

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.

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

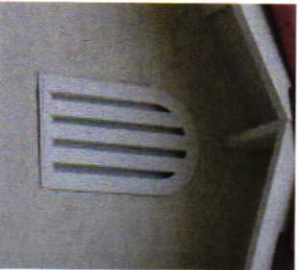
- Extended timeline during grant year.
- Completed eligible application will be approved.

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



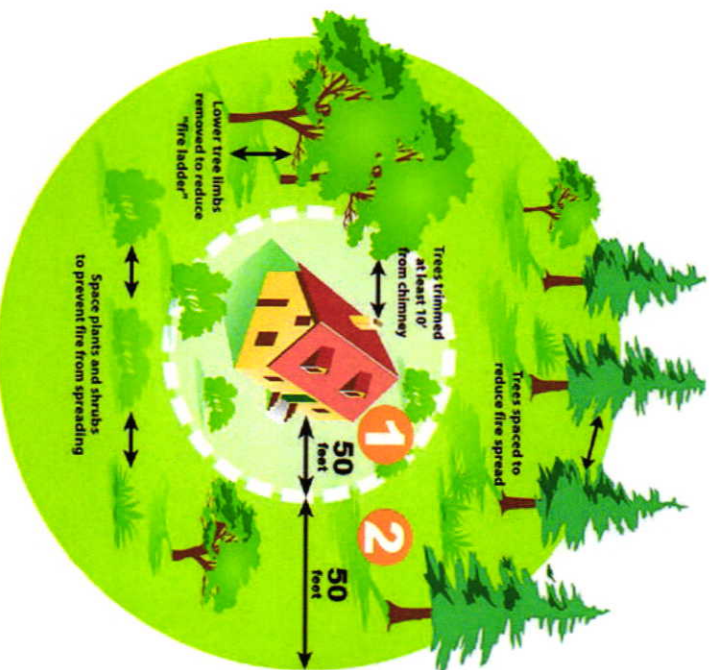
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Call Grants office at 1-619-722-7512 for complete information about Priority Vent grants.

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 codes¹ 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

¹ State and Local Fire Codes:
PRC 4291—California Public Resources code 4291:
http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PRC§ionNum=4291.
County of San Diego, Consolidated Fire Code:
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/docs/cosd-fire-code.pdf>

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
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Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grants Program

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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.**



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