



2003 North Carolina WUI Mitigation Community Block Grant

The North Carolina Division of Forest Resources (DFR) has developed a Wildland/Urban Interface Mitigation Community Block Grant to provide at-risk communities with incentives and financial support to encourage fire-prone communities to complete risk assessments and mitigate fire hazard in their communities. The grant program supports North Carolina's active fire prevention program, mitigation program, and Firewise Communities program, making funds available to all 100 counties in the state.

This grant program has helped reduce the staggering impact of wildfire through sound land-use planning, creative mitigation, supportive community infrastructure, and collaborative decision-making.

The grant program is offered to communities statewide that meet criteria set by the NC Division of Forest Resources based on goals of the National Fire Plan and the National Firewise Communities USA program. Grants provide money to communities interested in having a wildland fire mitigation specialist provide a wildfire risk assessment and mitigation strategies to help the community survive a wildfire.



The money also helps implement mitigation tactics such as prescribed burns, mechanical removal of fuels, and community education programs.

North Carolina unveiled the grant program at a statewide WUI/Firewise Communities Program kick-off conference, with more than 300 participants in attendance.

This grant program is aimed at helping communities with the information, skills, and resources to make them safer from the risk of wildfire. It is essential to the program to have a wide variety of participants to develop a cooperative approach. Several communities have applied and received funding through the grant program.

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