

GRANT ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORTING PORTAL NEWSLETTER

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Coming June 2025! UPDATE to Fire Adapted Communities Accomplishments Reporting Module

Overview

Starting in June, the Fire Adapted Communities Accomplishments Reporting Module (Community ARM), originally released with CWDG grant reporting, will be expanded to include **accomplishments reporting for State Fire and Volunteer Fire Program grant-funded investments in community assistance**. It is one of four modules in the Grant Accomplishment Reporting Portal



(GARP) and will help track work that supports the goal of Fire Adapted Communities set forth in the <u>National Cohesive</u> <u>Wildland Fire Management Strategy</u>.

Community Assistance accomplishment details will be added for the following US Forest Service (USFS) Funding Programs:

- State Fire Capacity Core
- Volunteer Fire Capacity
- IIJA State Fire Assistance
- IIJA Volunteer Fire Assistance

- Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Grants
- NEMW Wildfire Risk Reduction Grants
- Southern Mitigation Grants
- Western Wildland Urban Interface Grants

Get DATA READY for the Community ARM

Because your data is key to quantifying the impact of these programs, NASF, USFS, and the GARP Team want you to be prepared for the June release of Community ARM. Please watch the **18-minute** <u>Community ARM Data Preparation Video</u> to get oriented about general GARP reporting requirements as well as specific data needed for Community ARM. Then, **download the State Fire Grant Data Preparation Worksheet** <u>here</u>, so you can **be data ready** when new Community ARM reporting comes online in June.

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Community ARM connects assistance to the Map

NASF and USFS chose Census County Subdivisions (CSDs) as the geospatial reference for tracking and showing 'communities' on the map. This will provide a more visual picture of the value of these investments that can be shared with Congress, the White House, and others.

Communities assisted will be tracked for all investments in VFD assistance, hazardous fuels treatments, CWPPs, other Fire Management Plans, Community Risk Assessments, and Prevention Education. Check out the video above to learn more.

Who will use Response ARM?

Starting in June, **staff from State Forestry organizations**, whose responsibility it is to report on community assistance accomplishments, will be invited to request a GARP account with the "**Grant Manager**" role in the Fire Adapted Communities ARM. Other authorized State and USFS staff can explore and view the details entered. (*People with existing GARP accounts will be automatically given the appropriate Community ARM role in June without a request needed, if they are on the list of authorized users provided to the GARP Team.*)

GARP in Partnership

USDA Forest Service, DOI Office of Wildland Fire, National Association of State Foresters, and Timmons Group Learn more at <u>https://garphub.org</u>.