



SFAM Plains Prescribed Fire Grant 2023-2024 Prescribed Fire Grant Application

**Grant Funded Through USDA – Forest Service
Award #20-11083148-001, #21-11083148-001, & #22-11083148-001
CFDA #10.664**

Scope of Project: Provide assistance to communities that have been or may be threatened by wildland fire by funding prescribed burning to reduce hazardous fuels in and around communities. Treatment areas will be located near communities in the following four regions of Texas: Panhandle, Northwest, West, and South (See map for eligible counties). These areas are at highest risk for loss from wind driven wildfire. The goal is to protect high-risk communities and aid in ecosystem restoration by utilizing prescribed fire to consume excess vegetation before it contributes to catastrophic wildfire. Priority will be given to treatments sites that provide protection to the highest risk communities, located near homes based on Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (TxWRAP), and contain ecosystems that will benefit from prescribed fire. Priority will also be given to landowners that were approved in the 2022-2023 grant process but were unable to complete their burn project. No cost shares are involved with this grant program.

Grant recipients will be reimbursed actual per acre costs associated with conducting the prescribed burn not to exceed the maximum reimbursement rate of \$30.00 per acre with a total limit of 800 acres per recipient.

TAMFS will supply the grant recipient with an approval to burn letter when all TAMFS required paperwork has been completed by recipient. Any burning on an approved project prior to receiving an approval to burn letter from TAMFS may not be eligible for reimbursement.

Application packages must be submitted by Tuesday, August 15th, 2023, or they may not be considered for funding. **No faxed, mailed, hand-delivered, or e-mailed applications will be accepted.**

All applicants will be issued a notification of decision letter of either approved or denied no later than September 15, 2023. TAMFS will also publicize the listing of approved recipients on our website. The grant-funding period is from September 15, 2023, to September 15, 2024. We have extended this year's grant-funding period to cover a full 12 months in effort to support cool season or warm season burning. No application deadline extensions will be granted (details on page 2).

We will be happy to help with any questions. Please call Jake Gosschalk, Fuels-Program Specialist IV, at (361) 571-6923 or jgosschalk@tfs.tamu.edu.

Project support provided by the U.S. Department of Agricultural, Forest Service, Southern Region, State and Private Forestry Program. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Applications Must Include:

- Complete landowner information on page 1.
- Complete burn manager information on page 1 including the TDA CIPBM license number.
- A burn plan along with the “Burn Unit Location” information requested on page 2 of application. **The Burn Boss conducting the treatment must be a licensed TDA Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager and must sign and date their submitted burn plan for the application.** See the Texas Department of Agriculture website for details of a comprehensive burn plan:
<http://www.texasagriculture.gov/Home/ProductionAgriculture/PrescribedBurnProgram/SampleBurningPlanDocuments.aspx>
- Coordinates: Latitude & Longitude of burn unit (Degrees/Minutes/Seconds).
- County and physical address of burn unit location or distance and direction to nearest intersection.
- Burn unit boundary map: showing proposed burn perimeter, acres to be burned, coordinates, and aerial or satellite imagery as background.

Additional Information of Prescribed Fire Grant:

- Burn units that received payments in the 2022-2023 grant process are not eligible for funding in the 2023-24 grant.
- Priority will be given to burn units that were approved in 2022-2023 grant process but were unable to complete their burn project.
- Burn units that were selected for funding and failed to complete their burns two years in a row will not be considered for priority selection funding the following consecutive third year applying.
- Multiple applications may be submitted per individual, but the grant is competitive, and selection will be based on the goal of reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire near communities.
- **Complete application packages must be received by August 15, 2023, or they may not be considered for funding. No faxed, mailed, hand-delivered, or e-mailed applications will be accepted.**
- All applications will be issued a notification of decision by mail by September 15, 2023.
- Name on application, grant agreement, and invoice for payment must match. If a Private CIPBM is approved for funding and conducts a burn on their own property, instead of an invoice the grant recipient must utilize the SFAM-Plains Private CIPBM Reimbursement Form. Reimbursable costs are limited to expenditures directly related to the prescribed burn project. No reimbursement for expenses will be made unless the prescribed burn is completed. Additionally, all receipts directly related to the burn need to be sent in along with the reimbursement form.
- TAMFS personnel may contact and speak directly with recipient’s burn vendor about burn dates after the recipient has received the approval to burn notification letter from TAMFS.
- Vendor/Contractor listed on the application cannot be changed once the terms and conditions have been signed.
- Grant is to be used only for the reimbursement of costs for a prescribed burn conducted by a licensed TDA Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager (maximum of \$30.00 per acre and maximum of 800 acres of total burns).
- Grant funds do not apply and will not be provided to reimburse charges for application or creation of burn plans by a private contractor.
- TAMFS may complete an on-site assessment prior to approval of recipient’s application.



If you are selected:

- All grant documents, including agreement, must be completed and signed by applicant and approved by Texas A&M Forest Service before the prescribed burn can take place.
- TAMFS staff member will make a short site documentation visit and take pre-burn photos of vegetation condition along with a final post burn inspection and photos of vegetation after the burn.
- **TAMFS will supply the recipient with an approval to burn letter when all TFS paperwork has been completed by recipient. Any burning on approved project prior to receiving this notice may forfeit recipient's prescribed burn funding.**
- No exchange of land tracts will be allowed. Reimbursement made only upon an approved contracted land tract.
- **Recipient's commercial CIPBM (burn contractor) or private CIPBM should notify TAMFS at least 24 hours prior to the prescribed burn taking place, by calling Jake Gosschalk, Fuels-Program Specialist IV, at (361) 571-6923, or secondary contact Andy McCrady, Program Coordinator III, at (936) 689-9393.**
- **Following the prescribed burn taking place, the recipient's burn contractor should notify TAMFS and provide the number of acres that was treated. TAMFS will conduct a post burn inspection in a timely manner to verify the treatment acreage.**



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Landowner/Applicant Information:

Landowner Name, Partnership, Trust, or Company that owns the land – CIRCLE ONE

Mailing Address **City, State** **Zip Code**

Home/Business Phone Number **Cell Number** **E-Mail Address**

Burn Manager Information:

Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Name **TDA Rx Burn Manager License #**

Mailing Address **City, State** **Zip Code**

Phone Number **Cell Number** **E-Mail Address**



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Burn Unit Location:

Latitude: _____ **Longitude:** _____

County: _____

Physical address of burn unit or nearest intersection: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code** _____

Was this the same tract of land approved in this grant last year, but failed to complete burning?

NO

YES

Pages 1 & 2 of application must be completed.

Please attach the following with your two-page application:

- **Prescribed Burn Plan-** Signed by TDA Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager.
- **Burn Unit Boundary Map-** showing proposed burn perimeter, acres to be burned, coordinates, and aerial/satellite imagery as background.

