

# Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Mullen Fire Recovery Grant

## Cost – Share Practices and Rates

**Hazard Fuels Reduction:** Vegetation management to reduce hazardous fuels, vegetation thinning and the reduction of flammable materials to protect life and property. This may include any removal of burned vegetation that may pose a threat towards life and property. These projects can occur through non-motorized and motorized equipment and vegetation can be either piled, chipped, masticated or directed by a resource professional. This practice can only occur within two miles of a home.

**Stabilization of Soils/Slopes:** Stabilization of soils by establishing vegetation, mulching and installing erosion control matters. Sub practices may include grass seeding, contour felling of vegetation to place erosion barriers on slopes and placing erosion control matters establishment around culverts and along stream banks to prevent sediment runoff. Erosion control matters may include but not limited to waddles, straw bales, etc.

\*All practices and applications must be preapproved by a resource professional before any work can begin and be counted towards in-kind match.\*

<b>Practice</b>	<b>Cost-Share %</b>	<b>Maximum Practice Cost</b>	<b>Cost-Share Rate Not to Exceed</b>
<b>Hazard Fuels Reduction</b>	75%	\$1,400/acre	\$1,050/acre
<b>Stabilization of Soils/Slopes</b>	75%	\$600/acre	\$450/acre

Landowner may hire a contractor or complete the work themselves. Records are to be kept of landowner in-kind hours and are to be turned into the County upon completion of the practice.

County may source some supplies for landowners, i.e. grass seed, waddles, hay bales, etc. These costs have incorporated these possibly sourced supplies.

### **In-Kind Rates:**

- **Labor** - \$21.63 -labor includes any time generally associated with the project including grass seeding, etc.
- **Chainsaw Operation** – \$30.85 - chainsaw includes any time running or operating a chainsaw – includes equipment costs.
- **Vehicle Mileage** - \$0.56 - All vehicle mileages including hauling or moving slash from the property.
- **Equipment** – all other equipment may be reimbursed using the most up-to-date Equipment Schedule of Rates from FEMA (<https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/schedule-equipment-rates>) + labor costs. Equipment not listed cannot be reimbursed for use. Please refer to required regulations to be followed while using equipment during these projects.

## Grant Program Procedures:

- Landowner must sign and agree to the cost-share application along with the resource professional guidance and suggestions.
- Only one payment per application for the landowner will be made.
- Payments will be made for all approved practices completed, but only upon the completion and inspection of the entire practice by a resource professional.
- A resource professional must inspect the completed project to receive a signed completion document for payment processing.
- A landowner who completes their own practices (landowner in-kind hours) must keep detailed record of time and activity on the supplied time and expenses tracking sheet.
  - A record of time will include:
    - Dates worked
    - Hours worked as labor, hours of chainsaw operation, hours of equipment, etc.
    - Must keep a log of mileage for vehicles.
    - Any other prior agreed upon expenses in order to be reimbursed from the grant program
  - The record will serve as the receipt for expenses in order to be reimbursed from the grant program.
- A landowner who completes their practices by hiring a contractor must obtain a receipt or invoice.
  - A receipt or invoice from the contractor must include the following information
    - Landowners name
    - Dates the work occurred and date project was completed
    - Hours the contractor worked on each practice
    - Scope of the work – what was completed by the contractor
    - Amount paid to the contractor
    - Proof of payment that the contractor has been paid for the services – statement of check number or paid in cash
    - Receipt is signed and dated by the contractor and landowner
  - If a landowner has contractor complete work outside of the project practice, do not combine those practices on the same receipt. A separate receipt must be submitted to show that grant money will not be used to pay for those services.
- Landowners have until **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023** to complete the practice and have all paperwork submitted for reimbursement.