

FIREWISE



APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR DEFENSIBLE SPACE ASSISTANCE

UNDERWOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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The Firewise Incentive Program is an incentive program intended to defray landowner costs for implementing practices that benefit natural resources in fire prone environments on private land. See the Firewise Incentive Program Information Sheet for information on who is eligible, what types of projects can be funded, the approval process, timeline and rates. Contact Underwood Conservation District (UCD) with questions or for assistance. *Work conducted under this program does not guarantee the prevention of wildfire occurrence, and Underwood Conservation District will not be held liable for any damages that result from wildfire or any natural events.*

Section 1. Information about the Project Cooperator

Cooperator Name

Cooperator Address City

State ZIP Phone(s)

Email

Do you have tax exempt status? (optional): Yes No

Are you experiencing an "economic hardship" which you would like considered during the application ranking process?

(optional) Yes No If yes, please feel free to explain (optional):

Section 2. Background Information about the Project

- A. Short Description or Project Name (five words or fewer)
- B. Project Location: County Basin/Watershed
- B. Section / Township / Range
- C. Approximate number of acres involved in the project
- D. Has UCD conducted a Firewise Home Hazard Assessment for your property? Yes No
- E. Do you intend to implement recommendations suggested by the Assessment? Yes No
- F. Do you have Forest Management Plan? Yes No If yes, who prepared the plan?
- G. Are you interested in assistance to write a conservation plan (e.g. Forest Management Plan, Farm Plan)? Yes No
- H. Do you plan to contribute labor, equipment, or materials during installation of the practice(s)? Yes No
- I. Dominant Watershed Setting of the project (check one box)
 - Upland (*above the floodplain*)
 - Riparian (*adjacent to a water body, within the active floodplain*)
 - Wetland (*areas inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated conditions*)
- J. It is recommended that you provide price quotes/estimates for goods or services, either from yourself or a contractor/vendor, for the project. Applications that provide three quotes/estimates will be given priority over those applicants that provide only one or two quotes/estimates.

Number of price quotes/estimates provided with application: 1 2 3
- K. Have you previously submitted an application to Underwood Conservation District through the Cost-Share or another program? If yes, please explain:

Section 3. Resource Concerns and Proposed Solutions - Attach additional sheets if needed

A. DESCRIBE THE WILDFIRE HAZARD CONCERNS you are seeking to address. Describe problems identified during the Firewise Home Hazard Assessment consultation. Please include a site map and color photos, if applicable.

Name of Firewise Incentive Practice	Location of Practice	Available Incentive
Brush Control	Within 200 feet of home	Up to \$60 per acre
Tree Thinning	Within 200 feet of home	Up to \$120 per acre
Pruning	Within 200 feet of home	Up to \$160 per acre
Slash Disposal	Within 200 feet of home	Up to \$150 per acre
Micro-Irrigation System Installation*	Within 200 feet of home	Up to \$ 550 per landowner
Fire Resistant Plant Establishment*	Within 200 feet of home	Up to \$ 200 per landowner
Hazard Tree Removal	See Definition	Up to \$ 350 per landowner

*Must be done in conjunction with one or more of following practices: Brush Control, Tree Thinning, Pruning, Slash Disposal.

Definitions:

Brush Control: Removal, chipping, mastication or burning of dense brush.

Tree Thinning: Removal, chipping, mastication or burning of dense trees.

Pruning: Removal of limbs up to 30 feet from ground but no more than half of total canopy height.

Slash Disposal: Removal, chipping, mastication or burning of forest slash.

Hazard Tree Falling: Preparing and falling trees of > 6” D.B.H. within 1.5 times the height of the tree away from the home

Micro-Irrigation System Installation: Design and installation of a micro-irrigation system, within 200 feet of the home or structure, to provide water for fire resistant plants. This can include equipment costs and labor costs to install the system.

Fire Resistant Plant Establishment: This includes the purchase and establishment of plants, within 200 feet of the home, which do not readily ignite from a flame or other ignition source. Those plants that may be considered for funding are listed in the publication [“Fire-resistant plants for home landscapes: Selecting plants that may reduce your risk from wildfire”](#) (PNW 590 August 2006) *or* in the publication [“Fire-resistant plants for Oregon home landscapes”](#) (Fitzgerald and Amy Jo Detweiler 2006). Plants listed on the [2009 Washington State Noxious Weed List](#) are not eligible for funding. Either of these publications can be obtained, for free, from Underwood Conservation District while supplies last or downloaded for free from the internet by following the links: http://www.firewise.org/usa/fw_plantlists.htm, and <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/emergency/FireResPlants.pdf><http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/>

B. Budget and Fuels Reduction Outcomes Worksheet. One worksheet is required for each practice being submitted for funding.

Select the Practice for the following worksheet: Brush Control (acres) Tree Thinning (acres) Pruning (acres) Slash Disposal (acres)

Hazard Tree Removal (# of trees) Micro-Irrigation System Installation (linear feet) Fire Resistant Plant Establishment (# of plants)

A. ITEM: Please specifically describe each activity you intend to accomplish.	B. LOCATION: Where each activity will be done.	C. QUANTITY: Acres, # of trees, linear ft, # hazard trees or plants to establish.	D. UNIT COST Cost per acre.	C x D Total Cost.	Notes
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C. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FUELS REDUCTION WORK REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS:

Eligible Practice	Reimbursement Request (Please show your expected cost details in the budget worksheets, and transfer totals to this column. Use a <u>separate</u> budget worksheet for each Practice you intend to implement.)	Approved Cost (Leave blank. Board of Supervisors will complete upon approval. Reimbursement will be based on actual cost as shown by submitted receipts and invoices.)		Maximum Reimbursement Amount
		Approved \$	Board Initial & Date	
Brush Control				\$325
Tree Thinning				\$775
Pruning				
Slash Disposal				
Hazard Tree Removal				
Micro-Irrigation System Installation				\$770
Fire Resistant Tree and Shrub Establishment				\$100

D. PERMITS. Have the required permits been obtained for this project? Yes No Check here if no permits are needed for this project.

If yes, what permits have been issued? (attach copies)

If no, what permits must be obtained and by when?

Section 4. Maintenance and Monitoring Plan

A. MAINTENANCE. UCD will require maintenance of the project for a minimum of five years.			
What aspects of the project will be maintained?	Who will maintain?	How will it be maintained? (e.g. annual pruning or mowing)	# of times/year

B. MONITORING. UCD will require monitoring of the project for a minimum of five years.			
What aspects of the project will be monitored?	Who will monitor?	Monitoring protocols? (e.g. photographic monitoring to match pre-implementation photos)	# of times/year

C. REPORTING.

Within one month of the date the project is completed, the cooperators will provide a brief summary of the project from their perspective. The report should include a description of any challenges or lessons learned about the project design, application, or installation process. The report should include a description of how the project will impact the landowner or operation in the future.

Date Submitted: _____

Section 5. Application and Agreement

Initials here

I request assistance under Underwood Conservation District's Firewise Incentive Program to install the practices described and summarized in Section 3. These practices are needed to solve the Wildfire Hazard Concerns described in Section 3, and would not be performed to the extent requested and needed by me without financial assistance.	_____
I understand the obligation of the Underwood Conservation District (UCD) to reimburse me for Firewise Incentive Program assistance is contingent on the availability of funds through the federal legislative appropriation of Title III to Skamania County and from Skamania County to Underwood Conservation District. I further understand that the failure of the funds to be appropriated shall be good cause to terminate this contract.	_____
If sufficient funds are made available to UCD, and if this application is approved for the practice(s) requested; I understand, I will be notified by the conservation district of the approval and funding status of this incentive assistance request within 30 days of my application, or by _____ (date) as agreed to by myself and the conservation district.	_____
I understand, I will receive Firewise Incentive reimbursement only for expenses incurred after the date the application is approved by the conservation district and prior to December 31, 2010.	_____
I agree to ensure that all applicable local, state, and federal permits are obtained for installation of the practice(s) requested, and understand that practice implementation and subsequent incentive reimbursement will not occur until evidence of obtained permits is made to the conservation district.	_____
I agree to install the practice(s) identified in Section 3B to UCD-approved standards and specifications.	_____
I agree to maintain and operate the practice(s) for at least five years as shown in Section 4, Maintenance and Monitoring.	_____
I agree to provide the Reporting documentation as agreed to by the conservation district and myself and specified in Section 4, Maintenance and Monitoring.	_____
I agree to permit for at least five years, on reasonable notice and request from the conservation district, the inspection of the location, maintenance, and monitoring of the long-term condition of the practice(s).	_____
I understand, in order to receive incentive reimbursement, installation of the described practice(s), or identifiable unit thereof, must have occurred, the installation must have met established specifications.	_____
I understand I will receive incentive reimbursement checks made out to me only after I provide the conservation district with a completed Reimbursement Request Form documenting work/expenses and, if applicable, "paid" invoices that demonstrate vendors/contractors have been paid in full.	_____
I further understand, if I have not already paid an invoice, the conservation district will only reimburse by issuing a check in the amount of the billing invoice with me and the vendor/contractor as joint payees.	_____
I agree to request of any person(s) to whom the benefited acres are transferred by sale, lease or other means to sign a statement to maintain and continue the maintenance of the Firewise Incentive practice for the remaining design life (total of five years) since implementation as a condition of ownership or control. I will notify the conservation district in writing of any change in ownership or control of the subject property within thirty days of such a change. Written notification to the conservation district will include: 1) The name of the new landowner, 2) Whether or not the landowner agrees to continue to maintain the Firewise Incentive practice, and, 3) If they agree to continue the Firewise Incentive practice, a copy of the new landowner-signed statement to maintain and continue the practice for its remaining design life.	_____
I agree to refund all or part of the Firewise Incentive Program assistance paid to me as prorated by my local conservation district, in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity, if, before the expiration of each or any practice design life, the contract is terminated because of any of the following: 1) I fail to expend funds under this contract in accordance with state laws and/or the provisions of this	_____

contract, 2) I destroy the approved practice, sell or lease practice equipment, or 3) I relinquish management or title to the land on which the approved practice has been established and the new owner and/or operator of the land does not agree in writing to properly maintain the practice for the remainder of its design life.	_____
I understand that the conservation district's right to a refund exists for a period not to exceed six years following contract termination, and that my refund is due within 30 days of demand. I also understand that in the event the conservation district is required to institute legal proceedings to recover the incentive assistances, the conservation district is entitled to its costs thereof, including attorneys' fees.	_____
I understand that the conservation district cannot be held responsible for the work of independent contractors, and that it is my responsibility to manage any contracts and sales that occur in this project.	_____
I understand that work conducted under this program does not guarantee the prevention of wildfire occurrence, and Underwood Conservation District will not be held liable for any damages that result from wildfire or any natural events.	_____
I understand that the work conducted under the Firewise Incentive Program is provided by funding from Skamania County's Title III funds of the Secure Rural Schools and Self Determination Act, reauthorized in 2008, and that all <u>projects must be completed and checked by Underwood Conservation District by December 31, 2010 to be eligible for reimbursement.</u>	_____

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Signature of Cooperator Date Signature of Landowner (if Cooperator is Lessee) Date

2

Application Prepared By District Staff Date

3

Application Approved by Authorized District Signer Date

If Underwood Conservation District Board of Supervisors approves application with revisions sign and date below:

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Section 6. Agreement Completion Certification (must be signed prior to payment)

I hereby certify that implementation of the above described practices have been completed as of the date shown below, and that they meet the established specifications. This agreement is made in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein.

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Implementation Checked District Staff Date Final Implementation Check (if needed) District Staff Date

5

Signature of Cooperator Date

6

Approved By Authorized District Signer Date

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FIREWISE INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2010

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APPLICATION RANKING TABLE

Name of Cooperator:		Date:
No.	Ranking Criteria	Between 0 and 10 0 = POOR 2= FAIR 10 - EXCELLENT
1	Applicant has indicated tax exempt status or has indicated an 'economic hardship' which the applicant would like to be considered during ranking process in section 1 (Tax Exempt Status or justifiable economic hardship=10).	
2	Applicant clearly and effectively describes or attaches description of wildfire hazard(s) in section 3a.	
3	Applicant clearly and effectively organizes and itemizes proposed work elements with corresponding location, quantity and unit cost descriptions in section 3b.	
4	The quantities of proposed work are commensurate with the total costs proposed in section 3b and offer a high 'bang for the buck' value.	
6	Applicant clearly and effectively summarizes reimbursement request in section 3c.	
7	Applicant effectively addresses section 3d regarding Permits and effectively communicates a minimum commitment to 5 years of maintenance and monitoring cited in sections 4a and 4b.	
8	The proposed work includes three quotes for goods and/or services (3+ quotes = 10, 2 quotes =6, 1 quote = 2) and quotes accurately reflect scope of work proposed in sections 3b and 3c.	
9	Applicant effectively demonstrates that the proposed work will have the largest impact on reducing the risk of a home ignition in comparison to other treatment options.	
	TOTAL (up to 80 points)	

