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Dear Applicant:

We are writing to inform you that the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors is now taking applications for the 2026-2027 Title III Forest Fees Program. Yavapai County has approximately \$296,451 available in the 2026-2027 funding cycle for Title III projects, including those related to Firewise, emergency services, firefighting, law enforcement, and community wildfire protection plans.

Under rules of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, as amended, projects must fall into one of the following categories:

1. 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, construction, landscaping and maintenance around a home that will decrease the risk of injury, death of individuals and decrease risk of damage and destruction of a home as a result of a wildfire in the area.
2. To reimburse the participating County (Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Only) for search and rescue, and other emergency services, including firefighting and law enforcement patrols, that are: a) performed on Federal land after the date on which the use was approved, and b) paid for by the participating County.
3. To cover training costs and equipment purchases directly related to the emergency service described in category 2.
4. To develop and carry out Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) hazardous fuels reduction projects, wildfire mitigation assessments, removal of vegetation identified as contributing to fire risk in the CWPP and conducting a community volunteer workday focused on implementing fire mitigation measures.

Funding for the 2026-2027 funding cycle will be by reimbursement, and priority will be given to those organizations that have a positive history of filing reports and documentation in a timely manner. Applications from both inside and outside County government will be considered.

The deadline for applying for 2026-2027 funding is no later than Friday, August 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Applications will initially be screened for funding eligibility, reviewed by Yavapai County Emergency Management for greatest need and submitted to the Board of Supervisors for review and preliminary funding determinations. Following the publication of the preliminary project list and a 45-day notice and comment period, final allocations will be approved at the December 16, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting.

Attached please find a Forest Project Funding Request Form, as well as a list of frequently asked questions. Please note that even though you may have received funds in the past, it is necessary to complete a new application for consideration.

Additional Title III and Firewise information can also be found on the following websites:

[Title III FAQs | US Forest Service](#)

[NFPA - Firewise USA®](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Frank, Senior Budget Analyst, at (928) 442-5205 or by email at lucy.frank@yavapaiaz.gov prior to the application deadline.

Sincerely,

Kevin Forbes

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Yavapai County Budget Manager

cc: Yavapai County Board of Supervisors
Phil Bordon, County Manager