

Exhibit A: Measure R Fire Fuels Reduction Incentive Pilot Program
Approved by the Orinda City Council October 11, 2022
with Resolution No. 53-22

Goal: Reduce the risk of wildfire spreading throughout the City of Orinda and facilitate evacuations in the event of a wildfire by encouraging compliance with vegetation standards for the City of Orinda and the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD).

Duration of the pilot program: November 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023, unless Measure R funds are expended prior to the end of August 2023 or sooner if authorized funding of \$400,000 is depleted.

Who is eligible: Orinda property owners and/or residents along public streets designated as evacuation routes who meet one of the following criteria:

- Are in a current Firewise community;
- Have had a Fire Adapted Community Assessment completed no more than 90 days prior to the work being done;
- Received notice from MOFD that the property is not in compliance.

The property owner and/or a resident who can provide documented proof of residency (such as a Driver's License, utility bill, etc.).

Eligible work: the removal of vegetation to bring an eligible property into compliance with the vegetation standards for the City and MOFD, excluding routine or ongoing maintenance (e.g., cutting down dry grasses). Qualifying work:

- Total removal of Eucalyptus and/or Monterey Pine trees within 6 feet of a habitable structure or a public street designated as an evacuation route measuring from back of curb or edge of pavement;
- Total removal of dead or dying trees within 6 feet of a habitable structure or a public street designated as an evacuation route; measuring from back of curb or edge of pavement;
- Remove ladder fuels (shrubs and bushes), creating 6 foot gap between the lower tree canopy and the ground;
- Removal of Juniper and Bamboo within 10 feet of a public street designated as an evacuation route; and/or
- Removal of hazardous vegetation or combustible material within a 3 foot by 15 foot area adjacent to a public street designated as an evacuation route measured from back of curb or edge of pavement.

The incentive is a matching reimbursement: The City will offer 1:1 matching funds for the cost incurred after August 16, 2022, not to exceed \$599 per applicant to cover the expenses to bring the eligible property into compliance with the vegetation standards for the City of Orinda and the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD). The City Council has allocated \$400,000 from Measure R revenue, and the funds will be expended on a first-come, first-served basis. Incentives are limited to a one-time basis.

Reimbursements are only awarded after work has been completed. The work must be completed no more than 90 days prior to a request. For expenses under \$599, the City will reimburse up to 50%.

How to apply: submit an application form (name, address of the property on which the work is to be performed, amount requested) and the following documentation:

- Proof of residency (copy of applicant's driver's license, utility bill, etc); or
- Copy of property tax record (only if applicant is the property owner but not the resident)
- Copy one of the following: Firewise certificate, Fire Adapted Community Assessment, or MOFD violation notice
- Copy of receipt from contractor for eligible work, work must be completed no more than 90 days prior to the request, and noted, from the contractor, type of eligible work (removal of Monterey Pine, removal of Juniper, etc.)
- Before and after photos of the project.

Measuring the efficacy of the program:

- Number of applications – by month and comprehensive total
- Number of applications approved – by month and comprehensive total
- Amount awarded – by month and comprehensive total; determine mean and mode
- Number of reimbursements processed – by month and comprehensive total
- Amount reimbursed – by month and comprehensive total; determine mean and mode
- Categorize the type of work being performed (e.g. tree removal, ladder fuel removal, clearing of juniper and/or bamboo)
- Contractor, third-party vendors, or consumables
- Type of assessment (Firewise, Fire Adapted Community Assessment, MOFD violation notice)

Resources:

[Fire Adapted Community Assessment](#)

[Firewise USA](#)

[Fire Code](#)