

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who can apply for a grant?

Homeowners with habitable structures located in the Area of Eligibility determined annually by the SPFMG. This area is located in and around the Sunrise transmission line corridor and is displayed on the grants program website for each grant year.

### When are the grants available?

The grants will be available annually. The application timelines and program information is available on the grants program website. An application is required for each grant year.

### Can I receive more than one grant in a year?

No. An eligible parcel can receive no more than one grant in a grant year.

### Do I need a building permit for a Structure Hardening project, including vent replacement with ember-resistant vents?

Yes. It is the homeowner's responsibility to obtain the appropriate building permit for the approved Structure Hardening project. To be considered for grant reimbursement, proof of a passed final inspection via a signed Inspection Report Card must be submitted with grants program work completion documents by the program due date.

### Can I do the work myself?

Yes. Grants program labor rates are used for activities conducted by homeowner and family members.

### What is the SPFMG?

It's short for the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Group. The SPFMG is responsible for overseeing the Sunrise fire mitigation grants program. Its members represent the following:

- Alpine Fire Protection District
- California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
- City of San Diego Fire & Rescue Department
- Lakeside Fire Protection District
- San Diego County Fire Authority
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management

San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) is a nonvoting member.

### Where does money for grants come from?

SDG&E funds the program as a condition of state regulatory approvals to construct and operate the Sunrise Powerlink transmission line.

## Grant Application Process Summary

- Only those applications that are eligible, complete and received by the application deadline dates will be considered by the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Group (SPFMG).
- Eligibility for grants is limited to homeowners with improved habitable structures on parcels located within Area of Eligibility. A map showing Area of Eligibility is viewable online at the grants program website.
- Completed W-9 must be provided for grant funding consideration.
- Grant applications can be completed online at our secure web site or by mail.
- The SPFMG reviews completed applications and approves grant funds following program selection and funding guidelines.
- Homeowner arranges for or conducts approved project work.
- Approved project work must be conducted and eligible expenses must be incurred during grant timelines.
- Administrative review of homeowner provided completion documents for compliance with approved grant project and program standards.
- **All** completed grant projects will be subject to inspection for compliance with state and local fire codes (defensible space) and program standards.

This is a reimbursement program. Homeowner arranges for and conducts approved work. Grant reimbursement is made following submission of work completion forms, paid receipts and inspection.

### For more information, contact Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grants Program:

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**US Mail:** P.O. Box 249, Alpine, CA 91903

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# Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grants Program

for

**Defensible Space**

**Structure Hardening**

**External Vent Replacement**

In a wildfire, firefighting forces are stretched to the limit. **You can modify your home and the surroundings to resist wildfires.**



Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Group



Priority Vent Grant is available to install new vents which trap embers and flames before they enter the home but still provide excellent ventilation. Existing vents replaced with building code-compliant ember-resistant vents will keep embers out and harden the home.

*During a wildfire most homes are destroyed by windblown embers entering the home, igniting fires and causing destruction from within.*

SPFMG has given priority for grants to install ember-resistant vents:

- Extended timeline during grant year.
- Completed eligible application will be approved.

Vent installations must comply with County of San Diego and/or City of San Diego building code and building permit requirements.

#### Examples of Old Vents



#### Examples of New Vents



Call Grants office at 1-619-722-7512 for complete information about Priority Vent grants.

Defensible Space Grant is available to assist homeowners to meet State and Local Fire Codes which require 100' of defensible space around structures and 20 feet along both sides of driveways and roadways, on land you own or control.

*The Defensible Space Grant Funds can only be used for fuel modification activities within the 100-foot defensible space zone.*



**Remove:** Dead and dying grass, plants and trees.

**Reduce:** Density of vegetation - prune, mow and thin.

**Zone 1:** 0 - 50 feet from home or structure. This area requires the greatest reduction of flammable vegetation and consists of maintained plants.

**Zone 2:** 50 - 100 feet from home or structure. Remove all dead and dying vegetation. In this area reduce vegetation to cover 50% of ground.

Structure Hardening Grant is available to harden structures to a more ignition resistant standard, by retrofitting with materials and design that meet building code and permit standards.

*Grant funds are available to retrofit habitable structures for the following projects:*

- Rooftops - Replace roof material with Class 'A' roofing
- Replace external windows, exterior doors/garage doors, skylights
- Eave boxing - enclose existing framing members
- Replace exterior siding with non-combustible materials
- Replace vents with ember-resistant vents
- Replace decks and patio covers with approved non-combustible materials

To be awarded a grant through this program, depending on the location of your property, compliance with the County of San Diego or City of San Diego building code and permit requirements must be met for the project and state and local fire codes<sup>1</sup> must be met.

All retrofitting building materials must meet City of San Diego or County of San Diego code standards.

**Complete information about City of San Diego Building Development Services is at:**  
<http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services>  
**Phone:** 1-619-446-5300

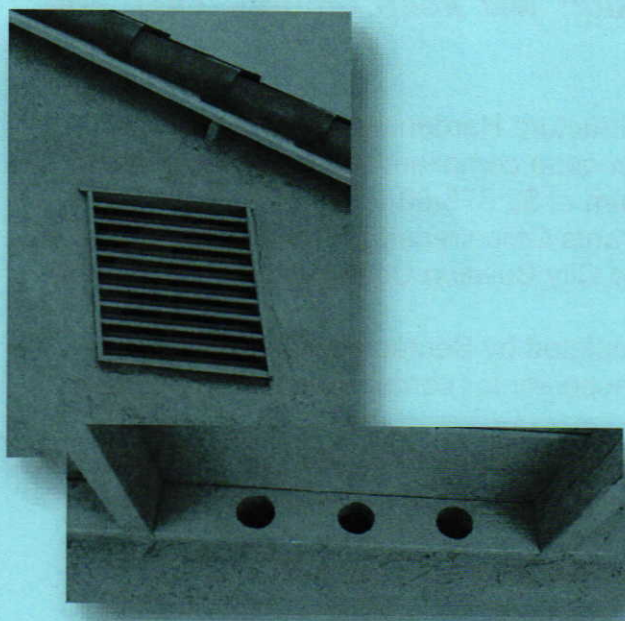
**Complete information about County of San Diego Building code is at:**  
<http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/bldgforms>  
**Phone:** 1-858-565-5920

<sup>1</sup> State and Local Fire Codes:  
 PRC 4291—California Public Resources code 4291:  
[http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PRC&sectionNum=4291](http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PRC&sectionNum=4291).  
 County of San Diego, Consolidated Fire Code:  
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/docs/cosd-fire-code.pdf>

## Additional Application Information for Priority Vent Grants

- A homeowner notified by the Grants Program during April 3, 2020 through April 10, 2020 of their Defensible Space or Structure Hardening grant status, and the Grant status was Not approved for Grant funding, can submit a Priority Vent Retrofit application to the Grants program following their receipt of the Not Approved notification.
  - The Priority Vent Retrofit application must be submitted to the Grants Program office by August 14, 2020, and will conform to the Priority Vent project timeline.
- An eligible parcel can receive no more than ONE grant award in Year 2020.
- Only Priority Vent Retrofit applications will be processed by the Grants Program after the March 6, 2020 Defensible Space Structure Hardening application due date.

Old VENTS



New VENTS



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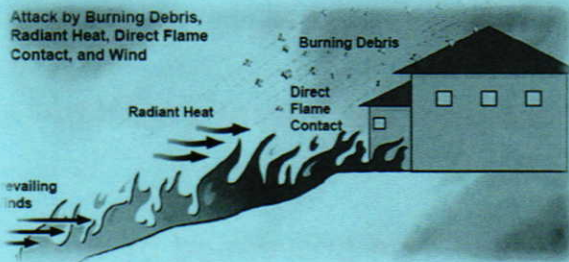
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# Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grants Program Year 2020

## Priority VENT Grant VENT Replacement/Retrofit

Priority VENT Grant Awards are not subject to  
Program Parcel Selection Criteria

**Applications for Priority VENT Grants are accepted  
January 2, 2020 through August 14, 2020**



*During a wildfire most homes are destroyed by windblown embers entering the home, igniting fires and causing destruction from within.*

*Ordinary vents are designed for ventilation through a simple mesh screen. This allows flames, sparks, and burning embers to easily pass through and enter the home, igniting dry material inside.*

***Flying embers can destroy homes up to a mile from a wildfire.***

***Newly designed vents provide excellent ventilation while trapping flames and embers **BEFORE** they enter the home. Old vents replaced with new fire code compliant ember intrusion design will keep embers **OUT** and **HARDEN** the home.***

- Complete and submit a Year 2020 Priority Vent Structure Hardening Application.
  - Application must contain an estimate for code compliant vents and installation.
- Priority vent grant awards are made up to maximum of \$2,376.80
- Approval will be provided within seven days of Grants Office receipt of complete application.
- Must comply with San Diego County or San Diego City Building Code and Building Permit Requirements.
- Approved Vent retrofit grant projects must be completed by September 30, 2020.
- Property will be inspected by a Grants Program inspector for compliance and must meet Defensible Space standards.
- Reimbursement will be made following review of paid receipts, compliance with inspections and will be for VENT replacement/retrofit activities only. No other project types or non Vent related expenses will be reimbursed.
- An eligible parcel can receive no more than ONE grant award in Year 2020.

**For more information call the Grants office at 1-619-722-7512  
<https://www.sunrisepowerlinkgrants.com/2020>**

*--See reverse for additional Priority Vent information--*

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# Year 2020 Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grants Program

## PRIORITY VENT GRANT PROCESS

- ***Application Period: January 2, 2020 – August 14, 2020***
- ***Priority Vent Grant awards ARE MADE up to the maximum grant amount of \$2,376.80 and will be approved when a completed application with an estimate for code compliant vents is provided to the Grants Program office.***

### **To Begin The Process:**

1. Complete and sign the Vent application and W-9. Please refer to the W-9 instructions.
2. Provide to the Grants office the completed, signed application, W-9, Estimate and photos. If estimate and photos were provided to you by Brandguard via email, please forward those to the grants program. Include your parcel number in the subject line and send to: **info@sunrisepowerlinkgrants.com**
3. Approval will be made via email from: **donotreply@sunrisepowerlinkgrants.com**
4. When you receive your approval email, contact your contractor to begin the process. If Brandguard is doing project, CONTACT Brandguard to schedule installation; down payment is required at this time.

### **Upon Completion of Work:**

1. Contact the County to schedule inspection. Call 1-800-351-2551, enter 12-digit tracking number (on County permit), then enter code 199.
2. Upon completion of the Vent inspection, the County inspector will leave you with a signed County Inspection Record.
3. Complete, sign and return to the Grants office: The Grant Work Completion Form (provided to you or available on the website) **with the County Inspection Record and paid invoice/receipt(s).** **Must be provided to Grants office by September 30, 2020.**
4. When all Work Completion documents have been processed by Grants office, you will receive a call from Grants office to schedule a **Defensible Space** inspection.
5. Once the inspection has been completed and the parcel meets requirements for Defensible Space, you will receive email notification of the following:
  - Grant Payment Authorization
  - Grant Payment Sent

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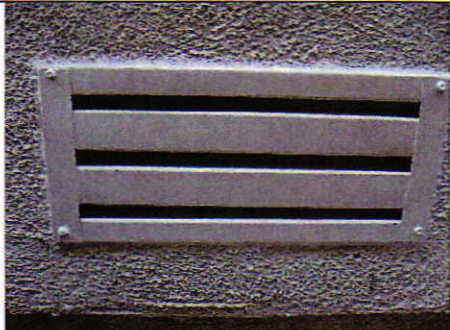

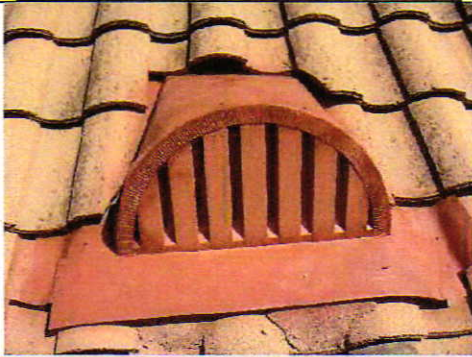
Call or text for a free estimate: 1-949-606-5822

Visit Website to request a **Free Estimate**:

<https://www.brandguardvents.com/free-estimate-request.php>

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*---Before and After Examples---*

Type of Vent	Before	After
Gable End Vent		
Foundation Vent		
Dormer Vent(Roof)		
Soffit Vents	