



**Shasta County Department of Public Works  
Title III Project Submission Form  
FY 2017/18  
Applications due July 14, 2017**

*Project must be located in Shasta County  
Only those projects meeting Title III requirements will be considered for funding.  
Please limit application narrative to no more than two pages.  
Please submit 3 copies of your proposal and one PDF of all documents submitted.*

**For questions regarding Title II or Title III projects or eligibility, contact Ken Cristobal at 530-225-5661, or email [kcristobal@co.shasta.ca.us](mailto:kcristobal@co.shasta.ca.us)**

**Project Name:** Day Lassen Bench Firewise Community Support Activities

**Project Submitted by:** Day Lassen Bench Fire Safe Council, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) Non-profit corporation)

**Project Coordinator Name & Phone Number** Tom Esgate 530-310-0146

**Contact E-Mail:** dlbfsc@gmail.com

**Tax Identification #:** 47-0921379

**Requested Amount and Budget Information (attach proposed budget):**

Title III Funds Requested	\$ 29,000
Other Funding	\$
In-Kind or Match	\$
Total Project Cost	\$ 29,000

**Submitting Agency (please check appropriate category):**

County Department		Conservation District	
Local Government		Non-Profit	
Fire Safe Council	X		X
Volunteer Fire			

**Project Type (please check appropriate category):**

Search, Rescue, and Emergency Services	
Fire Prevention and County Planning	X
Firewise Communities Program Activities	X

**1. Project Location:** Unincorporated Community of Day in Shasta County along the Day Rd. Corridor

**2. Nearest forest service land:** Shasta National Forest (managed by Lassen National Forest)

**3. Statement of Project Purpose, Goals, and Objectives (maximum 5 lines):**

Day Lassen Bench (DLB) is entering into its 11th year as a recognized "Firewise Communities USA" community, the only one in Shasta County. The requested funds will go toward: 1. Updating the Firewise Community Assessment (now 13 years old, previously called a Fire Safe Plan in 2004); 2. Helping the community create an action plan; 3. Assisting with an annual Firewise Day in the spring of 2018, and; 4. Assisting with treating vegetation within the Home Ignition Zone & educating residents.

**4. Detailed Project Description (*attach separate page if necessary*)**  
**Include project photos, drawings, letters of support, resource information, and any other supporting documentation.**

Please see the attached Detailed Project Description

**5. Explain how project meets the grant criteria and why (maximum 16 lines):**

All of the activities we will be conducting will assist Day Lassen Bench (Shasta County's only recognized Firewise Community) in its annual "Firewise Communities USA" recognition/renewal process. Such activities are allowed to be funded with Title III funds per The Secure Rural Schools Act (Activities necessary to renew recognition as a Firewise Communities USA Recognized Site). Shasta County may use Title III funds to provide assistance to or support of a community's "Firewise Communities USA" recognition and/or renewal process including the activities we are requesting be funded by and for Shasta County:

1. Updating the Day Lassen Bench Firewise Community Assessment.
2. Helping the Day Lassen Bench community create an action plan.
3. Assisting with an annual Firewise Day in the spring of 2018.
4. Assisting with treating vegetation within the Home Ignition Zone (defined as within 200' of a structure).

**6. How is this project in the best public interest (maximum 16 lines)?**

The fuel treatments being provided will help reduce wildfire risk within the DLB community and also provide a safer environment for suppression resources to operate. The Firewise Risk in the Home Ignition Zone Assessments will provide information that Shasta County residents can use to further reduce their structural ignition risk in the advent of a wildfire.

The process of updating of the DLB Community Assessment & Action Plan will energize the community to further reduce their wildfire risk. The completed plan will be used as a tool to acquire additional funds for future community fuel reduction work and it will become the DLB community's chapter of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The planned Shasta County Firewise Community Event will help residents further reduce their structural ignitability and be a vehicle for the distribution of information that residents need to reduce structural ignition risk in the advent of a wildfire.

**7. Estimated Project Start Date:** 9/1/2017

**8. Estimated Project Completion Date:** 9/30/2018

Signature  Date 7/12/17

- **Project must be located in Shasta County**
- **Project and Applicant must meet Title III eligibility requirements**
- **Non-county agencies are required to complete a Personal Services Agreement with Shasta County**
- **Grant recipients must meet Shasta County's indemnification policy**
- **Funds shall be reimbursed at project completion, unless otherwise agreed upon**
- **Reimbursement requests must include project title**
- **Unused funds will remain with Shasta County**
- **All projects must be completed no later than September 30, 2018**

#### 4. Detailed Project Description:

Day Lassen Bench is an unincorporated community that spans across Shasta, Lassen and Modoc Counties and is the only recognized "Firewise Communities USA" community in Shasta County. Day Lassen Bench Fire Safe Council, Inc. (DLBFSC) was incorporated as a 501(c) (3) non-profit in 2003 and has served as the community's official Firewise Board since the community's Firewise recognition in 2008. Over the last 10 years, Lassen & Modoc Counties have dedicated Title III funds to support the DLBFSC's Firewise Community Activities, one of the annual requirements to re-certify as a "Firewise Communities USA" community.

One previous application was submitted for Shasta County Title III funds, and an appearance was made before the Board by members of the DLBFSC, but that grant was denied by the Shasta County Board of Supervisors. As this is apparently the last time funding will be available to certified Firewise communities under Title III, and since we have not received any funding in the past, as the only certified "Firewise Communities USA" community in Shasta County, we respectfully request consideration of our grant application to fund activities consistent with The Secure Rural Schools Act.

- DLBFSC currently has a \$113,500 California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) grant for landscape scale fuel treatments along the Day Road corridor across all 3 counties. We are requesting \$20,000 in Shasta County Title III funds for fuel treatments within 200' of a home (Home Ignition Zone) that will be used concurrently with our CFSC grant funds for Shasta County residences. Shasta County Title III funds will be a critical component of our project that will ensure residences have adequate defensible space in the crucial 200' around the home. For their part, Lassen County is providing Title III funds for treatments within 200' of a home for Lassen County residences. Shasta County Title III funded treatments will include one or more of the following treatment methods- the mastication of brush, the removal of trees, the thinning and limbing of trees, all within 200' of a home, for residences in Shasta County. Treatment work will be conducted by contractors selected by DLBFSC through a competitive bidding process.

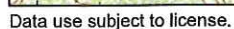
Additionally, during the landowner sign-up process, residents will be provided Firewise Risk in the Home Ignition Zone Assessments by a Certified "Firewise Communities USA" provider, in an effort to give them the information they need to reduce structural ignition risk in the advent of a wildfire. As grant funding for clearing defensible space around residences is limited, educating homeowners on the value of their implementing changes to ensure they have reduced the risk of fire within their own Home Ignition Zone is a necessary component to ensure the safety of the community.

- DLBFSC is also requesting \$7,000 in Shasta County Title III funds for an updating of the DLB Community Assessment & Action Plan. The original Community Assessment & Action Plan (now 12 years old), covering all 3 counties, was paid for entirely with Lassen County Title III funds. The new Community Assessment & Action Plan will be written by an individual that has been certified by "Firewise Communities USA" to write the documents. At least 2 public scoping meetings will be held within the community

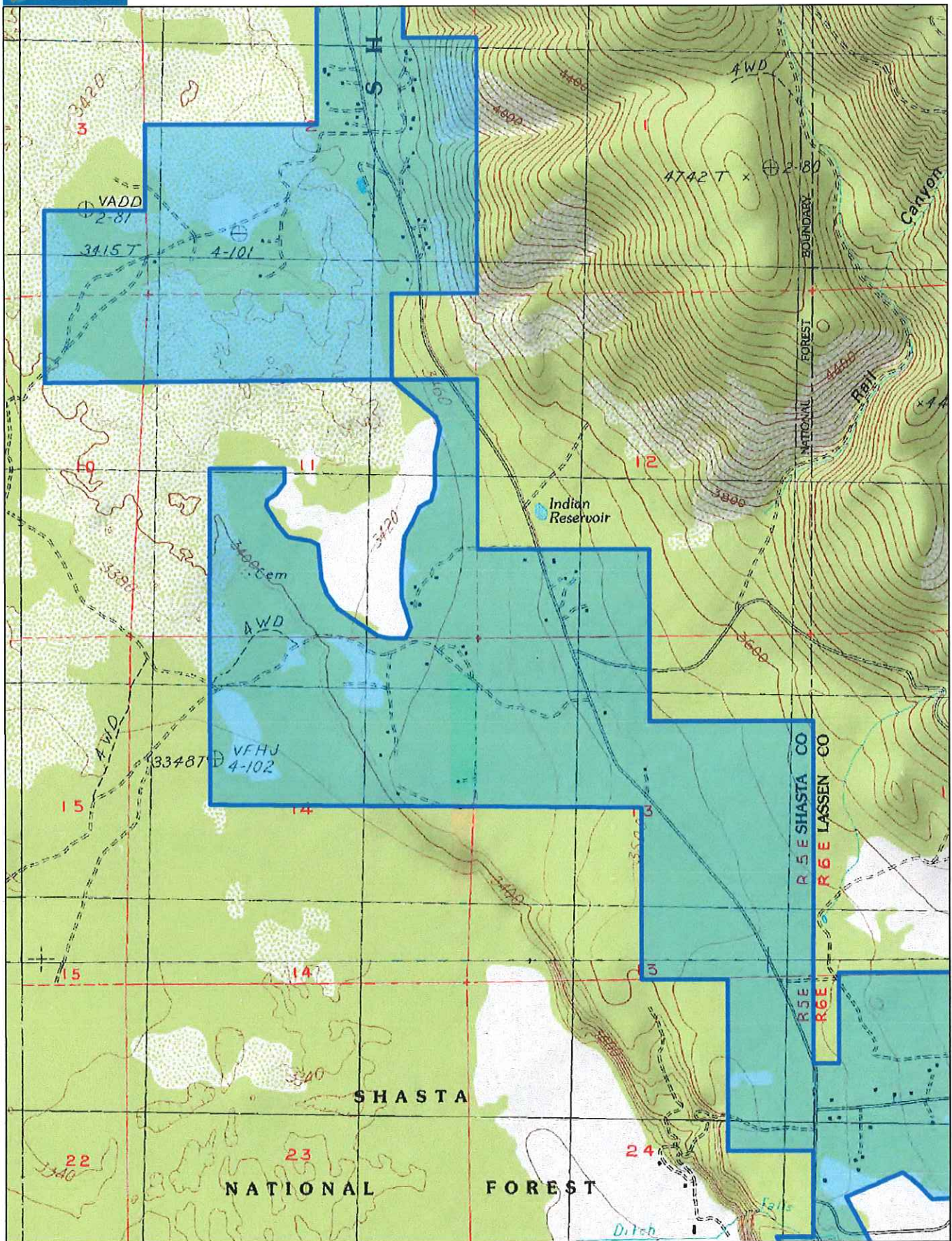
during the plan's development in order to garner community and agency (USFS, BLM & CALFIRE) input.

- DLBFSC is also requesting \$2,000 in Shasta County Title III funds for assistance in holding a Firewise Day/GreenWaste Day in Shasta County. The past 2 years Lassen County has provided Title III funds for Firewise Day/GreenWaste Days in the Lassen County portion of DLB. The events bring out roll off boxes for green waste. Residents are educated and encouraged to clear defensible space in the Home Ignition Zones and throughout their community, then provided with a place to dispose of the green waste, reducing their fire risk without the need for burning. DLBFSC, with the funding from Lassen County, has been able to offer 2 of these community events to Lassen County residents living on Day Lassen Bench. These community events have been popular with the residents and we would like to be able to offer Shasta County residents the same opportunity to participate in making their homes and community safer. Mailings will be sent out to Shasta DLB residents and signage set up to provide notification of the event. Community meetings will be held as needed to answer questions and to ensure the success of the event. DLBFSC Board members will participate in these events and "Firewise Communities USA" literature will be passed out during the Firewise community event.







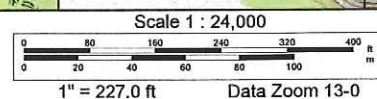


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## **DLBFSC/Shasta County Title III Budget Request**

	Shasta TIII
Community Assessment	\$5,000.00
Community Action Plan	\$2,000.00
2018 Firewise Day	\$2,000.00
200' Treatments	\$20,000.00
	\$29,000.00



# Shasta County

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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July 10, 2017

Re: Letter of Support for the Day Lassen Bench Fire Safe Council (DLBFSC)

To Whom it May Concern:

As District 3, Shasta County Supervisor, I am writing this letter of support for the Day Lassen Bench Fire Safe Council for their grant application for Shasta County Title III funding. I am very familiar with the Day Bench at the far northeast corner of Shasta County. I am a resident of eastern Shasta County and am well aware of the fire danger this particular area of the county lives with during the fire season.

There are approximately 300 residents in this area, known as the Day Bench. There are many rural home sites along the 10 mile stretch of road that leads to the "town" of Day. This area is covered with pine trees and brush and is at high risk of a catastrophic fire. The recent Day fire in this area is an example of what can happen in a matter of days, where thousands of acres burned after a lightning strike. I was a witness to this fire as it burned.

I served on the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for three years and am very familiar with the need for fuel reduction, especially in the Wildland Urban Interface. Defensible space is so important in areas like Day Road and the DLBFSC is an invaluable component to help educate and assist the residents to ensure their properties are prepared for the threat of a fire.

The funded activities that would be conducted include: 1. Updating the Day Lassen Bench Firewise Community Assessment 2. Helping the Day Lassen Bench community create an action plan 3. Assisting with an annual Firewise Day in the spring of 2018 4. Assisting with treating vegetation within the home ignition zone in conjunction with their current hazard fuel reduction efforts.

The DLBFSC is an organization that would benefit tremendously from grant funding and I would strongly recommend that they be considered to be a recipient of your funding. Grant dollars are so helpful for these kinds of communities, where resources are limited and the geographic areas are expansive.

Thank you and please do consider the DLBFSC as a recipient for your grant funding.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Rickert



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July 12, 2017

Shasta County Department of Public Works  
Attn: Ken Cristobal  
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Redding, CA 96001

Dear Mr. Cristobal,

The Natural Resources Conservation Service supports the Day Lassen Bench Fire Safe Council's (DLBFSC) Shasta Title III fund application that will assist them with helping homeowners reduce their wildfire risk and aid DLBFSC with their annual re-certification as Shasta County's only *Firewise Communities USA* recognized Firewise Community.

The Firewise activities they will be conducting include:

1. Updating the Day Lassen Bench Firewise Community Assessment.
2. Helping the Day Lassen Bench community create an action plan.
3. Assisting with an annual Firewise Day in the spring of 2018.
4. Assisting with treating vegetation within the home ignition zone (defined as within 200' of a structure) in conjunction with their current hazard fuel reduction efforts.

Shasta County residents within the Day Lassen Bench community would benefit from an allocation of Title III funds for the DLBFSC efforts and I hope Shasta County will look favorably on their request.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Kroschel Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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