



Community Wildfire Protection Plan Public Meeting

August 26, 2026

Agenda

ACF Involvement

Purpose and Importance

Development Process

Mitigation Funding Sources

Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG)

ACF Involvement

American Conservation Foundation (ACF)

- Texas-based non-profit organization
- Entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Lampasas County on **May 12th**

Purpose

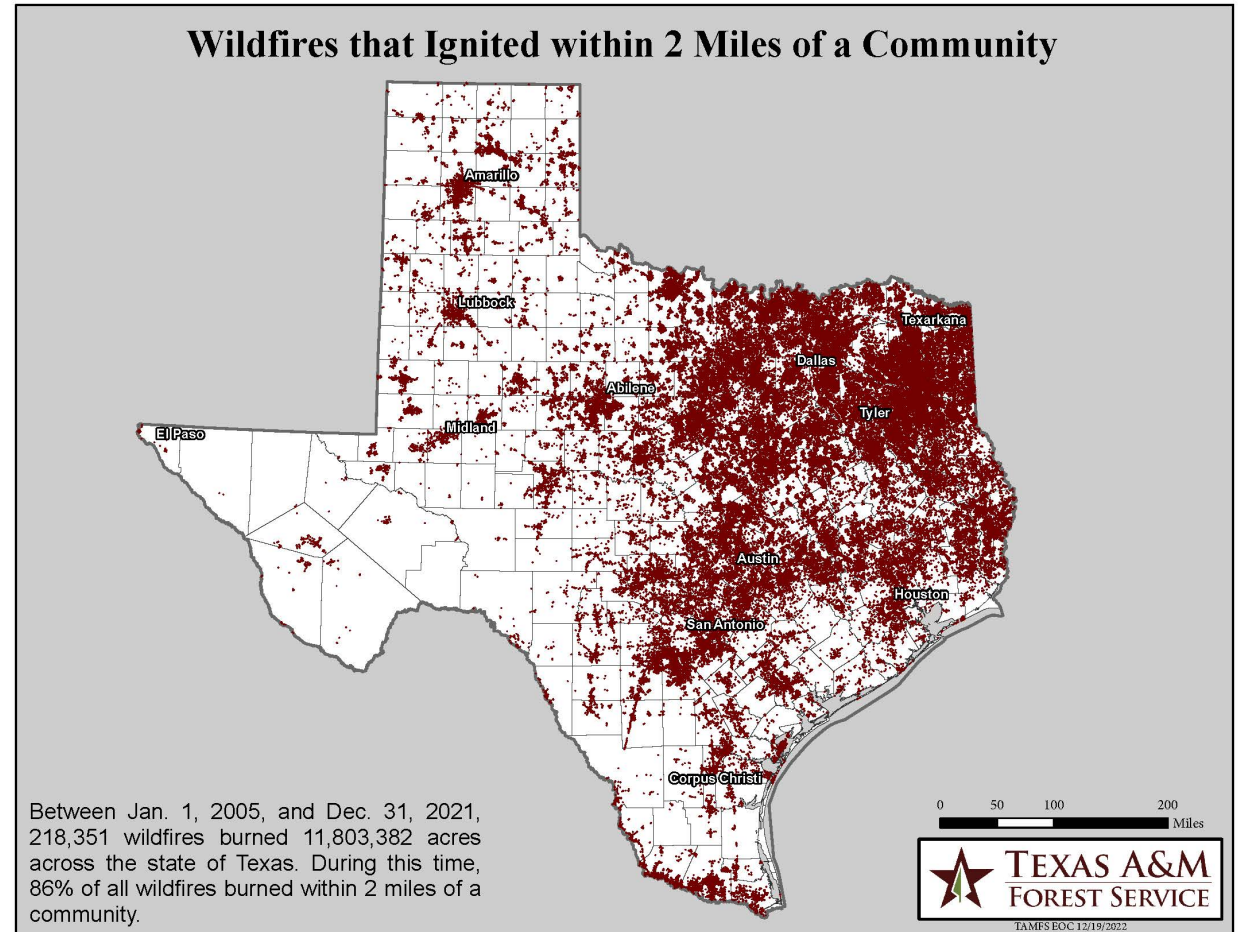
- To **develop** a **CWPP** and apply for Implementation funding for the next funding cycle of the Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program
- ACF will administer the CWDG grant if awarded

What is a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)?

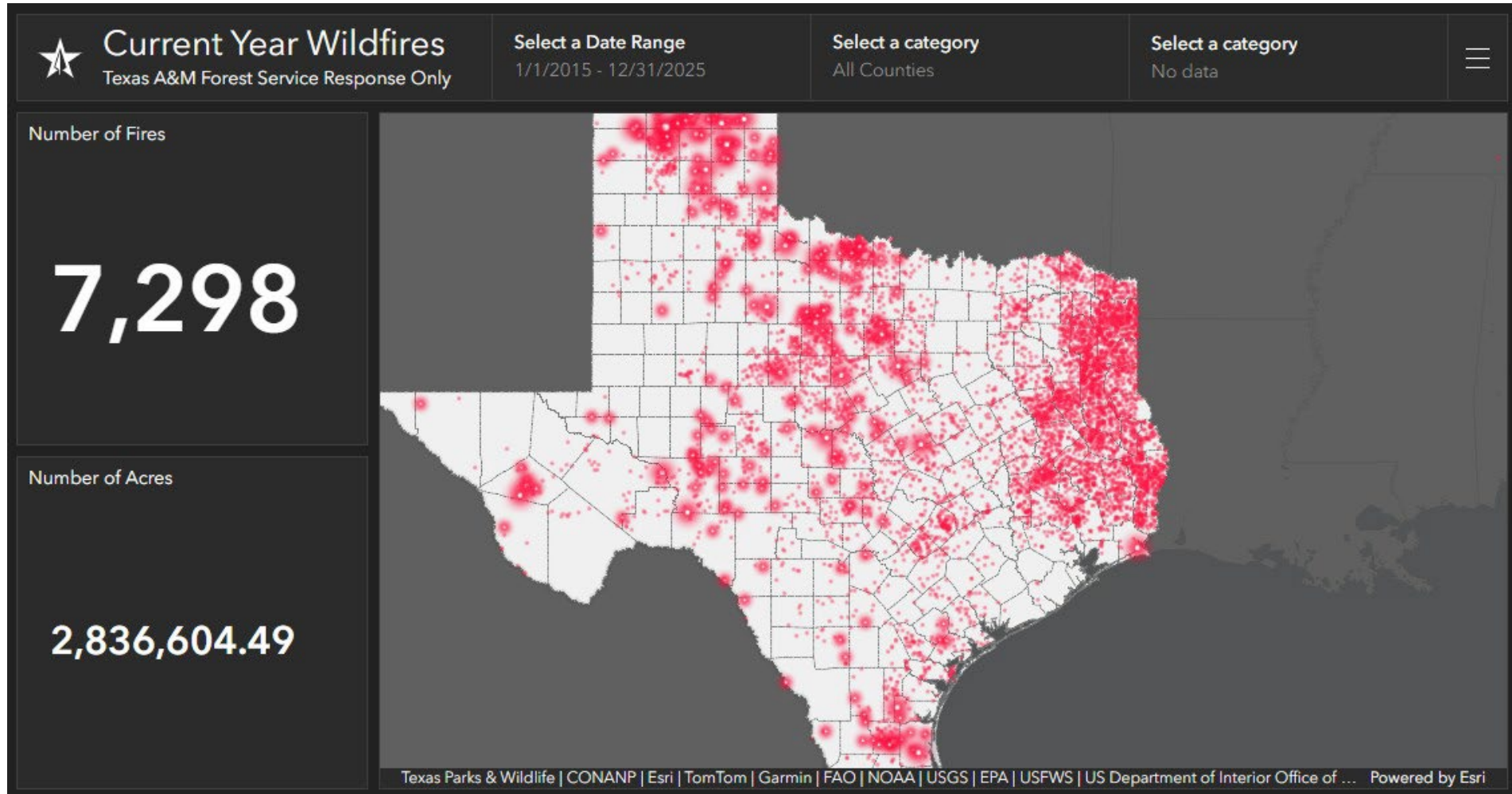
- Collaborative approach to wildland fire protection and mitigation
- Identifies
 - High risk areas for wildfires
 - Local fire response capabilities
 - Mitigation strategies for fire response and recovery
- Flexible and living document

Why is a CWPP Important?

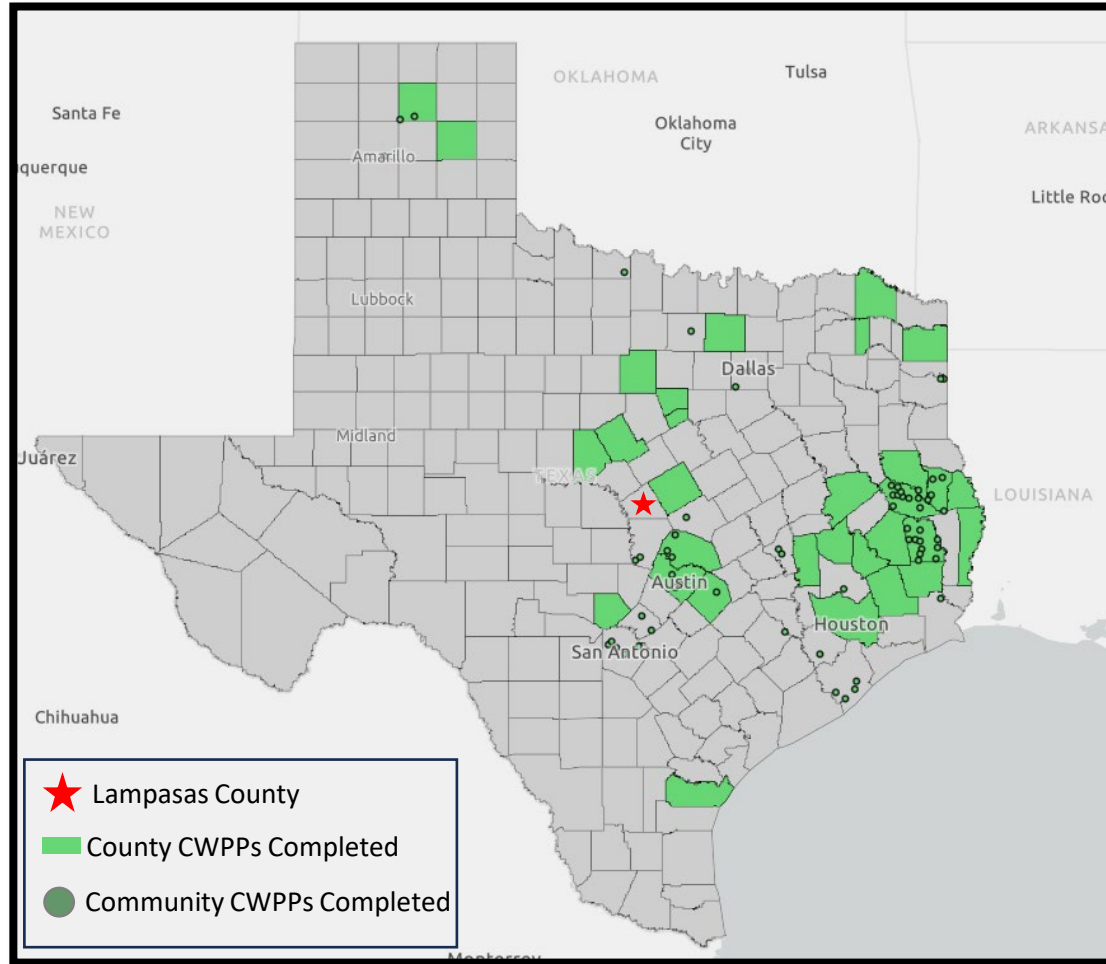
- Identifies wildfire risks and vulnerable areas
- Prioritizes projects that reduce wildfire impacts
- Protects lives, homes, infrastructure, and natural resources
- Planning document that qualifies counties for federal funding to implement wildfire mitigation projects



Wildfire Activity Across Texas



Community CWPPs in Texas



- Many Texas communities have already used CWPPs to document risk and organize mitigation priorities.
- Lampasas County can use this process to define its own priorities, partners, and implementation path.
- The best plans reflect both technical data and local experience.

How is a CWPP Developed?



A useful CWPP is specific enough to guide funding, partnerships, and on-the-ground projects.

Tonight We Need Your Local Knowledge

A community-serving CWPP depends on what residents, ranchers, landowners, and responders know firsthand.

Data can show

- Wildfire history
- Vegetation and fuels
- Topography and WUI patterns
- Structures and infrastructure
- Response districts and access routes

Local knowledge can show

- Roads that become impassable
- Reliable vs. seasonal water sources
- Where fires tend to start
- Where brush has changed
- Where communications fail
- Where livestock or vulnerable residents need help

We will use it to

- Update maps
- Review with the working group
- Compare to risk assessment results
- Shape mitigation priorities
- Build a better action plan

Show Us on the Map: Where Are Your Concerns?

Long-time residents often know where risk has increased because vegetation, land use, or maintenance has changed.

- Heavy brush, grass, or roadside fuels
- Recurring fire starts or near-misses
- Narrow roads, low-water crossings, gates, dead ends, and poor turnarounds
- Water sources and areas where water is lacking
- Potential treatment areas or existing successful projects

Show Us on the Map: Where Are Your Concerns?

Long-time residents often know where risk has increased because vegetation, land use, or maintenance has changed.

- Where have former fields, pastures, or fence lines become overgrown?
- Which creeks, draws, or drainages carry heavy fuels?
- Where are roadside or utility right-of-way fuels a concern?
- Where have grazing, mowing, prescribed fire, or clearing reduced risk?

What Is Already Working In Lampasas Co?

People + partnerships

- VFD coordination
- County road crews
- Prescribed burn associations
- Ag producers and landowners
- Churches, schools, civic groups

Tools + infrastructure

- Dozers, tractors, water trucks
- Tanks and hydrants
- Radio networks
- Existing response plans
- Equipment-sharing arrangements

Successful actions

- Roadside clearing
- Brush management
- Grazing or mowing
- Prescribed fire
- Home clean-up days
- Past fuel reduction projects

Question: What local efforts should the CWPP support, expand, or replicate?

What Should the CWPP Prioritize?

Roadside / right-of-way fuel treatments

Prescribed fire and landowner burn capacity

Mechanical clearing and brush management

Firefighter water access and storage

Evacuation routes, signs, and access improvements

VFD equipment, training, and response support

Home ignition-zone education

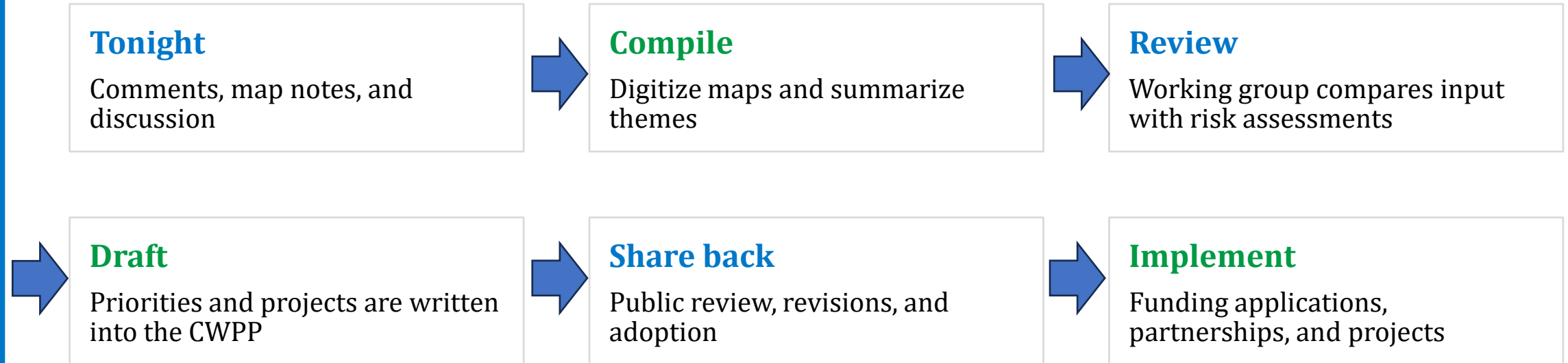
Critical infrastructure protection

Communications and public alerting

Vote for the three action types that would make the biggest difference locally.

How Your Input Becomes Part of the CWPP

The goal is not just to collect comments. The goal is to turn local knowledge into better priorities.



Your comments and map notes will be documented and reviewed as part of the planning process.

Funding Opportunities to Support CWPP Projects

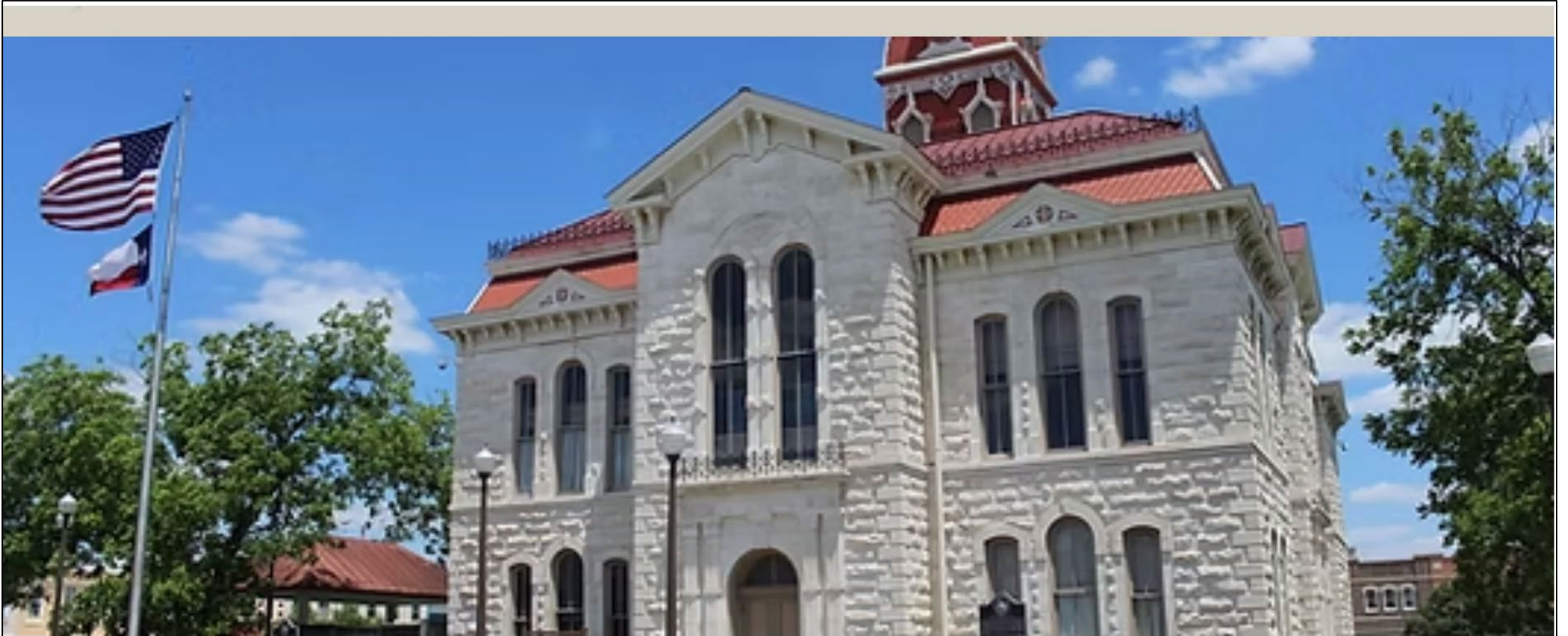
Federal Mitigation Funding Sources

Agency	Program/ Grant	Notes
U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service	Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG)	Supports CWPP development, updates, and implementation of projects identified in an approved CWPP. Potential Lampasas County uses include fuels reduction, defensible space, home-hardening outreach, chipping events, community cleanup, and mitigation projects in High Risk communities.
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Fire Management Assistance Grants	Available to states, local, and tribal governments for mitigation, management, and control of fires on public or private forest or grasslands that threaten destruction that could constitute a major disaster.
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)	Supports hazard mitigation projects that reduce risks from natural hazards, including wildfire. Potential uses include infrastructure resilience, emergency communication, evacuation planning, and community mitigation projects.
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	Provides post-disaster funding for long-term hazard mitigation projects. Potential wildfire uses may include defensible space, warning systems, evacuation improvements, and protection of critical facilities.
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Assistance to Firefighters Grant	Provides funding to fire departments and EMS organizations for equipment, protective gear, training, and other firefighter safety needs. This may support Lampasas County VFD capacity.
U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	Provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers and non-industrial forest managers. Potential uses include brush management, prescribed burning, firebreaks, and other hazardous-fuels reduction practices.
U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency	Conservation Reserve Program	Supports conservation practices on eligible agricultural lands. Land management practices may support wildfire mitigation objectives where applicable.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Emergency Response for Drinking Water and Wastewater Utilities – Build Wildfire Resilience	https://www.epa.gov/waterutilityresponse/build-wildfire-resilience
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation

State Mitigation Funding Sources

Agency	Program/ Grant	Notes
Texas A&M Forest Service	Mitigation and Prevention Programs	https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/grants-financial-assistance/
Texas A&M Forest Service	Prescribed Fire Grant Programs	https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/grants-financial-assistance/landowner-grants/prescribed-fire-grants/
Texas A&M Forest Service	Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program	https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/rural-vfd-assistance-program/
Texas Division of Emergency Management	Hazard Mitigation Assistance Coordination	https://tdem.texas.gov
Texas Department of Agriculture / Prescribed Burning Board	Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager Program	https://www.texasagriculture.gov
Texas A&M Forest Service	Mitigation and Prevention Programs	https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/grants-financial-assistance/
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How to Stay Engaged



Questions and Discussion

Scan QR Codes to stay **informed** with the
CWPP and CWDG Progress

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