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**GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT UNDER TITLE III OF THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS  
AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT**

This GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and entered by and between Clallam County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington (hereinafter "County") and Clallam County Fire District 3 ("FD3"). Together the County and FD3 are referred to herein as the "Parties". The Parties have the lawful authority to execute this Agreement pursuant to their corporate powers under RCW 36.01.010 and RCW 39.34.

WHEREAS, the County administers the awarding of federal funds under Title III of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (hereinafter, "Title III Funds") to qualified applicants utilizing a competitive scoring process. The use of Title III Funds are limited under the Secure Rural Schools Act to the following project types: (1) search, rescue, emergency services reimbursement performed on federal land (National Forest); (2) Training/equipment purchases directly related to emergency services on federal land (National Forest); (3) activities carried out under a FIREWISE Communities Program; (4) Community Wildfire Protection Plan-development/projects; and (5) school broadband access- creation/expansion;

WHEREAS, after the County published public notice seeking project applications and reviewed and scored received applications, the Board of Clallam County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on September 23, 2025 and approved a Resolution on that day authorizing Title III Funds be paid to several qualified applicants, including \$78,222.29 to be allocated to FD3 for activities carried out to become recognized as a Firewise Communities/USA Recognized Site for those community sites identified in its application;

WHEREAS, the County and FD3 desire to enter into this Agreement so that the County may provide Title III Funds for appropriate and qualifying expenditures by FD3 as specified in Section 3, Use of Title III Funds, as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals which are incorporated herein by reference, and the terms and conditions set forth below, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Effective Date and Term. This Agreement shall commence when last executed by all Parties. This Agreement will terminate when FD3 properly uses the full amount of the award and submits written proof of such use, returns any remaining balance to the County after expending Title III Funds as specified in Section 3 below, or September 30, 2026, whichever event may come first.
2. Title III Funds. Within 30 calendar days after the execution of this Agreement, the County agrees to provide \$78,222.29 from its Title III Funds to FD3 for the sole purpose of engaging in activities carried out to become recognized as a Firewise Communities/USA Recognized Site for those community sites specified in FD3's Application for Title III Funding, attached hereto and incorporated into this Agreement as Exhibit 1.

3. Use of Title III Funds. The Parties recognize that Title III Funds may be expended to provide assistance or support of a community's Firewise recognition process including: (1) conducting or assisting with community assessments; (2) helping the community create an action plan; (3) assisting with an annual Firewise Day; (4) assisting with treating vegetation within the home ignition zone; and (5) communicating with the state liaison and the national program to ensure a smooth application process on a quarterly basis. FD3 shall ensure that the Title III Funds received by the County are used to only pay for activities supporting the recognition of Firewise Communities. On a quarterly basis, FD3 shall provide written proof to Clallam County of such Firewise activities and identify the expenses for such activities that were paid for by Title III Funds. FD3 acknowledges that in order for a community to be recognized under the Firewise Program, the following five actions must be performed during the period of this Agreement:

- a) Complete a community assessment and create a plan;
- b) Form a Firewise Board or Community;
- c) Hold a Firewise Day event;
- d) Invest a minimum of \$2/capita in local wildfire mitigation projects. (Volunteer hours, equipment uses, time contributed by agency fire staff, and grant funding can be included.); and
- e) Submit an application to the Firewise Communities Program via their state liaison.

FD3 agrees to return to the County any remaining Title III Funds not used in connection with the Firewise recognition activities as soon as practicable, but no later than September 30, 2026.

4. Termination. The County may terminate this Agreement, for convenience or otherwise and for no consideration or damages, upon prior notice to FD3.

5. Independent Contractor. Each party under the Agreement shall be for all purposes an Independent Contractor. Nothing contained herein will be deemed to create an association, a partnership, a joint venture, or a relationship of principal and agent, or employer and employee between the parties. FD3 shall not be, or be deemed to be, or act or purport to act, as an employee, agent, or representative of the County for any purpose.

6. Indemnification. FD3 agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the County, its appointed and elected officers, employees, agents and volunteers harmless from and against any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses or expenses including without limitation personal injury, bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or damage to or destruction of property, which are alleged or proven to be caused in whole or in part by an act or omission of FD3, its officers, directors, employees, and/or agents relating to FD3's performance or failure to perform under this Agreement and/or FD3's use of the items after they are purchased with the Title III Funds under this Agreement. This Section 6 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

7. Compliance with Laws, Guidelines. FD3 shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws to the extent applicable, when expending the Title III Funds.

8. Maintenance and Audit of Records. FD3 shall maintain records, books, documents, and other materials relevant to its performance under this Agreement. These records shall be subject to inspection, review and audit by the County or its designee, the Washington State Auditor's Office and as required by the IGA Interim Final Rule and Compliance & Reporting Guidelines for five (5) years following termination of this Agreement. If it is determined during the course of the audit that FD3 was reimbursed for unallowable costs under this Agreement, FD3 agrees to promptly reimburse the County for such payments upon request.

9. Notices. Any notice desired or required to be given hereunder shall be in writing, and shall be deemed received three (3) days after deposit with the U.S. Postal Service, postage fully prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the party to which it is intended at its last known address, or to such other person or address as either party shall designate to the other from time to time in writing forwarded in like manner:

Clallam County  
Attn: Mark Lane, Chief Financial Officer  
223 E 4<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 4  
Port Angeles, WA 98362-3015

10. Improper Influence. Each party warrants that it did not and will not employ, retain, or contract with any person or entity on a contingent compensation basis for the purpose of seeking obtaining, maintaining, or extending this Agreement. Each party agrees, warrants, and represents that no gratuity whatsoever has been or will be offered or conferred with a view towards obtaining, maintaining, or extending this Agreement.

11. Conflict of Interest. The elected and appointed officials and employees of the Parties shall not have any personal interest, direct or indirect, which gives rise to a conflict of interest.

12. Time. Time is of the essence in this Agreement.

13. Survival. The provisions of this Agreement that by their sense and purpose should survive expiration or termination of the Agreement shall so survive. Those provisions include without limitation Indemnification and Maintenance and Audit of Records.

14. Amendment. No amendment or modification to the Agreement will be effective without the prior written consent of the authorized representatives of the parties.

15. Governing Law; Venue. The Agreement will be governed in all respects by the laws of Washington State, both as to interpretation and performance, without regard to conflicts of law or choice of law provisions. Any action arising out of or in connection with the Agreement may be instituted and maintained only in a court of competent jurisdiction in Clallam County, Washington or as provided by RCW 36.01.050.

16. Non-Waiver. No failure on the part of the County to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise by the County of any right hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. The remedies herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedy available to the County at law or in equity.
17. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors.
18. Assignment. FD3 shall not assign or transfer any of its interests in or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the County.
19. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties for the use of funds received under this Agreement, and it supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications and proposals, whether electronic, oral, or written between the Parties with respect to this Agreement.
20. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Nothing herein shall or be deemed to create or confer any right, action, or benefit in, to, or on the part of any person or entity that is not a party to this Agreement. This provision shall not limit any obligation which either Party has to Treasury in connection with the use of Title III Funds, including the obligations to provide access to records and cooperate with audits as provided in this Agreement.
21. Severability. In the event that one or more provisions of this Agreement shall be determined to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or agency having jurisdiction thereof, the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, and the invalid provisions shall be deemed deleted.
22. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, any of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
23. Authorization. Each party signing below warrants to the other party, that they have the full power and authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom they sign.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed and shall become effective as of the date signed below.

Clallam County Board of Commissioners

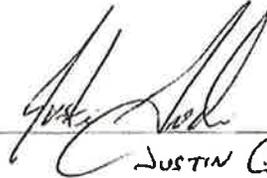


Mike French, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners

12/2/25

Date

Clallam County Fire District 3



JUSTIN GRIDER - FIRE CHIEF

12/2/25

Date

Approved as to form only by:

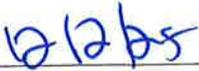
  
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Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Clallam County

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Clallam County Fire District 3

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**Jay Reno**  
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**Clallam County**

# EXHIBIT 1



Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000  
Public Law 106-393

Title III Project Submission Form  
CLALLAM COUNTY

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE (Complete all three pages; if additional space is needed, attach a separate page). Return completed application to:

Eleanor Hill  
223 East Fourth Street Suite 15  
Port Angeles WA 98362-3015  
Phone: (360) 417-2382

Date: 02/20/2025

PROJECT NAME: FireWise Community Enrichment Project

PROJECT SPONSOR: Clallam County Fire District #3

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS: 323 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sequim, WA 98382

POINT OF CONTACT FOR PROJECT: Justin Grider- Fire Chief

PHONE: 360-683-4242 FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: jgrider@ccfd3.org

PROJECT TYPE: (authorized uses per Sec 302(b))

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Search, Rescue and Emergency Services          | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Related Educational Opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Work Camps                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Easement Purchases                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Prevention and County Planning |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Forestry                             |   |

PROJECT LOCATION: (attach map, if applicable)

There are three (3) areas we have identified as areas to work on the FireWise Community Enrichment Project. The attached maps show the neighborhoods and identify varied phases of completion. Our goal is, at a minimum, to complete one project location based on availability and access. If we can accomplish these over the course of one season (Spring/Summer) then we will continue on to the next Fall/Spring of 2026 and finally the third project in the Summer/Fall of 2026.

**STATEMENT OF PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** The FireWise Community Enrichment Project will be a community effort, ensuring each subdivision meets the requirements of a FireWise community. With the help of Fire Leadership facilitating and directing work, providing specific tools, the Fire District will enable homeowners to make their property safer through approved practices such as fuel reduction and enhancing defensible



## IDENTIFY SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDING FOR PROJECT:

Clallam County Fire District #3 is committed to reduce the impact of wildfire in the community through Community Risk Reduction, expanded training, and pre-incident planning. Other areas of funding include staff hours of numerous fire service professionals, as they apply their knowledge to these activities, whether in the field, or monitoring the effects for years to come. The **FireWise USA® Volunteer Hourly Work Sheet** will aid in documenting time spent on the program.

## PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

### Accomplishments

- Reduction in Wildfire Risk: Implementation of fuel reduction strategies. Examples include hand and mechanical thinning, to decrease the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires.
- Community Engagement: Utilizing the **FireWise USA® Program Toolkit Band Together** begins the collaboration with local micro-communities, homeowners, and community stakeholders to develop and implement wildfire prevention strategies.
- Innovative Practices: Adoption of techniques and tools (to include fire restive plants) to enhance the effectiveness of wildfire management.
- Landscape Resilience: Restoration of ecosystems to improve their natural resilience against wildfires.

### Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced Safety: Reduced exposure of these communities and natural resources to wildfire risks. Improved defensible spaces and hardening the property from ember intrusion makes homes more survivable and helps protect firefighters too.
- Increased Awareness: Improved public understanding and acceptance of wildfire prevention measures. See example of **FireWise\_Neighborhood Signage**.
- Sustainable Practices: Long-term sustainability of forest management practices to ensure ongoing wildfire risk reduction in the wildland urban interface.
- Economic Benefits: Cost savings from proactive prevention measures compared to post-wildfire recovery efforts.

## WILL COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS AMONG PEOPLE THAT USE FEDERAL LANDS BE IMPROVED?

Yes, through education, training, and understanding of the environmental impacts of healthy and sustainable FireWise neighborhoods, the affected homeowners will be better stewards of the lands and will help educate their friends and neighbors.

## HOW IS THIS PROJECT IN THE BEST PUBLIC INTEREST? IDENTIFY BENEFITS TO COMMUNITIES

### Public Interest

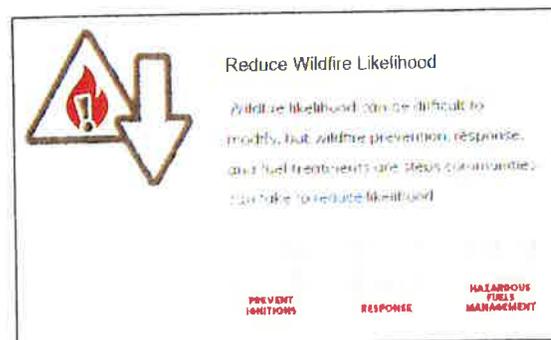
- **Protection of Lives and Property:** By minimizing wildfire risks, the project ensures the safety of residents, businesses, and essential infrastructure, such as water tanks and powerlines.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** The project fosters healthy ecosystems, which provide clean air, water, and critical habitats for wildlife.
- **Cost Savings:** Proactive prevention efforts are much more cost-effective than the expenses involved in disaster response and recovery, thus conserving public resources.

### Community Benefits

- **Enhanced Public Safety:** Establishing defensible spaces and adopting fire-resistant strategies directly benefit neighborhoods by decreasing their exposure to wildfire hazards.
- **Health and Well-being:** Mitigating wildfires lessens the release of harmful smoke, enhancing air quality and public health.
- **Economic Stability:** Safeguarding recreation, agriculture, and other local businesses dependent on natural landscapes ensures continued economic vitality.
- **Community Resilience:** Education and participation in prevention activities empower communities to take ownership of their safety and adapt to future challenges. Our community members play a valuable role in preventing wildfires. Most human-caused wildfires can be prevented.

## HOW DOES THE PROJECT BENEFIT FEDERAL LANDS/RESOURCES?

Benefits to Federal Lands/Resources are not captured in a physical sense with these projects. Their proximity to riparian areas (Jamestown Beach, Dungeness River) would lessen negative impacts should a neighborhood conflagration start. The greatest benefit to Federal Lands/Resources is through the education given to homeowners and the information they share with others. This message transcends across all local, state, and federal resources and lands.



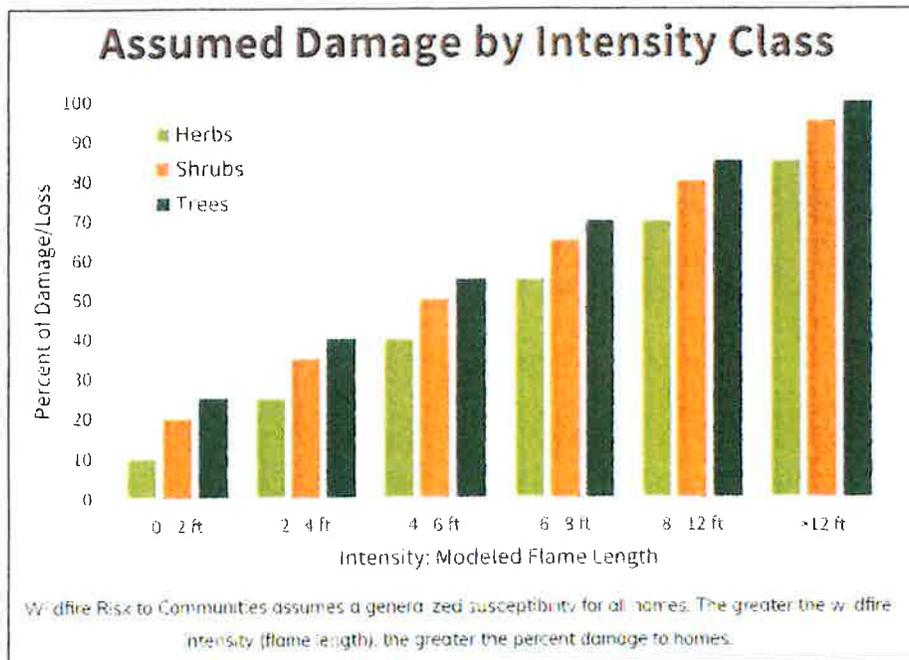
## MONITORING AND REPORTING PLAN TO MEASURE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### Monitoring Plan

- Performance Indicators: Identify clear metrics such as the number of acres treated, reductions in fuel loads, or decreases in wildfire incidents in treated areas.
- Pre- and Post-Treatment Assessments: Conduct baseline surveys before project implementation and follow-up evaluations to measure improvements in vegetation management, ecosystem health, and fire risk.
- Community Feedback: Collect input from local residents and stakeholders to understand perceived effectiveness of prevention measures and identify areas for improvement.
- Satellite and Field Monitoring: Utilize satellite imagery and on-the-ground inspections to track progress in forest health and resilience over time.

### Reporting Plan

- Regular Progress Reports: Share updates with stakeholders regarding project milestones, such as the number of community outreach events conducted, or fuel reduction projects completed.
- Data Transparency: Maintain an accessible database where project results are documented, including maps, photographs, relevant analyses, and volunteer time recorded. Providing feedback to the community in their risk reduction efforts. **See Figure 1.**
- Annual Review: Prepare comprehensive annual reports summarizing key achievements, challenges faced, and lessons learned.
- Adaptive Management: Use monitoring data to adapt and refine strategies, ensuring the project remains aligned with its goals and responds effectively to emerging challenges.



**Figure 1:** Graph Explaining Vegetation types and Modeled Flame Length. Graph obtained from <https://wildfirerisk.org/understand-risk/>

**Maps of Proposed Treatment Areas  
Site One**

**Sunland Community**

**(~915 Homeowners)**



**Three Phases**

# Maps of Proposed Treatment Areas

## Site Two

### Dungeness Meadows

(~200 Homeowners)



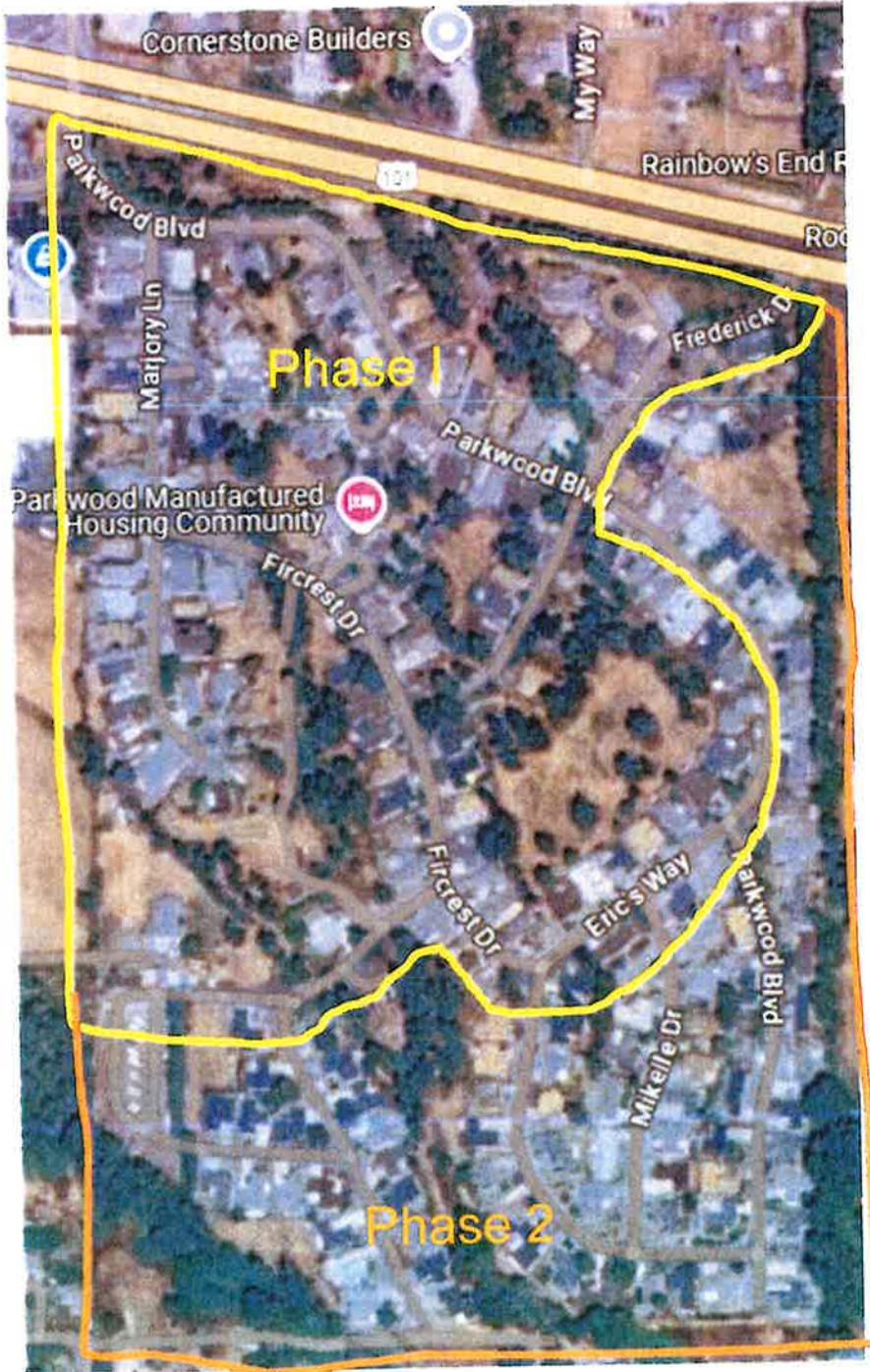
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**Maps of Proposed Treatment Areas**

**Site Three**

**Parkwood Estates**

**(~215 Homeowners)**



**Two Phases**