

Firewood Grant Assistance Program: Point-Based Scoring System

Category	Maximum points	Excellent	Good	Marginal/poor
Meeting the Heating Needs in Your Community	35	Strong mission. Strong operational system. Strong community partners and strong outreach. Uses criteria or a screening system for selecting recipients.	Identifies the community and need. Smaller operational system. Lesser support from community, lesser outreach.	Need is asserted but operations are poorly explained or supported; target population and expected reach are unclear. No outreach plan.
Safe, Healthy and Efficient Processing	20	Clear process for tracking and delivering seasoned wood. Provides information about health issues to burning seasoned wood. Strong safety plan with descriptions of training, PPE, equipment safeguards and supervision. Proposed (or current) equipment clearly improve safe and effective processing. The liability waiver addresses relevant volunteer risks and responsibilities.	Less focused process for tracking and delivering seasoned wood. Addresses basic safety and processing needs but leaves gaps in training, PPE, supervision, equipment safeguards, maintenance, liability, or the link between equipment and expected output. The liability waiver is generic or does not clearly address relevant volunteer risks. The Emergency Information Sheet is provided, but its completeness or placement is unclear.	Does not deliver seasoned wood. Safety planning is minimal or non existing, or the proposed processing approach appears poorly matched to staffing/volunteers, site conditions, equipment, or expected volume. The liability waiver is incomplete or does not meaningfully address volunteer risks. The Emergency Information Sheet is incomplete, lacks key emergency information, or there is no clear indication that it is posted and accessible.
Strength of Federal Wood Sourcing Plan	20	Comprehensive plan to source wood from specific federal lands with proof of ability to source. Has experience sourcing wood from federal sources.	Has sourcing plan but key details are poorly explained, such as how wood will be accessed, moved or processed.	Sourcing plan is vague regarding accessing federal lands; the application does not explain how wood will be accessed, moved, or processed.
Sustainability and Long Term Capacity	20	Structured as a registered non profit, tribe or has fiscal agent. Has staff or strong volunteer program, seasonal or year round firewood processing, support from community partners. Shows a credible plan to sustain operations beyond the grant period, including people, partnerships, storage, maintenance, operating resources, and realistic plans for continued wood supply and distribution.	Has a fiscal agent but not its own organization. Identifies some capacity and continuation plans, but relies on uncertain resources or leaves meaningful gaps in staffing/volunteers, partnerships, maintenance, storage, or future supply.	Does not have a fiscal agent and/or is not a registered non profit or tribe. Unclear staffing or use of volunteers. Provides little evidence the project can be operated safely and reliably beyond the grant period; major capacity or continuity issues are unaddressed.
Adequacy and Completion of Budget	5	Budget is detailed, realistic and itemized clearly. Expenses are reasonable, allowable, and include sufficient detail to understand what will be purchased and how costs were estimated. Product links, quotes, or other price documentation are provided.	Budget is reasonable and costs are allowable. Most expenses are itemized and justified but some lack detail or price documentation.	Budget is unclear or incomplete. Contains requests for unallowable costs or has missing documentation..
TOTAL	100			