



## “Sharing the Responsibility”

### Wildfire Mitigation Stipend Guidelines

- Intended to address wildfire risk to homes dealing with surrounding fuels in the home ignition zone (first 30’.)
- This is not a grant award but a DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR MATCH up to \$500 per household.
- Cannot reimburse residents for work already completed.
- Not intended to “landscape” or maintain your property – has to follow mitigation standards. Funding will be for hazardous fuels removal, not stump grinding, vegetation replacement or mulch replacement.
- No money to exchange hands; City and residents will be invoiced directly from the contractor.
- Must use a tree service licensed / insured with the City of Colorado Springs.
- Walk-thru with CSFD, resident and contractor is **required prior to work being done** –all work discussed will be noted on work form and signed off by the owner and the contractor. Homeowner will receive an estimate for the work beforehand.
- Each participant must sign a stewardship agreement.
- Limited funds – First come, first served. Additional sign-ups will be on the “stand-by” list in case not all funds are used up.
- Call Ashley to schedule a walk-thru of the property with the contractor.
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