# CWDG Grantee - User Guide for Project Implementation Grant













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#### Important Information

#### Purpose

This guide is for CWDG Community Grantees who must use the Fire Adapted Communities Accomplishments Reporting Module (ARM) starting in **January 2025**. The table of contents here contains links that will take you directly to the section you wish to learn more about.

Community Grantees will use Performance Reports in this ARM to report their program accomplishments to grant administrators annually. These Performance Reports include quantitative accomplishments, a written narrative of accomplishments, and mapping of completed treatments for Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) implementation grants, which are due no later than the final report.

The Fire Adapted Communities ARM will enable the monitoring of performance progress as required by the Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) Program. The Performance Report's accomplishment details will be used to inform Congress and the White House about achievements and positive impacts of the CWDG Program nationwide.

The Performance Report does not replace Federal Financial Reporting (Form SF-425), and these quarterly reports must continue to be submitted directly to the grant administrator. If the grant pays for equipment over the applicable federal threshold, then the equipment justification Form FS-1500-34 must be submitted directly to the grant administrator.

#### **Recommended Browsers and Access**

Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge are the recommended browsers. No log in is needed, and you will be given your personalized link to access the Fire Adapted Communities ARM by email. Flag the email in your inbox, so it is easier to access in the future.

#### **Important Dates**

**Interim Performance Reports** – Reports are done for the previous calendar year for a grant that is not in its final reporting year; they will be open from January to March 31st.

**Final Performance Reports** - These reports must be filed once all the work has been accomplished and can be filed as late as April 30th after the end of the reporting period. If needed, please contact your Grant Administrator to extend the edit window to April 30th; you may also request that the edit window be opened early if you want to file your final report before December 31st of the Reporting Period.







#### Add Performance Report

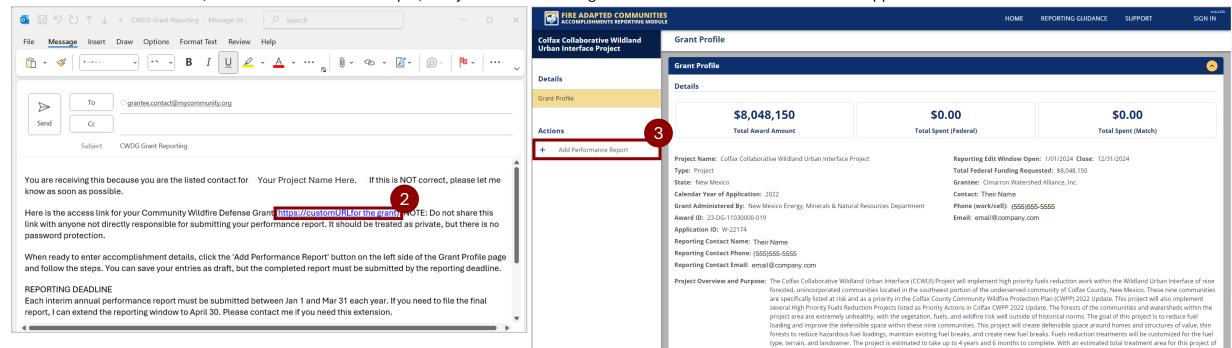
Your Grant Administrator will send you a personalized link to access your specific Grant Profile page in January. Please do not share this link. The Grant Profile page contains all the details of your grant. You can learn more about the Grant Profile Page here. First, let's look at how we can add our Performance Report.

- 1. Before you get started, select the link here and review the Reporting Guidance
- 2. Select the link in your CWDG Grant Reporting email to access your grant

Note: You can search CWDG Grant Reporting to quickly find the email in the event you don't get started right away.

2. Select "Add Performance Report" on the far left

Note: The "Add Performance Report" button will be greved out if you are not within the reporting period. If you are having trouble, reach out to your grant administrator. Also, the email below is an example, and your name and the grant administrator's name will be what appears in the email's to and from fields.

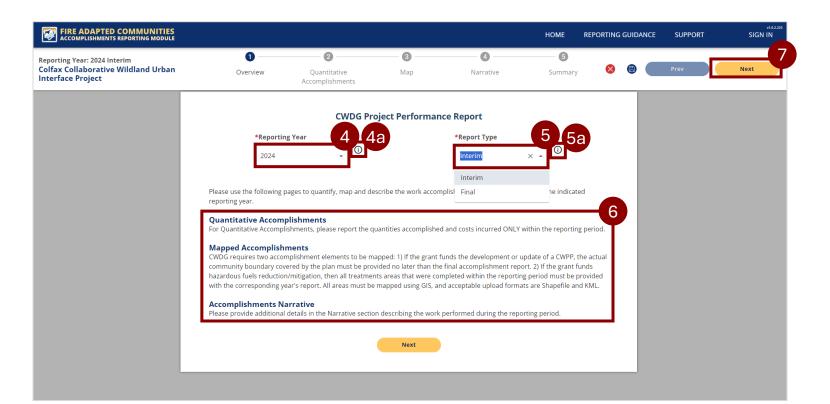








- 4. By default, 2024 will appear in the "Performance Year" field
  - a) The i icon next to the Performance Year performance year gives additional information that the year selected indicates the calendar year, January 1st through December 31st, of that year
- 5. Select the "Report Type" drop down
  - a) The "i" icon next to "Report Type" explains if this is an annual report and the work for this grant will continue on after this reporting period, select "Interim"; if this is the final report for a grant, select "Final"
- 6. Please read the information on the page regarding the Quantitative Accomplishments, Mapped Accomplishments, and the Accomplishments Narrative
- 7. Select "Next"



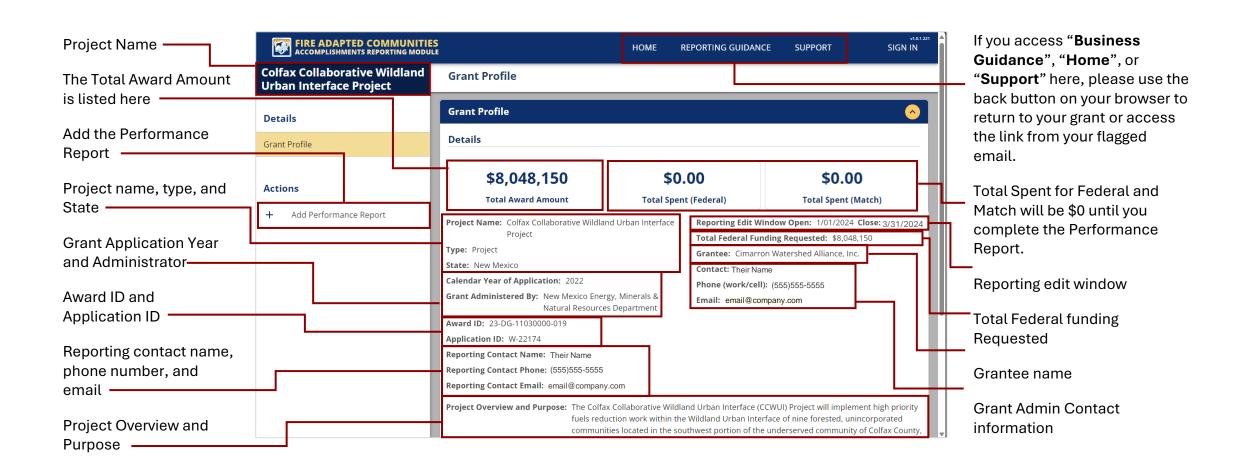






## Grant Profile Page – Prior to Completion

The Grant Profile page contains all the details of your grant. You will be taken there when you click the link sent by your grant administrator, shown here.







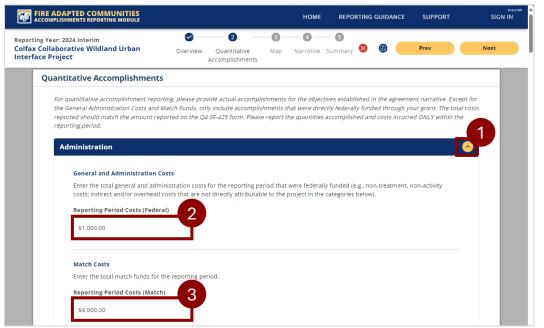


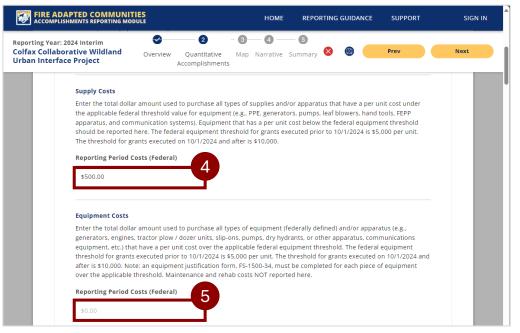


# Quantitative Accomplishments - Administration

The first section of the Performance Report is Quantitative Accomplishments. The total costs reported in the Q4 Federal Financial Reporting (Form SF-425) should match the total federal spending reported in all sections of the report. The form begins with this information, and each entry on the form contains information on what to enter in that field. **These fields are only required if there were associated costs during the reporting period.** 

- 1. The sections of the form can be expanded or collapsed using the chevron on the far right; the first section is "Administration"
- 2. Below "General and Administrative Costs", read the details and select the "Reporting Period Costs (Federal)" field, then enter the dollar amount
- 3. Below "Match Costs", select the "Reporting Period Costs (Match)" field and enter the dollar amount
- 4. Below "Supply Costs", select the "Reporting Period Costs (Federal)" field and enter the dollar amount
- 5. Below "Equipment Costs", select the "Reporting Period Costs (Federal)" field and enter the dollar amount











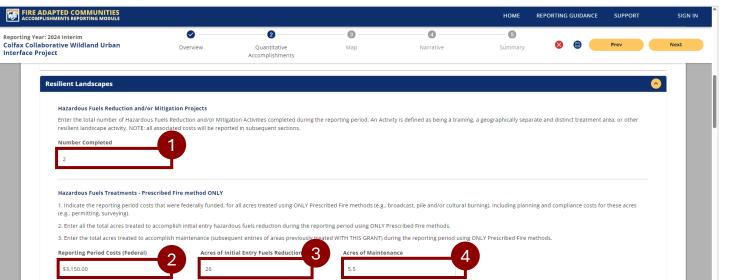


There are two sections in the Quantitative Accomplishments portion. You may only have Resilient Landscapes details to report or only Fire Adapted Communities details, or you may have a combination of both. Each section of the report will give Business Guidance on each item to be entered. Be sure to include acres of Fire/Fuel Breaks in the appropriate sections, depending on the method of treatment.

- 1. Below "Hazardous Fuels Reduction and/or Mitigation Projects", select the "Number Completed" field and enter the number of these activities completed during the reporting period
- 2. Below "Hazardous Fuels Treatments Prescribed Fire method ONLY", select the "Reporting Period Costs Federal" field and enter the total cost for all acres treated using only fire (not a combination of fire and non-fire), including planning and compliance costs for these acres
- 3. Select the "Acres of Initial Entry Fuels Reduction" field and enter all acres treated to accomplish initial entry hazardous fuels reduction during this reporting period using only Prescribed Fire methods (not a combination of fire and non-fire)

4. Select the "Acres of Maintenance" field and enter total acres treated during the reporting period using prescribed fire methods only (not a combination of

fire and non-fire)



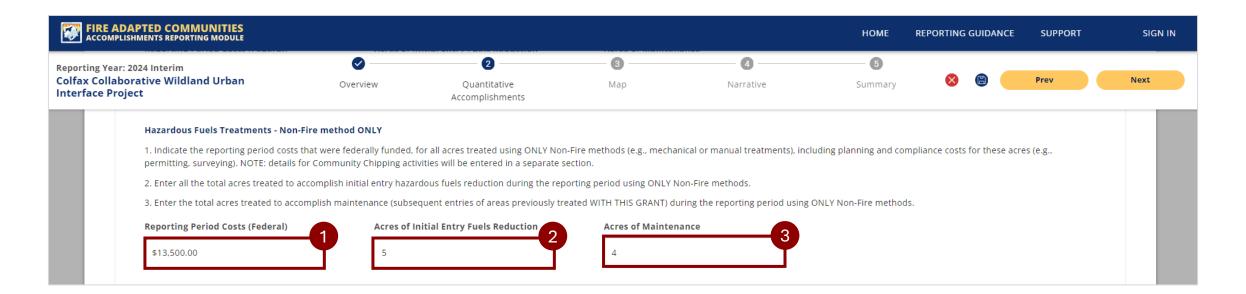








- 1. Under the "Hazardous Fuels Treatment Non-Fire method ONLY" section, select the "Reporting Period Costs (Federal)" field and enter the reporting period costs, excluding Community Chipping which will be entered in another section
- 2. Select the "Acres of Initial Entry Fuels Reduction" field and enter the total acres treated to accomplish initial entry hazardous fuels treatment reduction during the reporting period for non-fire methods only
- 3. Select the "Acres of Maintenance" field and enter the total acres treated to accomplish maintenance of areas previously treated with this grant using non-fire methods only





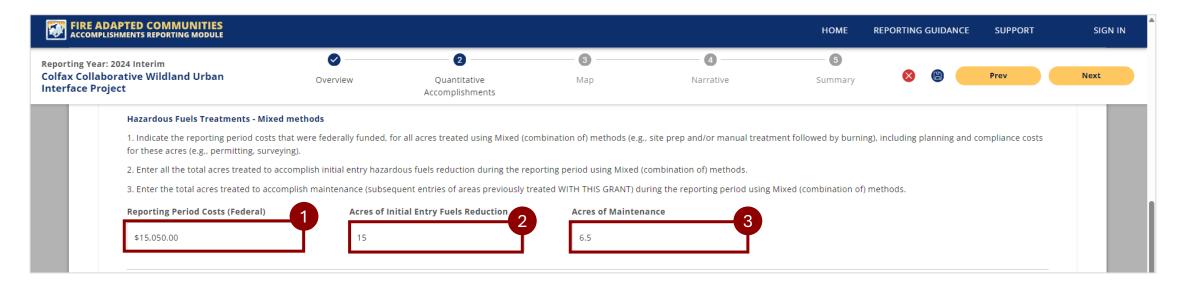




1. Below "Hazardous Fuels Treatments – Mixed Methods", select the "Reporting Period Costs (Federal)" field and enter the reporting period costs for all acres treated using Mixed methods during this reporting period

Note: Report Mixed if the treatment used a combination of fire and non-fire methods to achieve the fuels reduction/mitigation objective.

- 2. Select the "Acres of Initial Entry Fuels Reduction" field and enter the total acres treated to accomplish initial entry hazardous fuels reduction using mixed methods during this reporting period
- 3. Select the "Acres of Maintenance" field and enter the total acres treated to accomplish maintenance during the reporting period using mixed methods







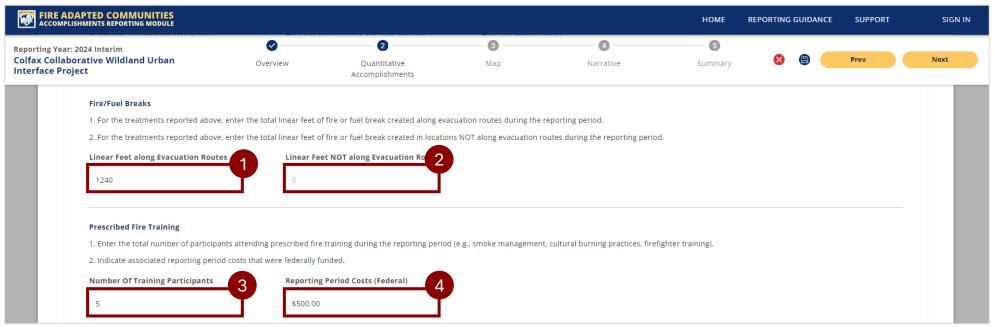


## Quantitative Accomplishments – Resilient Landscapes - Fire/Fuel Breaks and Training

1. Below the "Fire/Fuel Break" section, select the field for "Linear Feet along Evacuation Routes" and enter the total linear feet for the reported treatments during the reporting period

Note: The acres of Fire/Fuel Break treatments MUST be reported in the sections above as well. These reporting items indicate the linear distance and adjacency to evacuation routes of those treatments.

- 2. Select "Linear Feet NOT along Evacuation Routes" and enter the total linear feet for the reported treatments not along evacuation routes during the reporting period
- Below "Prescribed Fire Training", select the "Number of Training Participants" field and enter in the number for that reporting period
- 4. Select the "Reporting Period Costs (Federal)" and enter the reporting period costs that were federally funded

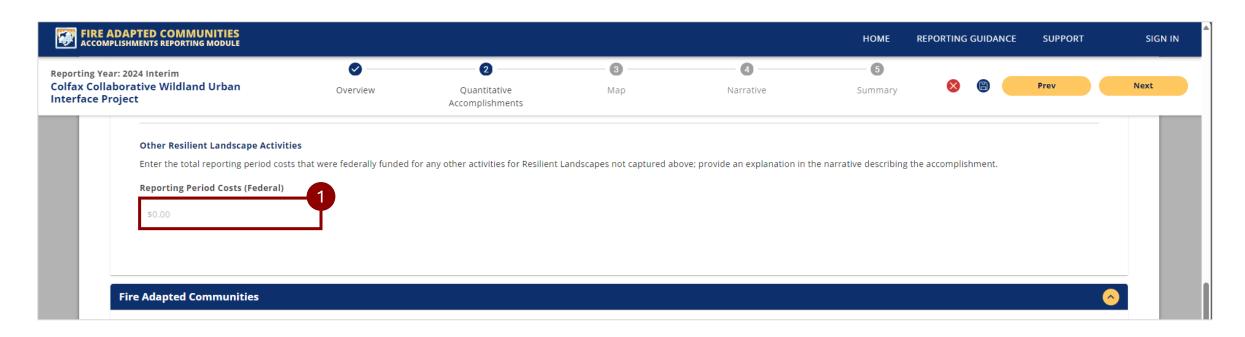








1. Below the "Other Resilient Landscape Activities" field, select the "Reporting Period Costs (Federal)" field and enter the total reporting period costs that were federally funded for any other activities for Resilient Landscapes not captured above; be sure to provide an explanation in the Narrative section of this report describing the accomplishment





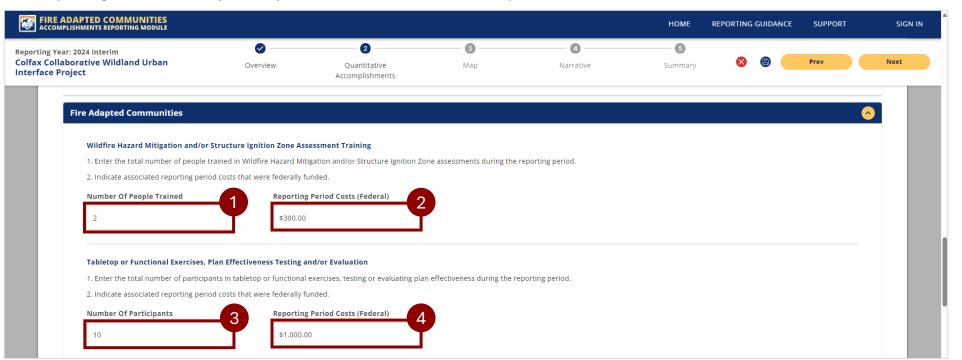






Fire Adapted Communities is the next section in the Quantitative Accomplishments portion of the Performance Plan.

- 1. Below the "Wildfire Hazard Mitigation and/or Structure Ignition Zone Assessment Training" section, select the "Number of People Trained" field and enter the total number of people trained during the reporting period
- Select the "Reporting Period Costs (Federal)" field and enter associated reporting period costs that were federally funded
- Below the "Tabletop or Functional Exercises, Plan Effectiveness Testing and/or Evaluation" section select the "Number of People Trained" field and enter in the total number of participants during that reporting period
- 4. Select the "Reporting Periods Costs (Federal)" field and enter the total federally funded costs

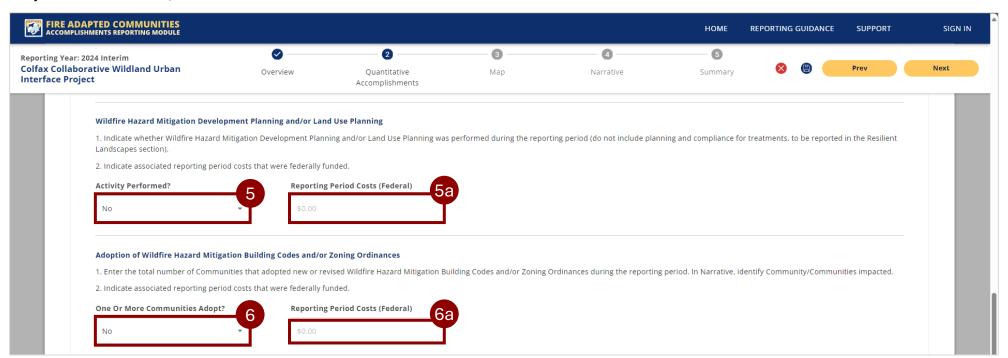








- Below the "Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Development Planning and/or Land Use Planning" section, select the "Activity Performed?" drop down and select "Yes" or "No"
  - a) If you answered "Yes", select the "Reporting Period Costs Federal" field and enter in the total federally funded cost from this reporting period; if you answered "No", leave this blank
- Below the "Adoption of Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Building Codes and/or Zoning Ordinances" section, select the "One or More Communities Adopt?" field and select "Yes" or "No"
  - a) If you answered "Yes", select the "Reporting Period Costs Federal" field and enter in the total federally funded cost from this reporting period; if you answered "No", leave this blank

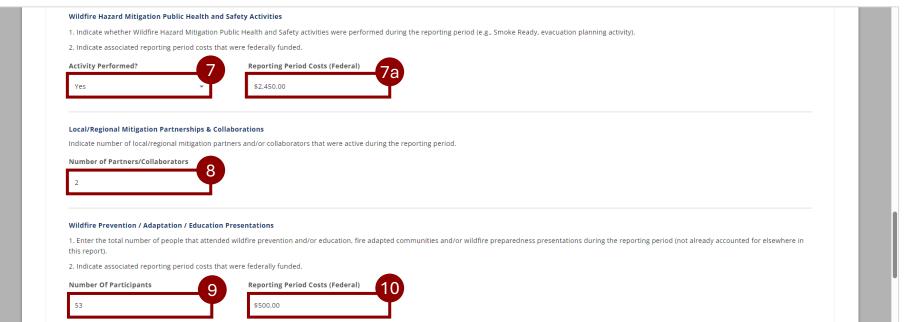








- 7. Below the "Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Public Health and Safety Activities" section, select the "Activity Performed?" drop down and select "Yes or No"
  - a) If you answered "Yes", select the "Reporting Period Costs Federal" field and enter in the total federally funded cost from this reporting period; if you answered "No", leave this blank
- Below "Local/Regional Mitigation Partnerships & Collaboration", select the "Number of Partners/Collaborators" field and enter the number of partners and/or collaborators that were active during the reporting period
- Below the "Wildfire Prevention / Adaptation / Education Presentation" section and select the "Number of Participants" field and enter the number of people that these types of presentations during the reporting period that aren't indicated elsewhere on the report
- 10. Select the "Reporting Period Costs (Federal)" field and enter the federally funded costs for the reporting period



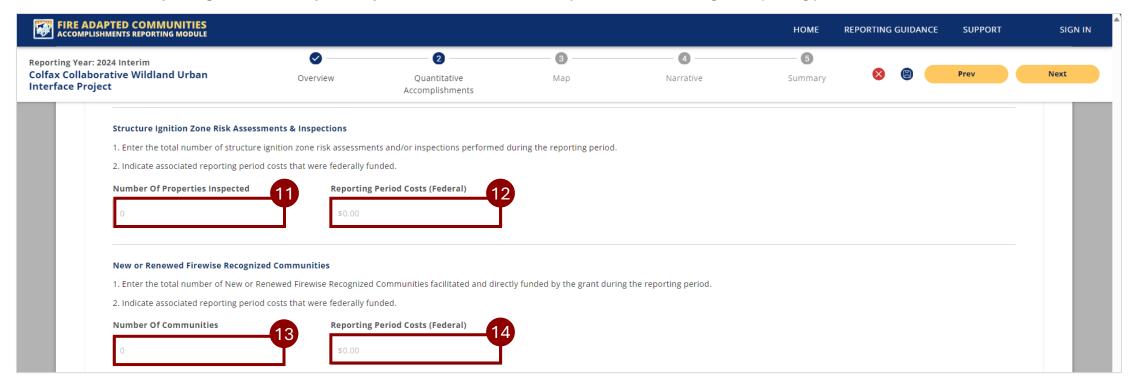






## Quantitative Accomplishments – Fire Adapted Communities (Continued)

- 11. Below the "Structure Zone Ignition Risk Assessments & Inspections" section, select the "Number of Properties Inspected" field and enter the number of structure zone ignition risk assessments and/or inspections performed during the reporting period
- 12. Select the "Reporting Period Costs (Federal)" field and enter the federally funded costs during the reporting period
- 13. Below the "New or Renewed Firewise Recognized Communities" section, select the "Number of Communities" field and enter the total new or renewed Firewise recognized communities facilitated and directly funded by the grant during the reporting period
- 14. Select the "Reporting Period Costs (Federal)" field and enter the federally funded costs during the reporting period

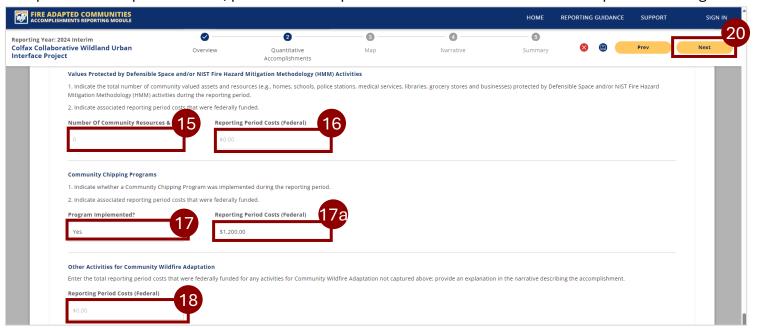








- 15. Below the "Values Protected by Defensible Space and/or NIST Fire Hazard Mitigation Methodology (HMM) Activities", and select the "Number of Communities Resources & Assets" field and enter the total number of valued assets and resources from this reporting period
- 16. Select the "Reporting Costs (Federal)" field and enter the federally funded costs during the reporting period
- 17. Below the "Community Chipping Programs", select the "Program Implemented?" drop down and select "Yes" or "No"
  - a. If you answered "Yes", select the "Reporting Period Costs Federal" field and enter in the total federally funded cost from this reporting period; if you answered "No", leave this blank
- 18. Below the "Other Activities for Community Wildfire Adaptation" and select the "Reporting Period Costs Federal" field and enter any federally funded Community Wildfire Adaptation not captured above; provide a description in the Narrative section of this report describing the accomplishment
- 19. Select "Next"







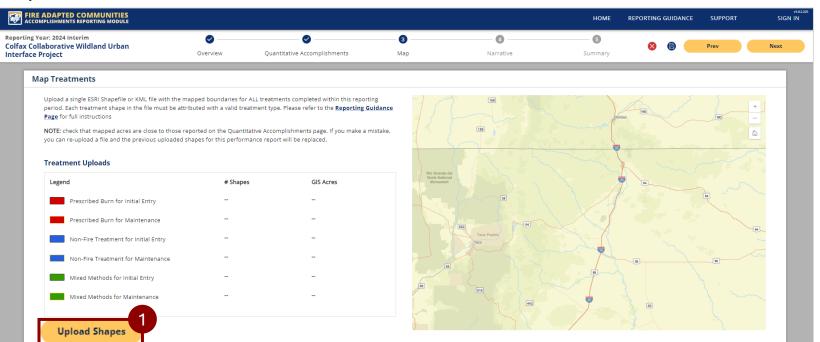


#### Map – Treatments

Within the "Map" section of the report, you will be asked to upload a single ESRI Shapefile or KML file with the mapped boundaries for all treatments completed within this reporting period. Each treatment shape in the file must be attributed and named with a valid treatment method and type, which includes the following, and must be labeled with the abbreviations, shown in parentheses: Prescribed Burn for Initial Entry (PB-INIT), Prescribed Burn for Maintenance (PB-MAINT), Non-Fire Treatment for Initial Entry (NF-INIT), Non-Fire Treatment for Maintenance (NF-MAINT), Mixed Methods for Initial Entry (MX-INIT), and Mixed Methods for Maintenance (MX-MAINT). See the CWDG Mapping Requirements from the Reporting Guidance page for detailed requirements as well as a link to a KML guide, so you can learn how to create your own KML file for these treatment types. Once you upload a file, any new uploads of a file will replace the original file uploaded.

Once uploaded, the system will calculate the acres of your mapped treatments. These should be within 10% of the acreage reported on the Quantitative Accomplishments form. Especially, when treatment areas are smaller. This discrepancy might be larger, so the report can be submitted even when there is a >10% difference. Please note that larger discrepancies may prevent the Grant Administrator from approving the performance report.

#### 1. Select "Upload Shapes"



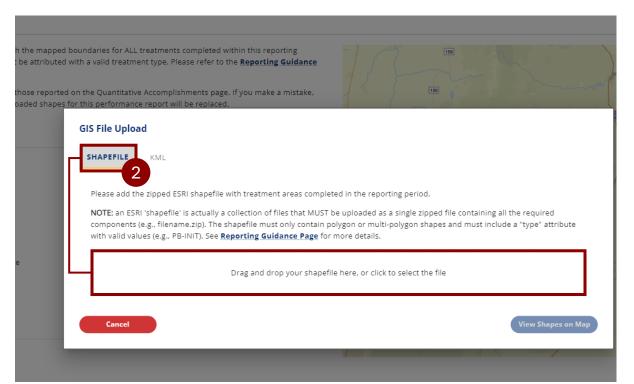


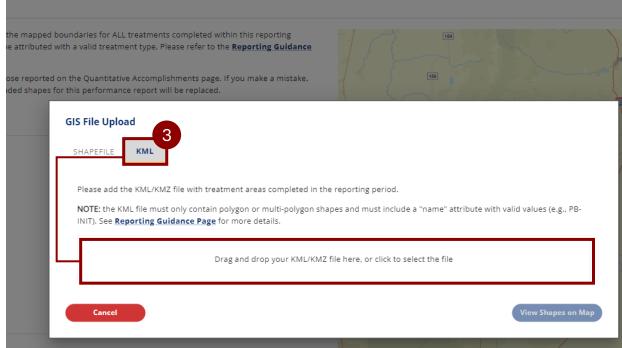




### Map – Treatments (Continued)

- 2. "SHAPEFILE" is the first option by default; the instructions indicate to add the zipped shapefile with treatment areas completed in the reporting period by dragging and dropping your file or selecting the "Drag or drop your shapefile here, or click to select the file" text
- 3. If you have a KML file, select "KML", then drag and drop your KML file or select the "Drag or drop your shapefile here, or click to select the file" text Note: A "SHAPEFILE" is a collection of files and therefore requires all component files to be combined into a single zipped file. Whereas "KML" files are a single file.





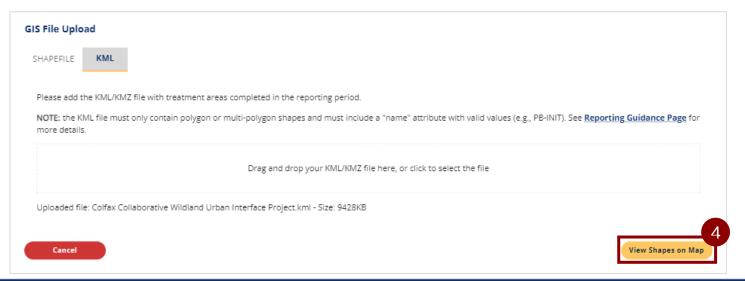


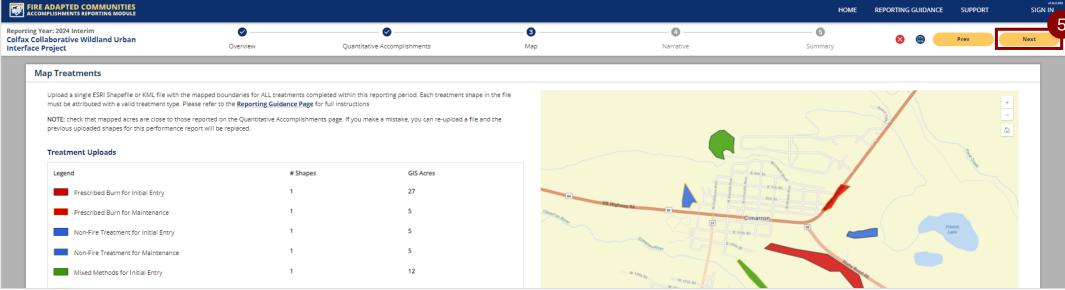




### Map – Treatments (Continued)

- 4. Once you upload your file, select "View Shapes on Map"; the Legend shows the number of areas and the calculated acres for each treatment type
- 5. Select "Next"





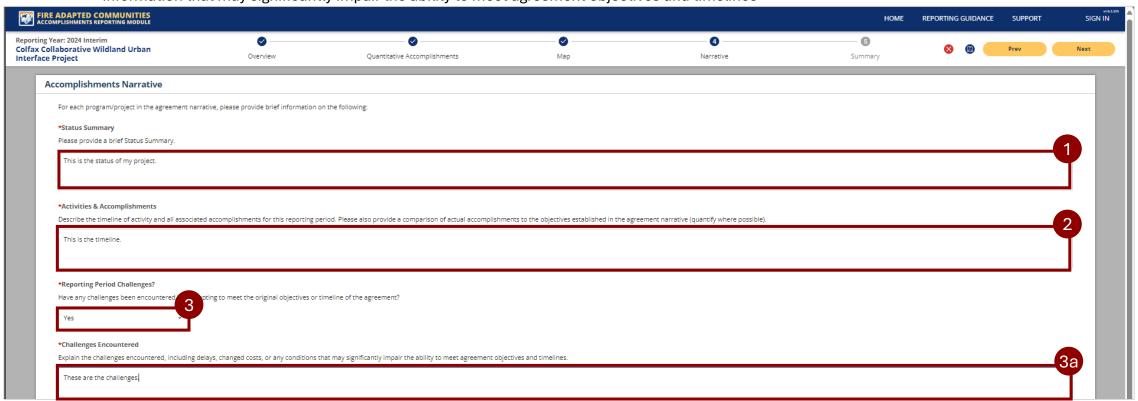






Required fields are indicated with an asterisk and must have a minimum of 10 characters. Directions indicate to provide brief information for each program/project.

- 1. Select the "Status Summary" field and provide a brief Status summary
- 2. Select the "Activities & Accomplishments" field and describe the timeline of activity and all associated accomplishments for this reporting period, including a comparison of actual accomplishments to established objectives in the agreement narrative, quantifying when possible
- 3. Select the "Reporting Period Challenges" field and select "Yes" or "No challenges are impacting original objectives or timeline"
  - a) If you selected "Yes", select the "Challenges Encountered" field and enter the challenges encountered including delays, changed cost or other information that may significantly impair the ability to meet agreement objectives and timelines



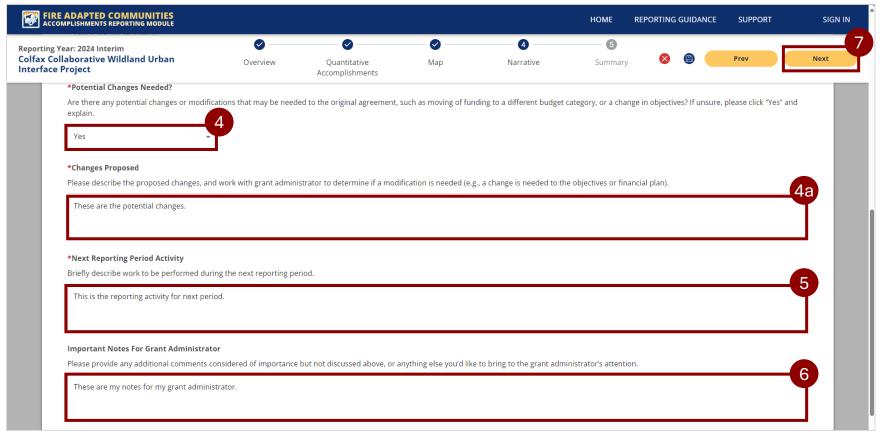






#### Narrative (Continued)

- 4. Select the drop down below "Potential Changes Needed?" and select "Yes" or "No current potential need for changes or modifications"
  - a) If you select "Yes", select the field under "Changes Proposed" that will appear and enter the potential changes and work with your grant administrator to determine if a modification is needed (e.g., a change is needed to the objectives or the financial plan)
- Select the field under "Next Reporting Period Activity" and briefly describe the work that will be done under the next reporting period
- 6. Optional: Select the field under "Important Notes for Grant Administrator" and provide any important comments not discussed above or any additional details you want to tell your Grant Administrator
- 7. Select "Next"



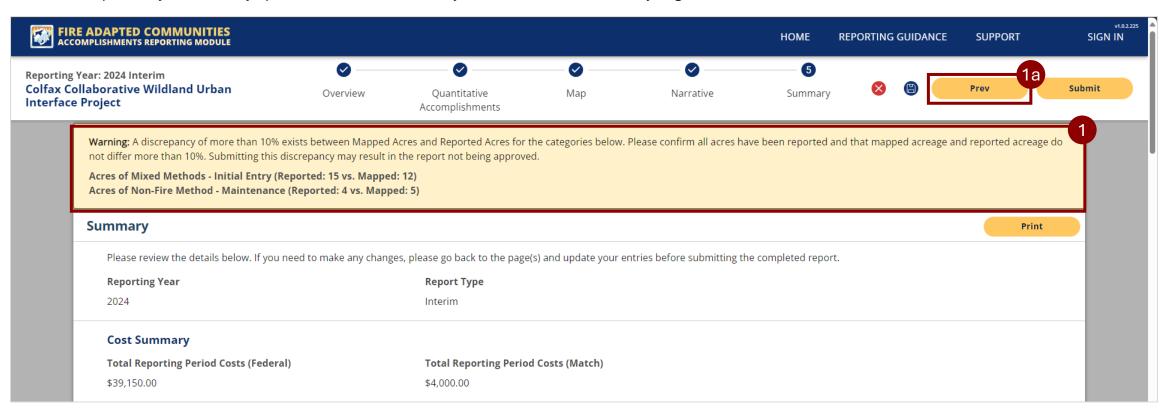






The "Summary" page is the last step of the process before you submit your Performance Report. It contains a summary of what was entered within the Performance Report, and if included, the mapped boundary for your accomplishments.

- 1. If there was a discrepancy of more than 10% between Mapped Acres and Reported Acres for the categories included in the report, this will show up in a warning at the top of the page
  - a) To correct any discrepancies, select "Prev" (Previous) until you are back to the Quantitative Accomplishments, then update the form as needed
  - b) Once you make any updates, select "Next" until you are back to the Summary Page



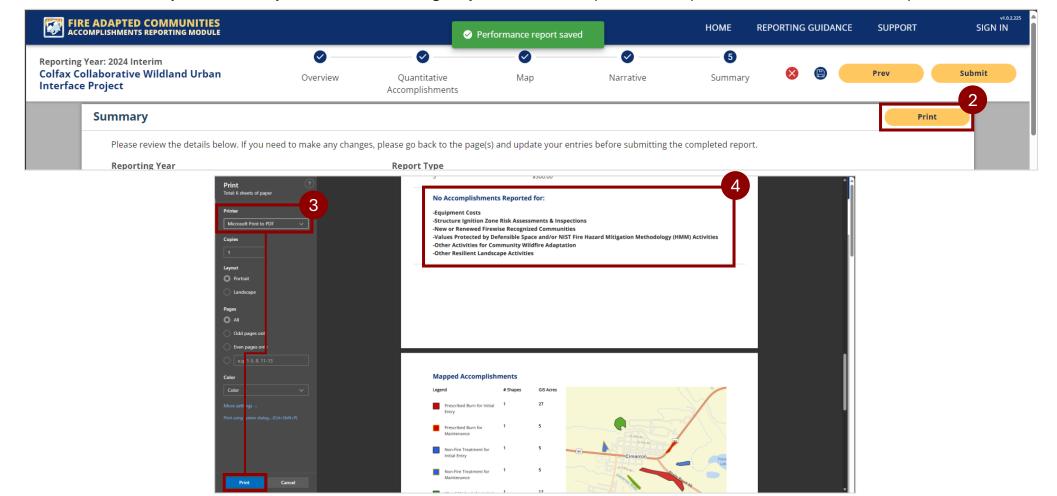






### Performance Summary Page (Continued)

- 2. To print the Performance Report, select "Print"; it is recommended that you print the report for your records and/or to review before submitting
- 3. The Performance Report will display on the pages in the print preview; you can choose your printer or Microsoft Print to PDF, then select "Print" Note: Your print preview will be your browser's print functionality; the user interface will vary based on which browser you use.
- 4. Below the "No Accomplishments Reported" section, it brings to your attention the parts of the reports that didn't contain accomplishments









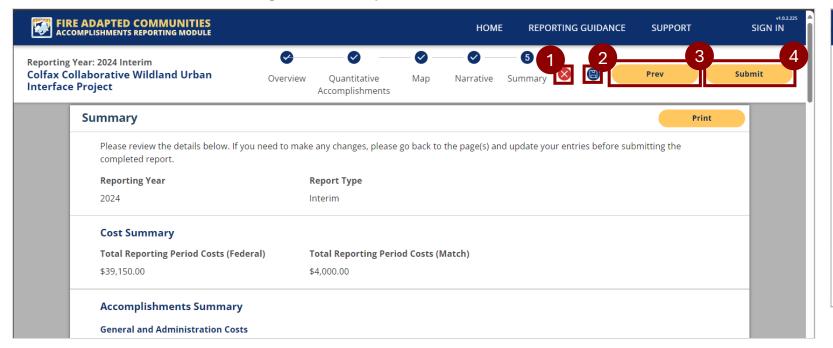
#### Leave, Save, or Submit the Report

From the Summary page, you can submit, save, or reset the form to remove the details you entered to start over. From any page, you can go back to a previous page, save, or reset the form.

- 1. Select the red "x" icon to leave the Performance report without saving your work
- 2. Select the save icon if you wish to finish the Performance Report later; if you save it, be sure to return and finish it within the reporting period

Note: Use the personalized link for your grant to return to your Performance Report. To see how to Edit Accomplishments, go here.

- 3. Select "Prev" to go to a previous page of the report
- 4. Select "Submit" if you are finished with the report
  - a. Select "Cancel" to cancel submission and return to the Summary page
  - b. Select "Submit" again to confirm your submission









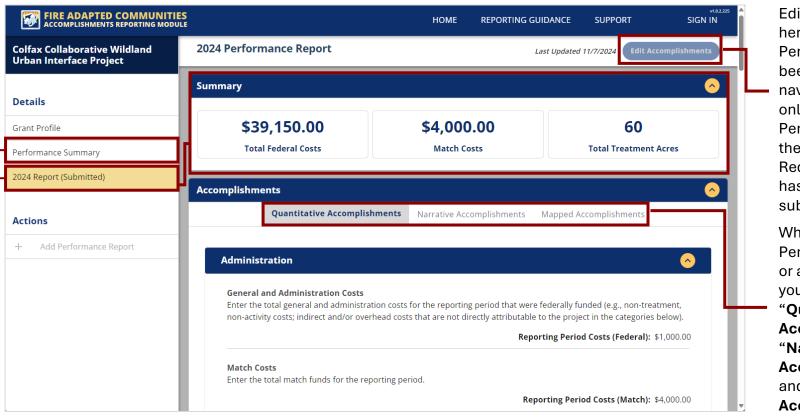


#### Grant Profile Page – Submitted Report

The Grant Profile page contains all the details of your grant. You will be taken here when you click the link sent by your grant administrator. This grant profile page reflects how it will look once you have submitted a Performance Report. See the previous page here for additional information on the Grant Profile page before it is submitted.

If you have multiple reports completed, you can see these reports on the left; Performance Summary will show the overall summary of all reports.

When you select a submitted report, you will see the Total Spent\_ for Federal and Match Costs.



**Edit Accomplishments** here when that Performance Report has been selected in the left navigation pane. This is only possible when a Performance Report is in the Draft or Changes Requested status and hasn't yet been submitted.

When looking at the **Performance Summary** or a submitted report. vou can view the

"Quantitative Accomplishments", "Narrative Accomplishments", and "Mapped Accomplishments" by selecting the tab you want to see.







#### Requested Changes From Grant Admin

Your grant admin may request changes to be made to your report before it will be approved. When this occurs, you will receive an email with a description of what changes are being asked of you.

- 1. Open the email, which has the subject line of "CWDG Grant Reporting CHANGE REQUESTED"
- Select the report link, which will be the same as the initial link you were given
- Select "Next" until you get to the part of the report where you need to make changes
- 4. Make the requested changes
- Select "Next" until you get to the Summary page
- Select "Resubmit"

