



1. **Amount Available:** 1.2 million available for cost-share and technical assistance utilizing the current WSCC fire recovery funding allocation. Funds expire 6.30.17.
  
2. **Which Counties Are Eligible for 2016 Fires:**

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| Adams    | Franklin  | Pend Oreille |
| Asotin   | Garfield  | Spokane      |
| Benton   | Grant     | Stevens      |
| Chelan   | Kittitas  | Walla Walla  |
| Columbia | Klickitat | Whitman      |
| Douglas  | Lincoln   | Yakima       |
| Ferry    | Okanogan  |              |
  
3. **The “Fire Recovery (2016-17) Funding Guidelines” and “Fire Recovery Q&A” documents will apply to counties eligible for projects resulting from the 2016 fires with the following changes and notes:**
  - \$1.2 million currently allocated for losses sustained during the 2016 fire season
    - Elements funded from this allocations include:
      - Landowner cost-share
      - Technical Assistance to implement projects (25% of cost-share award per guidelines)
      - Engineering if requested
  
  - Landowners should be directed to Federal programs first for practices that may be eligible for Federal programs. A primary example would be fencing under ECP. The District and landowner should be in regular contact with their local FSA and NRCS office regarding funding availability and status. It is important that federal opportunities are explored for eligible practices where immediate implementation is not required. Projects that may qualify for Federal programs may be given lower priority by the review committee upon discussion and project priority level. Examples of potential Federal programs include:
    - FSA – ECP
    - NRCS – EQIP
    - NRCS – EWP
  
  - For projects submitted to the review committee for consideration a District representative familiar with the project must be available to meet with the Fire Recovery Project Review Committee upon request (generally via conference call).
  
  - Highest priority projects will be considered first. Those with an immediate need would be considered the highest priority. It is highly suggested that district submit their highest priority projects first and

provide as much detail as possible in the application form:

<https://www.formstack.com/forms/?2296809-jnvrdr8EOW>.

- The Fire Recovery Guidelines and Fire Recovery Guidelines Q&A documents can be found at the following link: <http://scc.wa.gov/program-guidelines/>.
- It is important to note that all Commission grant and cost-share policies and procedures apply to projects unless otherwise specified in the Fire Recovery (2016-17) Funding Guidelines or Fire Recovery Funding Guidelines Q&A documents.
- Initial Allocations found in Section 10 of the “Fire Recovery (2016-17) Funding Guidelines” are no longer applicable.
- For initial site assessments it is preferred that District’s utilize existing funding sources to the extent possible to provide for more funding to go to on the ground projects.
- Approved projects must be fully completed by June 30, 2017.