



Washington Wildfire Appliance Assistance Grants Program

Fact Sheet

Purpose:

The Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division, is providing grants up to \$2,500 for the purchase of household appliances to eligible individuals or families who have suffered damage to their home or were displaced from a rental unit used as their primary residence due to a wildfire occurring between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. For the purposes of this grant, “household appliance” means a machine that assists with household functions such as cooking, cleaning, and food preservation (e.g., Stove, Dishwasher, Refrigerator, Washer, Dryer, Microwave, Toaster, etc.)

Max Award Amount: \$2,500 per eligible individual or household.

Eligibility:

To apply, you must meet **ALL** of the requirements below:

- a. Be a resident of Douglas, Okanogan, Pierce, or Whitman county at the time of the disaster.
- b. Suffered damage to your home or were displaced from a rental unit used as your primary residence due to a wildfire occurring between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.
- c. Have no or inadequate private insurance to cover the cost of household appliance replacement.

Additionally, you must meet **ONE** of the requirements below:

- i. Identify as having a disability based on the following definition:
 - a. *Inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death, or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.*
- ii. A household income equal to or less than 80 percent of county median household income.

County	County Median Household Income Estimates	80% County Median Household Income
Douglas	\$63,087	\$51,000
Okanogan	\$44,028	\$36,000
Pierce	\$74,774	\$60,000
Whitman	\$53,705	\$43,000

- iii. The home qualified for the property tax exemption program in [Chapter 84.36.379](#) through 84.36.389 Revised Code of Washington (RCW); or
- iv. The home qualified for the property tax deferral program in [Chapter 84.38 RCW](#).

How to Apply:

Applicants will work with the Disaster Case Managers in their local area for assistance in accurately filling out and submitting the online application. The Washington Emergency Management Division will review all applications to verify eligibility before administering checks of up to \$2,500 per individual or household for the purchase of approved appliances including professional installation, shipping, and handling fees if applicable. Grants will be awarded on a first come first serve basis, subject to funding availability.

Applications may be submitted online via the following link:

https://stofwadeptofenterpriseservices.formstack.com/forms/washington_wildfire_appliance_assistance_grants



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Timeline:

Grant Program Start Date: 7/01/2021

Grant Program End Date: 6/30/2022

Application Period Opens: 8/30/2021

Application Period Ends (LAST DAY TO APPLY): 5/31/2022 (to accommodate grant close-out process prior to State Fiscal Year end)

Contact Information to Submit Application:

Disaster Case Manager for Douglas and Okanogan Counties

Jessica Farmer, Lead Disaster Case Manager, OCLTRG

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Email: jessicaocdcm@gmail.com

Disaster Case Manager for Pierce County

Ivan Tudela, Lead Emergency Management Coordinator, Pierce County Emergency Management

Phone: 253-798-6595

Email: disaster.recovery@piercecouny.gov

Disaster Case Manager for Whitman County

Dave Reynolds, Lead Disaster Case Manager, Pine Creek Community Restoration

Phone: 509-216-2611

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If you have questions about the WA Wildfire Appliance Assistance Grants Program, please contact:

Washington Emergency Management Division, Human Services Program

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Emergency Management Division

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Camp Murray, Washington 98430-5122

IMPORTANT: All approved applicants are required to submit a copy of itemized receipts as proof of purchase of eligible appliances to include tax, shipping/handling, and installation, if necessary. Receipts must be provided **within 120 days** of issue date on the check. Receipts can be emailed to appliancegrants@mil.wa.gov with the First and Last name of the applicant and the application number (provided in the award letter). If an applicant purchases an appliance for less than the amount granted and did not use the remaining funds for the purchase of an additional appliance on the approved appliance list, they must return all of the remaining funds to the State.