



Strategic Fuels Mitigation Grant Program

Fall 2025 Grant Recipients

1. Crescent Park

The Colorado State Forest Service was awarded \$84,300.00 for the Crescent Park project. The primary goals are to promote a healthy and resilient forest to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, minimize severe post wildfire events and increase community protection through improved egress routes, linked defensible space and creating larger scale fuel breaks. This work will be completed on 66 acres in tandem with a focus on Home Ignition Zone prescriptions.

Partners: Boulder Watershed Collective, Coal Creek Canyon Fire Protection District, Crescent Park Community Fire Protection Association, Wildfire Partners

Match: \$327,000.00

2. Eldorado Canyon – Community-Wide Kneale Road Fuels Mitigation

The Colorado State Forest Service was awarded \$119,650.00 for the Eldorado Canyon-Kneale Road project. This project will implement a 50-acre roadside fuel break to improve ingress and egress for the residential community within Eldorado Canyon State Park. This project builds upon the town of Eldorado Spring's ongoing efforts in completing Wildfire Partner chipping events, community wildfire mitigation planning, individual home assessments, and becoming a Fire Wise designated community. CSFS is an important partner for the county as the lead forestry agency in the state.

Partners: South Boulder Canyon HOA, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Eldorado State Park, City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks, Mountainview Fire Protection District, Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District, Wildfire Partners

Match: \$129,715.00

3. Girl Scout Camp Forest Management Project

The Watershed Center was awarded \$413,145.00 for the Girl Scout Camp Forest Management project to reduce fuels and create defensible on approximately 123 acres. As part of the St. Vrain Forest Health Partnership footprint, the project aims to help strengthen a critical POD boundary along the Peak-to-Peak Highway between Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) and nearby communities such as Meeker Park, Allenspark, and Tahosa Valley, and to protect water quality in key headwater tributaries from post-fire sediment impacts.

Partners: St. Vrain Forest Health Partnership (Science and Operations Team)

Match: \$413,145.00

4. Plateau Road Grazing Pilot Project

The Watershed Center was awarded \$31,058.00 for the Plateau Road Grazing project. The goal of this pilot project is to reduce wildfire risk across approximately 100 acres of grasslands directly adjacent to 19 private parcels in the Sage Valley neighborhood through targeted, regenerative cattle grazing.

These actions will reduce risk to homes identified in the Boulder County CWPP as a high-risk grasslands community. The Watershed Center, along with Gramma Grass, will use monitoring, adaptive management, and landowner feedback to evaluate outcomes and identify practical lessons to apply to future efforts. This project will help to engage residents in community mitigation planning, home hardening, and defensible space measures.

Partners: Gramma Grass, Sage Valley HOA, Wildfire Partners

Match: \$43,848.00

5. Town of Lyons Fuels Reduction Project

The Town of Lyons was awarded \$40,000.00 for the fuels reduction project. This project will treat approx. 40-60 acres of Town of Lyons-owned land that directly abuts residential properties, to create stronger fuel breaks. Treatment areas lie near historic homes on small lots, an affordable housing community, low-density single-family neighborhoods, the Lyons Middle/Senior High School, and St. Vrain River riparian zones—all close to high ember ignition potential. This is the first SFMG grant project of this kind applied for by the Town of Lyons.

Partners: Lyons Valley Park Neighborhood, Boulder County Parks and Open Space, Lyons Fire Protection District, Wildfire Partners

Match: \$43,200.00