

**COLORADO**

Department of Natural Resources

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**WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM**  
**Funding Summary**

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SB 13-269 authorized the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program and allocated \$9.8 million of General Fund to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to administer. Last session, the General Assembly passed SB 15-022, which authorized a one-time \$1 million payment into the fund from Tier II severance tax. Tier II severance tax is over-appropriated and subject to proportional cuts, and declining revenues are projected in FY16-17; therefore it is not a sustainable funding source. Due to the TABOR implications of using General Fund, that was not considered a viable source of revenue last session, and is not expected to be viable next year.

To date, three rounds of grants have resulted in the award of \$9.8 million to 89 projects across 26 counties. A fourth round is currently underway and grant awards will be made in Fall 2015. DNR expects to grant out the remaining \$1 million at that time as approximately \$2.6 million has been requested by applicants.

The program is authorized until July 1, 2018.

