



NO MONEY? NO PROBLEM!

Addressing Financial Barriers to Becoming Fire
Adapted



AUDIENCE QUESTION

Have any of you applied for financial assistance for community mitigation work?

TODAY'S SPEAKERS



- Jonathan Bruno, Coalition for the Upper South Platte



- Courtney Peterson, Colorado State Forest Service



- Sheryl Page, USDA Forest Service, Fire Protection Specialist



TOPICS

- How do I get funding? – Explore various resources out there
- I didn't get the funds or very little, what now? – Look at different groups to help you get it done
- I have the money, now what? – Capacity building is key

FUNDING RESOURCES

- Grants
 - CSFS Natural Resources Grants and Assistance Database
www.nrdb.csfs.colostate.edu
- Online funding sites (e.g. – Go Fund Me)
- Local Resources (e.g. – Businesses, Rotary, etc.)
- Fund raisers



OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

- Tie in with local businesses (e.g. New Belgium)
- Local collaborative groups
- Be Creative!



FUNDING TIDBITS

- Truly show the need (Facts and figures)
- Actions support the solution - What are the outcomes you want to achieve?
- Ensure you have a truly collaborative effort – not just on paper
- Reporting is key to remain competitive
- Be flexible – your project may have multiple benefits that can compete for other grants

I DIDN'T GET THE FUNDS OR VERY LITTLE, NOW WHAT?

- Unique resources
 - College programs (e.g. – Marketing class)
 - Health/Wellness Centers (e.g. – Burn Prevention)
- Current programs
 - NFPA's Take Action program
<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/takeaction>
- Local Resources
 - Forming local Fire Prevention Education Teams
 - Local Volunteer Organizations (e.g. – Retiree groups/organizations, Boy/Girl Scout troops, 4-H clubs)
 - High school or college students

I HAVE THE MONEY, NOW WHAT?

- HEADLINE: Small organization receives large grant for project
- Small organization coordinator: How am I going to pull this off?
- Answer: Have the capacity to handle the project.
- Question: How do I build capacity?
- Answer: Local resources, partners, organizations, FACO, CoCo, etc.



DISCUSSION SESSION

What are the challenges you have faced trying to get/implement grants?

What are your success stories applying for grants?

What barriers do you face to becoming “fire adapted”?

What are some unique ways you were able to get wildfire mitigation work done?

Support for Grantwriters

Additional Online Resources

- Association of Fundraising Professionals
www.nsfre.org
- The Foundation Center
www.fdncenter.org
- The Grantsmanship Center
www.tgci.com
- Message Board (Philanthropy News Digest)
<http://members4.boardhost.com/PNDtalk>

Questions?

Thank you!

