Defensible Space and Home Hardening Grants

Required documentation: Examples and Important Notes

This document is intended to outline the general types of purchases the MWPA will approve as well as demonstrate the acceptable forms of proof of payment. We have also included some notes on “after photos”.

Acceptable Purchases and Proof of Payment

The MWPA requires residents to submit all receipts for work related to the creation of defensible space and home hardening as outlined in your last evaluation report.

A. The purchase of equipment is **not** an eligible expense. Valid purchases include improvements that involve the use of paid installation and/or the replacement of vulnerable discoveries with fire-resistant building materials or the creation of defensible space.
   i. To reiterate: Tools such as chainsaws, grass cutters, or other equipment/similar products will not qualify for the grant.

Examples of Qualified Grant Goods and Services:

- Removal and replacement of single paned windows
- Removal of shake roof and replacement with metal, composite, tile, or another type of fire-resistant roofing material
- Removal of combustible siding and replacement with cement board or stucco
- Removal of wood decking against structure and replacement with concrete, crushed granite rock, etc.
- Removal of home wire vents ¼” or larger and replacement with 1/8th or 1/16” wire
- Removal of tree limbs or dead vegetation
- Removal or Italian Cypress, Bamboo, or another type of combustible vegetation

**This is a non-exhaustive list. If the homeowner has any questions on if specific work or materials qualifies under the grant guidelines, please contact the MWPA for clarification. grants@marinwildfire.org**

Receipts must include:

A. Applicant’s Name
B. Address of the Property
C. Contractor or vendor information
D. Date and Description or the work completed
E. Proof of Payment(s)
Such as a copy of a deposited check, credit card statement, Venmo or PayPal printout, or cash receipt.

Proof of payment must coincide with invoices.

Examples of appropriate receipts and proof or payments may look like the following:

This is an example of an acceptable form of proof of payment for a service paid for using Paypal. Venmo is owned by Paypal and as a result will have a similar look.

*Notice this invoice contains all four of the required elements: Applicant’s name (A), Address of the property (B), vendor (C), and the date and description of the work completed (D).
Important note about after photos:
If your report includes “before” photos, please attempt to take the “after” photos from the same or a similar vantage point as seen in the examples below:


← Notice this image is clear, well-lit, and taken from a similar point-of-view for easy comparison.

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