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HOORAY!!

We are excited to announce that we have been chosen for an award from the [California Fire Safe Council](#). The program developed under this award will help us directly assist homeowners who are out of defensible space code compliance and need assistance to implement the needed hazard fuel reduction. In this program, we will work directly with CAL Fire Defensible Space Inspectors and staff to identify, assess, and prescribe treatments to homeowner properties in Eastern Madera County whose 100' surrounding their home has become a hazard to their safety, yet they don't have the resources to clear hazards. With this funding, we were also awarded funds to purchase the Fire Aside software that will be used for tracking projects + calculating fuel removal + reporting statistics, and funds to upgrade our website to ADA compliance and to have applications for any future chipping and defensible space programs available directly online as well as paper application/snail mail process for those without access to online tools.

So, what's next? We will get busy building and perfecting the structure of the program while we wait for the funding to come in from the CFSC.

We will be busy:

-Developing our referral processes with CAL Fire

-Upgrading our website and learning to use the in-house fuel reduction tracking programs offered by the Fire Aside software

- Preparing for the new workload coming our way with this new program

-Planning for community events that will educate and bring resources to EMC residents

We are thankful for the award from the CFSC who saw this project concept as one worth funding and are truly excited that we will have the capacity to offer a program to those that need assistance with code compliance, which will in turn lower risk for everyone who lives in our region, and lastly may offer relief for those that may be at risk of losing their homeowner's insurance. We will keep this page and our website updated as the program develops and as funds come in for project implementation.

Here's to a safer, more wildfire-resilient Eastern Madera County.

And remember, every time we reduce risk on a single property in our area, we reduce risk overall. When we have overall reduced community risk, we will be safer, and it will affect our fire severity hazard rating.

"Wildfire won't wait for you to be ready. Prepare now." - Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council

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