

**Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act**  
**Title III Federal Forest Funds**  
**Project Proposal/Request for Funding**  
**2022 Timeline**

	Date	Task
1.	May 3	Board of Commissioners authorized 2022 County Program <b>(\$9,900 Available for 2022)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•determine Cowlitz County will solicit project proposals</li> <li>•target award of funds for <i>June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022</i></li> </ul>
2.	May 31	Project proposals Due to <b>OFM at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2022</b>
3.	June 28	BOCC to set public hearing for June 28, 2022 @ 9:45. a.m.; <b>45-day comment period</b> begins May 11 – June 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2022;  Project Proposal Forms available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Send letters to potential applicants</li> </ul>
4.	June 28	<b>***Public Hearing @ 9:45 a.m.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Project proposals presented by applicants, Tuesday, June 22</li> <li>•BoCC receives staff recommendations</li> <li>•BoCC makes annual election for Title III projects</li> <li>•Notify applicants</li> </ul>
5.	Jun 28 – Jul 8	Staff prepares contracts for awards
6.	October 31	Notify U.S. Secretary of Agriculture or Secretary of the Interior, as required

*This schedule may be amended or modified as conditions require*



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May 3, 2022

## Secure Rural Schools Project Solicitation

### Cowlitz County Federal Forest Program

Cowlitz County is requesting proposals for projects that might qualify for funding under Title III, Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, as re-authorized.

**Eligible activities** are restricted to the following:

Activities under the Firewise Communities program to provide to homeowners in fire-sensitive ecosystems education on, and assistance with implementing, techniques in home siting, home construction, and home landscaping that can increase the protection of people and property from wildfires.

Reimbursement to a participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services paid for by the county and performed on national forests after the date on which the use was approved as required in the Act.

Development or updating community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the Forest Service acting on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture.

There is approximately \$9,900 available for eligible projects. The Board of Commissioners may award some or all of this allocation and may fund one project or several smaller projects.

**Project proposals must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.** Submit projects proposals to Admin Services, Cowlitz County, 207 4<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Kelso, WA 98626, on forms provided by the County.

The Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 28 at 9:45 a.m., in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, County Admin Bldg, 207 4<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Kelso, WA**, to consider project proposals.

Applications are available by request in the Office of Administrative Services.

For additional information about the Federal Forest Payments Program, contact Traci Jackson, County Finance Manager at (360)577-3065, Ext 6984 or visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/srs/>

**Cowlitz County – 2022 Project Requests**

**Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000  
As Amended and Re-Authorized  
Title III Project Submission Form**

<b>1. Project Name:</b>	<b>2. Date Submitted:</b>
<b>3. Project Sponsor:</b>	
<b>4. Contact Person / Title:</b>	
<b>5. Sponsor's Mailing Address:</b>	
<b>6. Sponsor's Telephone No.:</b>	
<b>7. Sponsor's Fax No.:</b>	
<b>8. Sponsor's E-mail:</b>	
<b>9. Signature of Sponsor or Sponsor's Representative:</b>	

<b>10. Project Location</b> (attach project area map; reproducible in black and white, 8 ½" x 11" format)	
a. Watershed Name: _____	
b. Location:	Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____
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c. BLM District:	d. BLM Resource Area:
e. National Forest:	f. Forest Service District:
g. State / Private / Other lands involved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

<b>11. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:</b>

**12. Project Description:**

**13. Will this project be coordinated with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?**

No    Yes   If yes, then describe.

**14. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation?**

To carry out activities under the Firewise Communities program to provide to homeowners in fire-sensitive ecosystems education on, and assistance with implementing, techniques in home siting, home construction, and home landscaping that can increase the protection of people and property from wildfires. [Sec 302(a)(1)]

Reimburse a participating county for rescue and rescue and other emergency services paid for by the county and performed on national forests after the date on which the use was approved as required in the Act.

Development or update community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the Forest Service acting on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture.

**15. Estimated Completion Date:**

**16. Current Status of Project:** Is the project ready to proceed? If the project is not ready to proceed, describe what must be done before the project is ready and estimate a start date.

<b>17. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment</b> (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> State Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

<b>18. Anticipated Project Costs:</b>	
a. Total County Title III Funds Requested: \$ _____	
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, then display by calendar year.	
c. 2021 Request:	\$ _____
d. 2022 Request:	\$ _____

**19. Project Budget**

Project Budget Detail Item	Title III Request	Applicant Contribution	Other Contributions (identify in Section 20 below)	Total Amounts
Personnel	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fringe Benefits	\$	\$	\$	\$
Travel	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equipment	\$	\$	\$	\$
Supplies	\$	\$	\$	\$
Contractual	\$	\$	\$	\$
Construction	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Direct Charges	\$	\$	\$	\$
Indirect Charges (agency overhead)	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Cost Estimate</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$

<b>20. Identify source(s) of other funding for the project; state if cash or in-kind.</b>

**21. Is the project coordinated with a Title II project or other federally funded project? If yes, please describe.**

**22. Project Dynamics.** Provide other information and describe special or unique features of the project that merit attention.

