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Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grant Application Deadline Approaching Fast

*Applications for 2019 Defensible Space and Structure Hardening Grants
must be received by March 1, 2019 at 5:00 PM PST*

For Immediate Release

ALPINE, Calif. – Homeowners in wildfire-prone areas of East County who are eligible to apply for a defensible space or a structure-hardening grant through the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grant program have only a few days left to complete their grant applications for 2019. Applications for defensible space and structure-hardening grants must be completed online by 5:00 PM PST on Friday, March 1, 2019 at www.sunrisepowerlinkgrants.com to be considered in this year’s grant cycle.

Eligible homeowners can apply for a grant in one of two categories by March 1:

- defensible space homeowner grants to assist in creating defensible space around their homes to facilitate firefighting and reduce structure damage; or
- structure-hardening grants to install more building-code compliant ignition resistant materials in the home

The 2019 grant maximum is \$2,327.06 per homeowner.

Homeowners who choose not to apply for a defensible space or structure-hardening grant by the March 1 deadline or whose 2019 grant application is denied, may apply for a 2019 Vent Retrofit grant until August 16, 2019 at 5:00 PM PDT. The 2019 grant maximum of \$2,327.06 per homeowner also applies to a Vent Retrofit grant. Information about the Vent Retrofit program can be accessed at <https://www.sunrisepowerlinkgrants.com/2019/Programs/Vents>.

Owners of homes and habitable structures in the fire mitigation grant eligibility areas on parcels deemed eligible by the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation group were mailed a 2019 grant information packet in late December. The mailer spelled out how to apply for a grant, grant award criteria and the grant program timetable for 2019. Homeowners who are unsure if they are eligible to apply can search online at the grant program web site: <https://www.sunrisepowerlinkgrants.com/2019/Qualification> or by calling the grants office at 619.722.7512.

The Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grant Program has been funded since 2008 by an annual contribution from San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) as a condition of the State of California regulatory approval of the Sunrise Powerlink transmission line. SDG&E's 2019 contribution to support the grants program and its administration will total \$3,503,800.

About SPFMG

The Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Group (SPFMG) was formed to implement and provide oversight to the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grants program. The SPFMG includes representatives of federal, state and local fire agencies with jurisdiction along the route of Sunrise Powerlink transmission line. Voting agencies include:

- Alpine Fire Protection District
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
- City of San Diego Fire and Rescue Department
- County of San Diego Fire Authority
- Lakeside Fire Protection District
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management

San Diego Gas and Electric funds the grant program and is a non-voting member of the group.