 TITLE III FUNDING (12 month period)	ADDITIONAL PROJECT FUNDING SOURCE(S)
1) RCDTC will implement projects identified in the Tehama East and West Community Wildfire Protection Plans. Activities could include attending fire related meetings, applying for grant funding for identified projects, assisting local fire safe councils in implementing projects, assisting interested communities in becoming Firewise communities, hosting community chipping and mastication days, and/or providing free defensible space assistance to special needs property owners including the elderly (65 and older) or those who are physically and/or financially unable to provide and/or maintain mandated defensible space around their property.	\$5,000.00	Up to \$10,000.00 from Department of Conservation’s Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Grant Program

Section 2: Please list **new** projects that you anticipate applying for funding under Title III. Write “none” in box #1 if you will not be pursuing any new projects under Title III at this time.

<u>NEW</u> PROPOSED PROGRAM QUALIFIED UNDER TITLE III	REQUESTED AMOUNT OF REAUTHORIZED YEAR TITLE III FUNDING (12 month period)	ADDITIONAL PROJECT FUNDING SOURCE(S) (Funds other than Title III)
1) Working with Firesafe Councils and Firewise communities to create ingress/egress through roadside fuels reduction (ie: hand crew or mastication.	\$20,445.14	\$99,000.00 match from PG&E for Ingress/Egress on

Return by July 17, 2024

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