



WOOD INNOVATIONS FUNDING PROGRAM SUMMARIES

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| | Community Wood Grant | Wood Innovations Grant | Wood Products Infrastructure Assistance Grant |
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| Project Length: | 2 – 3 years, not to exceed 5 years | | |
| Application: | Opens mid-October, applications due mid-December | | Opens mid-October, applications due early December |
| Eligible Applicants: | Local, state, and tribal governments; businesses, companies, corporations (for profit); institutions of higher education; non-profits; special purpose districts (public utility districts, fire districts, conservation districts, school districts, and ports.) | | Same as CW and WI but primarily geared towards mills that use substantial amounts of federal or Tribal timber |
| Individual Award Ceiling: | \$1,000,000 Special exceptions up to \$1.5 million | \$300,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| Match Requirement: | No formal match required. Leveraging is required – applicant must provide remainder of funds (min. 65%) from non-federal sources. | 100% match required. For every \$1 of Forest Service funds requested, applicant must provide \$1 of non-federal match. | No formal match required. Cooperator contribution at or above 25% of federal request improves competitiveness. |
| Intent: | Support shovel ready projects to install a thermally led community wood energy system or build a new or expand an existing innovative wood product facility. | Stimulate, expand, and support U.S. wood products and wood energy markets. | Establish, reopen, retrofit, expand, or improve a wood processing facility near federal or Tribal lands in need of ecosystem restoration that will generate byproducts. |
| Program Goals: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expand thermally led community wood energy or innovative wood product opportunities. 2. Improve forest health. 3. Stimulate local economies. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forest lands. 2. Reduce the costs of forest management on all land types. 3. Promote economic and environmental health of communities. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support primary wood processing near federal or Tribal lands 2. Provide high value utilization pathways for traditionally low-value biomass 3. Support ecosystem restoration |



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| Priorities: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use or retrofit an existing sawmill facility where the average annual unemployment rate exceeds the national average. • Located where markets are needed for low-value wood. • Will aid forest restoration. • If installing/upgrading a wood-fired boiler, project using most stringent control technology and located where limited access to natural gas pipelines. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create or expand markets for wood and biomass generated by forest health and hazardous fuels projects in U.S. • Involve wood products or wood industry partners. • Support commercial building markets or other markets that use wood products. • Bundle or address multiple wood energy or wood products projects. • Commit to utilizing domestically sourced timber for mass timber construction projects. • Support development of domestically sourced timber and U.S. manufacturing of mass timber and other wood products. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize forest material (sawlogs, small-diameter timber, biomass) from forest restoration activities on federal and/or Tribal lands; applicants should have a demonstrated track record of federal or Tribal timber purchasing and plans to expand that purchasing. • Remove wood fiber from the landscape at high risk of wildfire, insect, and/or disease mortality. • Support disadvantaged communities and create and retain jobs in the primary wood products field. |
| Allowable Use of Funds: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs to install a thermally led community wood energy system or build or expand an innovative wood product facility as long as those costs don't fall under any of the specific prohibitions. • Purchase of stationary equipment – be aware of federal interest. • Architecture and engineering design, inspections, legal work, and permitting costs associated with real property. • Infrastructure improvements, such as site prep or road improvements in advance of construction, that do not increase value of real property. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairly broad. See examples of eligible projects. Previously funded project can be viewed at https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/energy-forest-products/wood-innovation • Purchase stationary wood energy equipment – be aware of federal interest. • Architecture and engineering design, inspections, legal work, and permitting costs associated with real property. • Applied research and demonstrations considered. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of stationary equipment purchases – be aware of federal interest. • Leasing mobile equipment (or purchase mobile equipment for Indian Tribes) for forest restoration activities. • Design, engineering, and permitting costs for a primary wood processing facility. |