

Grant Opportunity Evaluation

Grant Program	Business & Workforce Development Grant
Program Category	
Funding Agency	CAL FIRE
Role	Partner
Applicant	Santa Clara Count FireSafe Council
Application Deadline	Decision by 5/5/26; documents by 5/8/26
Website	https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/business-and-workforce-development-grants
Reviewer	S Moreno
Date	05/05/26

Category	Criteria	Scoring Guide	Weight (%)	Score (0-3)	Weighted Score
Mission Alignment	Aligns with mission and resource conservation priorities	0=Does not align; 1=Indirect alignment; 2=Well aligned; 3=Strongly aligned	23	3	23
Long Range Plan Goal Support	Advances Board-approved long range plan goals	0=Does not match; 1=Advances at least 1 goal; 2=Advances multiple goals; 3=Strong planwide alignment	20	2	13
Feasibility & Capacity	District has capacity, expertise, and bandwidth	0=Not currently; 1=Some; 2=Adequate; 3=Strong	15	2	10
Equity & Environmental Justice	Benefits to historically underserved communities	0=None; 1=Indirect benefit; 2=Measurable benefit; 3=Strong benefit	12	3	12
Funding Amount & Match	Grant size and match requirements are realistic	0=Unrealistic; 1=May created administrative impacts 2=Manageable impacts; 3=Well-matched opportunity	8	2	5
Partnership & Leverage	Strengthens partnerships and/or leverages funds	0=No enhancement; 1=Limited enhancement; 2=Measurable enhancement; 3=Strong enhancement	8	3	8
Sustainability & Long-term Impact	Creates lasting impact beyond grant period	0=No impact; 1=Limited impact; 2=Measurable impact; 3=Strong impact	7	3	7
Risk Assessment	Financial, legal, or reputational risks	0=High risk; 1=Some unmanageable risk; 2=Manageable risk; 3=Low risk	4	3	4
Funder Relationship & Track Record	Previous relationship with this funder	0=No track record; 1=Prior unsuccessful application; 2= Prior funding; 3=Prior funding with strong results	3	3	3
Totals			100	24	86

Final Weighted Score

85-100
70-84
55-69
Below 55

Recommendation

Proceed/High Priority
Proceed if Resources Allow
Conditional/Further Review Needed
Low Priority/Generally do not Proceed