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VRFSC's Programs



Home Hardening Assessments



Resident Grant Program



Chipper Events & Hazardous Fuel Reduction



NFPA Firewise USA Community Development



Local and Countywide Planning



Education and Workshops



Piru Wildfire Preparation Week

- 35 Properties free defensible space work
- 300 Disaster kits to households
- 318 Native plants distributed
- 250+ block party participants
- 27.5 boxes of large pizza 🍕
- TONS of wildfire preparedness resources



The poster features a green and orange color scheme. At the top left is the FireSafe Council Ventura Regional logo. To its right is the Piru Wildfire Prevention Education logo. Further right are the website URL 'venturafiresafe.org' and the phone number '805-746-7365'. The main title 'PIRU WILDFIRE PREPARATION WEEK' is prominently displayed in white and orange text on a dark green background. Below the title, a QR code is provided for sign-up, accompanied by the text 'SIGN UP TODAY!' and 'FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!'. The event dates 'April 27th - May 2nd, 2026' are clearly stated, along with a description: 'Register for a free community-wide week-long event where Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council and partners offer FREE wildfire safety services!'. The poster is divided into two main sections. The first section, 'April 27th - May 1st', is titled 'FREE WILDFIRE SAFETY SERVICES' and includes a list of free services: Brush clearance, Chipping, Defensible Space, Tree trimming, and Home Wildfire Assessments. A note states 'We come to you!' and 'ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED!' with the website link. The second section, 'May 2nd', is titled 'DROP OFF CHIPPER EVENT' and 'BLOCK PARTY'. The chipper event is on 508 Main St, Piru, from 8:30am to 4:30pm, with a note to 'Keep up your own defensible space and drop off eligible green waste for free chipping!'. The block party is from 11am to 2pm at Mountain View Inn, offering free disaster kits, native plants, educational resources, and pizza at 12pm. A note states 'NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!'. The bottom of the poster features logos for Ventura County Community Foundation, California FireSafe Council, California Naturals, Santa Monica Mountains Fund, Ventura Fire, Environmental Workforce Collaborative, and Edison International.

FireSafe COUNCIL VENTURA REGIONAL

PIRU WILDFIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION

venturafiresafe.org 805-746-7365

PIRU WILDFIRE PREPARATION WEEK

SIGN UP TODAY!

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

April 27th - May 2nd, 2026

Register for a free community-wide week-long event where Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council and partners offer FREE wildfire safety services!

April 27th - May 1st

FREE WILDFIRE SAFETY SERVICES

We come to you!

FREE:

- Brush clearance
- Chipping
- Defensible Space
- Tree trimming
- Home Wildfire Assessments

ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
venturafiresafe.org/event/piru-week

May 2nd

DROP OFF CHIPPER EVENT

8:30am - 4:30pm
508 Main St, Piru

Keep up your own defensible space and drop off eligible green waste for free chipping!

BLOCK PARTY

11am - 2pm
Mountain View Inn

FREE:

- Disaster Kits
- Native Plants
- Educational Resources
- Pizza @12pm!

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

VC CF Ventura County Community Foundation

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CALIFORNIA FireSafe COUNCIL

CALIFORNIA NATURALS

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS FUND

VENTURA FIRE

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE COLLABORATIVE

EDISON INTERNATIONAL

CYCC CREW

Home Wildfire Assessments

1. Residents choose date & time
2. Home visit with trained assessor
3. Recommendations provided
4. Digital report & educational materials
5. All results private



Resident Grant Program



Before

After



Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council's Resident Grant Program

Is your home in need of wildfire resilient **retrofits** or **defensible space** clearance?



See if you qualify for **NO-COST** home **retrofits** and **defensible space clearance** from Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council!

Application Deadline: August 31, 2024

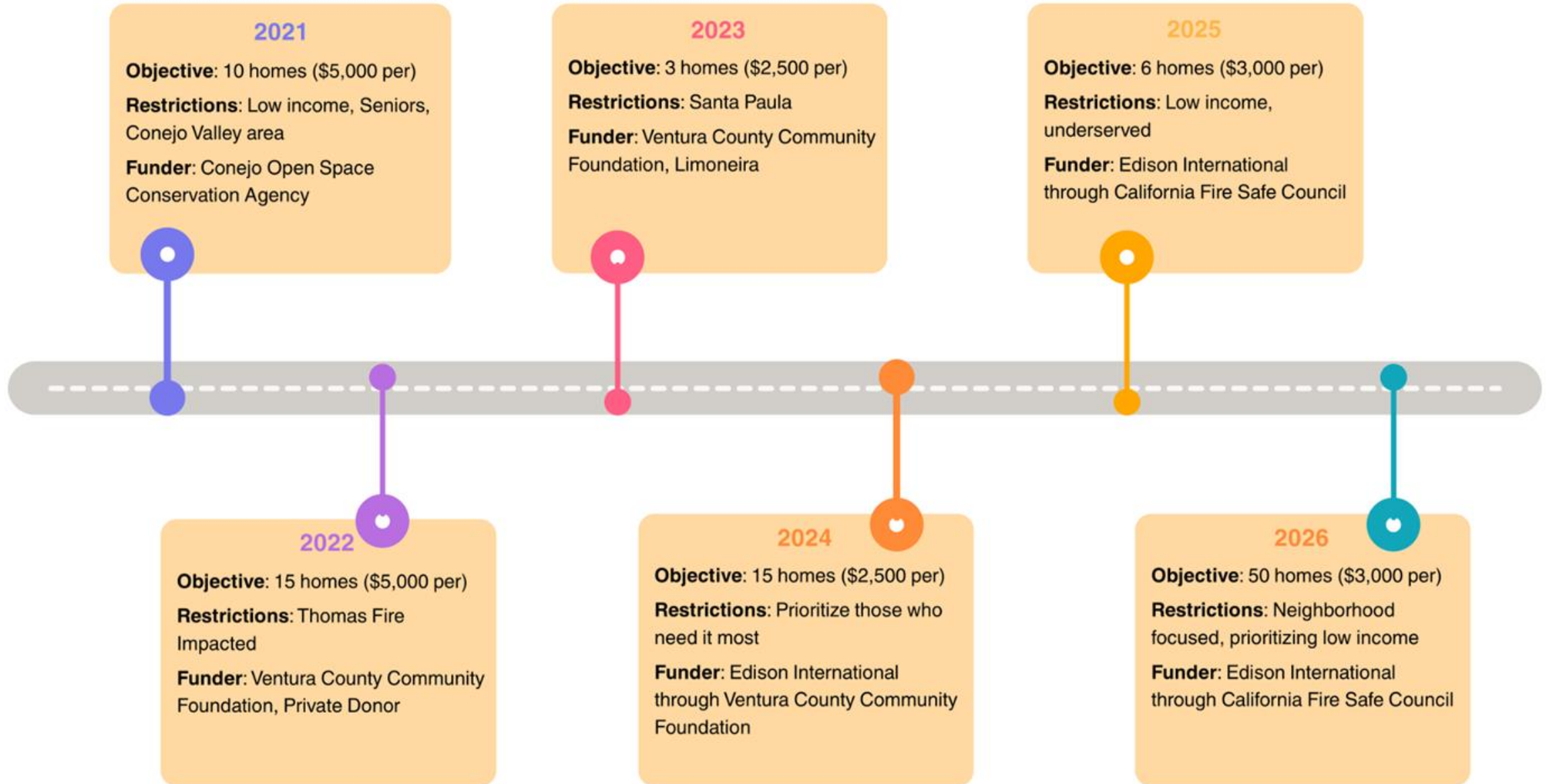
Apply online or by phone:

venturafiresafe.org/resident-grant-program/
(805)746-7365

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Resident Grant Program Evolution



Firewise Funding Requests

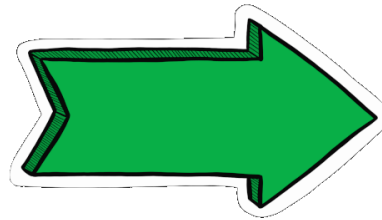
A few successful examples

- Gutter cleaning for 17 mobile homes
- Mesh for 40 homes - \$1000
- 28 home vent/mesh installation - \$986
- Yard signs to spread the word



Lessons Learned

- ✗ Individual focused
- ✗ Too many choices
- ✗ Ambitious timelines
- ✗ Internal bottlenecks
- ✗ Contractor challenges
- ✗ Ineffective funder restrictions
- ✗ First come, first serve



- ✓ Community focused
- ✓ Keep it simple for the resident
- ✓ Meaningful incentives
- ✓ Increase internal capacity
- ✓ Trained workforce
- ✓ Fair & equitable
- ✓ Prioritization model

Potential State Involvement

- Multi-faceted approach is necessary
 - Education
 - Enforcement (realistic)
 - Incentives
- Funding Capacity
- Neighborhood / Community focused
- Zone 0 in combination with home hardening

QUESTIONS?

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