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**A comprehensive state-by-state breakdown
of funding opportunities**

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Overview

This document provides homeowners, contractors, and property managers with a state-by-state breakdown of available funding sources - including state energy programs, wildfire mitigation grants, federal tax credits, and utility rebates for wildfire home-hardening and energy-efficient upgrades across 11 western states. Understanding these funding opportunities is critical for reducing out-of-pocket costs and making fire-resistant exterior improvements financially accessible.

WUI Definition: Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) refers to areas where human development meets or intermixes with wildland vegetation, creating elevated wildfire risk[1][2].

State-by-State Funding Sources for Home Hardening and Energy Efficiency

Oregon (OR)

State Energy and Efficiency Programs

Energy Trust of Oregon provides cash incentives for energy-efficient improvements including insulation, windows, heat pumps, and weatherization for homes served by Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural, Cascade Natural Gas, and Avista[3][4].

Wildfire-Specific Funding

Oregon Department of Energy's Energy Efficient Wildfire Rebuilding Incentive Program (closed June 2025) issued over 850 incentives totaling \$5.8 million for homes destroyed in 2020 Labor Day fires. Future wildfire rebuilding programs may be reauthorized[5][6].

Available Funding Sources

- Energy Trust of Oregon: Insulation incentives (\$0.50-\$1.50/sq ft), heat pump rebates (\$700-\$4,500), window upgrades (10-15% of cost up to \$1,000)
- Federal IRA Tax Credits: 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements up to \$1,200/year; heat pumps up to \$2,000/year[7][8]
- Utility-Specific Rebates: PGE, Pacific Power, and NW Natural offer additional rebates for HVAC, insulation, and water heating upgrades (amounts vary by utility)
- Home Energy Rebate Programs: Oregon anticipates launching IRA-funded Home Energy Rebates in spring 2026 for income-qualified homeowners (amounts TBD)[9]

Estimated Total Available Funding for Fire-Resistant Exterior Upgrade

\$3,000-\$8,000 combining Energy Trust incentives, utility rebates, and federal tax credits for insulated wall systems, energy-efficient windows, and heat pump installation.

Washington (WA)

State Energy and Efficiency Programs

Washington State Department of Commerce administers energy efficiency programs through utilities and community action agencies; low-income weatherization assistance available statewide[10].

Wildfire-Specific Funding

Strengthen Washington Homes Act (Senate Bill 6079, passed Senate February 2026) creates pilot grant program to help homeowners retrofit homes with wildfire-resistant materials. Program details and funding amounts pending full legislative approval and implementation[11][12].

Available Funding Sources

- Strengthen Washington Homes Program: Pilot grants for wildfire retrofits (amounts TBD; program implementation pending)
- Federal IRA Tax Credits: 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements up to \$1,200/year; heat pumps up to \$2,000/year[7][8]
- Utility Rebate Programs: Puget Sound Energy, Avista, and other WA utilities offer rebates for insulation, HVAC, and weatherization (typically \$200-\$2,000 depending on upgrade)
- Low-Income Weatherization: Income-qualified households eligible for comprehensive weatherization services at no cost through state program

Estimated Total Available Funding for Fire-Resistant Exterior Upgrade

\$2,500-\$7,000 (potentially higher once Strengthen Washington Homes grants are implemented) combining federal tax credits, utility rebates, and state programs.

California (CA)

State Energy and Efficiency Programs

California offers multiple energy efficiency rebate programs through utilities (PG&E, SCE, SDG&E, SoCalGas) and statewide programs like TECH Clean California for heat pumps and building electrification[13].

Wildfire-Specific Funding

CAL FIRE and Cal OES California Wildfire Mitigation Program (FEMA-funded) provides home hardening assistance prioritizing low-income, high-risk communities. County-level programs like Sonoma County SoCo Adapts (up to \$10,000 rebates) and San Rafael Fire Department grants (up to \$15,000 over 10 years) offer localized funding. Note: Some FEMA BRIC-funded programs pausing after September 2026[14][15][16].

Available Funding Sources

- CAL FIRE/Cal OES Home Hardening Assistance: Grants for low-income households in Fire Hazard Severity Zones (amounts vary by county; typically \$5,000-\$15,000 for comprehensive hardening)
- County/Regional Programs: Sonoma County (up to \$10,000), San Rafael (up to \$15,000), and other local jurisdictions (check with local fire department or county office)
- Federal IRA Tax Credits: 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements up to \$1,200/year; heat pumps up to \$2,000/year[7][8]
- Utility Rebate Programs: PG&E, SCE, SDG&E offer rebates for insulation, windows, HVAC upgrades (\$300-\$3,000 depending on measure)
- TECH Clean California: Heat pump rebates up to \$7,000 for income-qualified households
- California Solar Initiative: Tax credits and rebates for solar installation (additional funding source if combining projects)

Estimated Total Available Funding for Fire-Resistant Exterior Upgrade

\$8,000-\$20,000+ for income-qualified households in counties with active home hardening grant programs, combining state/county grants, utility rebates, and federal tax credits.

Colorado (CO)

State Energy and Efficiency Programs

Colorado Energy Office administers energy efficiency programs; utilities (Xcel Energy, Black Hills Energy) offer rebates for insulation, windows, and HVAC upgrades[17].

Wildfire-Specific Funding

Colorado Wildfire Resilient Homes Grant Program (pilot program, 2023-2024) provided \$100,000 in grants for home hardening projects like roof replacement with fire-resistant materials. Program funding exhausted; future appropriations uncertain. Community Wildfire Defense Grants (federal USFS program) fund community-scale projects but not individual homeowner direct grants[18][19].

Available Funding Sources

- Colorado Wildfire Resilient Homes Grant: Pilot program funding exhausted; check DFPC website for future program announcements
- Federal IRA Tax Credits: 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements up to \$1,200/year; heat pumps up to \$2,000/year[7][8]
- Xcel Energy Rebates: Insulation (\$0.15-\$0.30/sq ft), air sealing (\$150-\$400), heat pumps (\$1,200-\$2,400)
- Black Hills Energy Rebates: HVAC and insulation rebates (typically \$100-\$1,000)
- Community Wildfire Defense Grants (CWDG): Federal grants administered by US Forest Service for community-scale wildfire mitigation; individual homeowners may benefit through local government/nonprofit projects[20]

Estimated Total Available Funding for Fire-Resistant Exterior Upgrade

\$3,000-\$6,000 combining utility rebates and federal tax credits (individual state grant programs currently limited; monitor DFPC for future opportunities).

Utah (UT)

State Energy and Efficiency Programs

Utah Clean Energy and utilities (Rocky Mountain Power, Dominion Energy) offer energy efficiency rebates for insulation, HVAC, and weatherization upgrades[21].

Wildfire-Specific Funding

House Bill 48 (effective January 2026) establishes Utah Wildfire Fund funded by annual fees (\$20-\$100) assessed on homeowners in high-risk WUI zones. Fees fund wildfire risk assessments, mapping, and education—not direct homeowner hardening grants. State officials indicate future grant programs may be developed but not yet available[22][23][24].

Available Funding Sources

- Utah Wildfire Fund: Fees support assessments and mapping; no direct homeowner grants currently available (future grants possible)[23][24]
- Federal IRA Tax Credits: 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements up to \$1,200/year; heat pumps up to \$2,000/year[7][8]

- Rocky Mountain Power Wattsmart: Insulation rebates (\$0.15-\$0.40/sq ft), heat pump rebates (\$700-\$2,000), air sealing (\$150-\$300)
- Dominion Energy ThermWise: HVAC and insulation rebates (typically \$200-\$1,500)

Estimated Total Available Funding for Fire-Resistant Exterior Upgrade

\$2,500-\$5,000 combining utility rebates and federal tax credits (direct state wildfire hardening grants not yet available as of 2026).

Idaho (ID)

State Energy and Efficiency Programs

Idaho utilities (Idaho Power, Avista, Intermountain Gas) offer energy efficiency rebates for insulation, HVAC, and weatherization improvements[25].

Wildfire-Specific Funding

No statewide wildfire home hardening grant program. Some counties with WUI ordinances may have local assistance programs; check with county planning/building departments. Community Wildfire Defense Grants (federal) fund community-scale projects[26].

Available Funding Sources

- Federal IRA Tax Credits: 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements up to \$1,200/year; heat pumps up to \$2,000/year[7][8]
- Idaho Power Rebates: Insulation (\$0.15-\$0.25/sq ft), heat pumps (\$600-\$1,800), weatherization (\$100-\$500)
- Avista Rebates: HVAC and insulation rebates (typically \$200-\$1,200)
- Intermountain Gas Rebates: Furnace and water heater rebates (\$200-\$800)

Estimated Total Available Funding for Fire-Resistant Exterior Upgrade

\$2,000-\$4,500 combining utility rebates and federal tax credits (no state wildfire-specific grants currently available).

Nevada (NV)

State Energy and Efficiency Programs

NV Energy offers energy efficiency rebates for insulation, windows, HVAC, and heat pumps. Nevada utilities provide weatherization assistance programs[27].

Wildfire-Specific Funding

No statewide wildfire home hardening grant program. Fire Safe Councils in some counties (particularly Lake Tahoe region) may offer localized assistance; contact regional fire districts. FEMA BRIC grants occasionally fund community-scale home hardening projects[28].

Available Funding Sources

- Federal IRA Tax Credits: 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements up to \$1,200/year; heat pumps up to \$2,000/year[7][8]
- NV Energy Rebates: Insulation (\$0.20-\$0.35/sq ft), heat pumps (\$800-\$2,500), windows (10-15% of cost up to \$600)
- Local Fire Safe Council Grants: Limited availability in Lake Tahoe basin and select counties; contact regional fire district or fire safe council

- FEMA BRIC Grants: Community-scale projects occasionally fund home hardening; homeowners participate through local government applications[29]

Estimated Total Available Funding for Fire-Resistant Exterior Upgrade

\$2,500-\$5,500 combining utility rebates and federal tax credits (limited state or local wildfire grant programs; check regional fire safe councils).

Arizona (AZ)

State Energy and Efficiency Programs

Arizona utilities (APS, SRP, TEP, UNS Energy) offer energy efficiency rebates for insulation, HVAC, windows, and weatherization[30].

Wildfire-Specific Funding

Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management administers grant programs primarily for public landowners and community-scale projects. Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs administers FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) and BRIC grants for local communities. Individual homeowner direct grants limited; participation typically through local government or fire district projects[31][32].

Available Funding Sources

- Federal IRA Tax Credits: 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements up to \$1,200/year; heat pumps up to \$2,000/year[7][8]
- APS Energy Efficiency Rebates: Insulation (\$0.20-\$0.40/sq ft), heat pumps (\$500-\$1,500), windows (\$3-\$5 per sq ft up to \$500)
- SRP Rebates: HVAC and insulation rebates (typically \$200-\$1,200)
- TEP/UNS Energy Rebates: Energy efficiency rebates for HVAC, insulation, weatherization (\$150-\$1,000)
- FEMA HMA/BRIC Grants: Community-scale projects; homeowners may participate through local government applications[32]

Estimated Total Available Funding for Fire-Resistant Exterior Upgrade

\$2,000-\$5,000 combining utility rebates and federal tax credits (limited direct homeowner wildfire grants; check with local fire districts for community-scale programs).

Montana (MT)

State Energy and Efficiency Programs

Montana utilities (NorthWestern Energy, Montana-Dakota Utilities) offer energy efficiency rebates for insulation, HVAC, and weatherization. State also administers low-income weatherization assistance[33].

Wildfire-Specific Funding

No statewide wildfire home hardening grant program. Some counties promote ignition-resistant construction but do not offer direct financial assistance. Community Wildfire Defense Grants (federal) fund community-scale projects through local governments and fire districts[34].

Available Funding Sources

- Federal IRA Tax Credits: 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements up to \$1,200/year; heat pumps up to \$2,000/year[7][8]
- North Western Energy Rebates: Insulation (\$0.15-\$0.30/sq ft), heat pumps (\$600-\$1,800), weatherization (\$100-\$400)

- Montana-Dakota Utilities Rebates: HVAC and insulation rebates (typically \$150-\$800)
- Low-Income Weatherization: Income-qualified households eligible for comprehensive weatherization at no cost

Estimated Total Available Funding for Fire-Resistant Exterior Upgrade

\$2,000-\$4,500 combining utility rebates and federal tax credits (no state wildfire-specific grants currently available).

Wyoming (WY)

State Energy and Efficiency Programs

Wyoming utilities (Rocky Mountain Power, Black Hills Energy) offer energy efficiency rebates for insulation, HVAC, and weatherization improvements[35].

Wildfire-Specific Funding

No statewide wildfire home hardening grant program. Local planning and forestry guidance are available but limited financial assistance for individual homeowners. Community Wildfire Defense Grants (federal) fund community-scale projects[36].

Available Funding Sources

- Federal IRA Tax Credits: 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements up to \$1,200/year; heat pumps up to \$2,000/year[7][8]
- Rocky Mountain Power Wattsmart: Insulation rebates (\$0.15-\$0.40/sq ft), heat pump rebates (\$700-\$2,000), air sealing (\$150-\$300)
- Black Hills Energy Rebates: HVAC and insulation rebates (typically \$100-\$1,000)

Estimated Total Available Funding for Fire-Resistant Exterior Upgrade

\$2,000-\$5,000 combining utility rebates and federal tax credits (no state wildfire-specific grants currently available).

New Mexico (NM)

State Energy and Efficiency Programs

New Mexico utilities (PNM, El Paso Electric, Xcel Energy) offer energy efficiency rebates for insulation, HVAC, and weatherization upgrades[37].

Wildfire-Specific Funding

New Mexico Association of Counties administers Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program (BLM-funded) for community-scale fuel reduction projects on non-federal lands in WUI areas; requires approved Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). New Mexico Office of Superintendent of Insurance piloted nation's largest wildfire mitigation grant program for FAIR Plan policyholders (program status uncertain; check OSI for updates)[38][39][40].

Available Funding Sources

- NM Wildfire Risk Reduction Grants: Community-scale projects administered by counties/municipalities/nonprofits; individual homeowners participate through local projects (requires CWPP; 10% cost match)[38][41]
- NM OSI Wildfire Mitigation Grants: Previously available for FAIR Plan policyholders; check with OSI for program extension status[39][40]

- Federal IRA Tax Credits: 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements up to \$1,200/year; heat pumps up to \$2,000/year[7][8]
- PNM Energy Efficiency Rebates: Insulation (\$0.20-\$0.35/sq ft), heat pumps (\$800-\$2,000), weatherization (\$150-\$500)
- Xcel Energy/El Paso Electric Rebates: HVAC and insulation rebates (typically \$200-\$1,200)

Estimated Total Available Funding for Fire-Resistant Exterior Upgrade

\$2,500-\$6,000 combining utility rebates and federal tax credits (community-scale grants available through local government; check OSI for individual FAIR Plan policyholder grant status).

Federal Funding Programs Available in All Western States

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Tax Credits

Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit (Section 25C): 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements up to \$1,200/year for windows, insulation, exterior doors; up to \$2,000/year for heat pumps and qualified HVAC[7][8][42].

FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Community-scale hazard mitigation grants including wildfire home hardening projects. Applications submitted by state, local, tribal governments. Homeowners participate through local government-sponsored projects. Recent BRIC awards included California wildfire home hardening projects totaling \$126 million[29][43].

Community Wildfire Defense Grants (CWDG)

US Forest Service program provides grants to at-risk communities for wildfire planning and mitigation on tribal, state, and private lands. Administered through state forestry agencies and local governments. Homeowners benefit through community-scale projects[20][44].

IRS Energy Tax Credits

Residential Clean Energy Credit: 30% tax credit for solar, wind, geothermal, and battery storage systems (no annual cap). Can be combined with Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit for comprehensive home upgrades[42][45].

Notes:

ShieldCore™ Value Proposition for Leveraging Available Funding

Maximum Incentive Qualification

ShieldCore insulated metal panel systems qualify for Energy Trust of Oregon rebates, utility insulation incentives, and federal IRA tax credits as qualifying energy-efficient wall assemblies, maximizing available funding stacks[46].

Energy Efficiency + Fire Resistance Combined

Single installation qualifies for both energy efficiency rebates (insulation component) and meets wildfire home-hardening requirements (noncombustible exterior), allowing homeowners to leverage energy programs for fire-resistant upgrades[46].

Rapid Project Completion for Time-Limited Grants

ShieldCore installations can be completed within typical grant/rebate program timelines (often 6-12 months), ensuring homeowners capture time-limited funding opportunities before expiration[46].

Documentation Support for Rebate Claims

ShieldCore provides product specifications, R-value certifications, and fire-resistance ratings needed for rebate applications, utility incentive claims, and tax credit documentation[46].

Premium Reduction + Funding Stack

Combining insurance premium reductions (10-25% for fire-resistant exteriors) with available grants/rebates/tax credits can reduce net project cost by 40-60% in states with robust funding programs[46].

Market Opportunity

With federal IRA credits available through 2025 (recently extended), state utility programs offering \$2,000-\$8,000 in rebates, and emerging state wildfire grant programs, the total addressable funding for fire-resistant home hardening ranges from \$2,000 (baseline states) to \$20,000+ (California income-qualified households). Homeowners and contractors who understand funding stacking can make previously cost-prohibitive upgrades financially accessible[7][8][14][15].

Summary

Homeowners across 11 western states have access to \$2,000-\$20,000+ in combined funding sources for wildfire home hardening and energy-efficient exterior upgrades. Federal IRA tax credits (30% of project costs up to \$1,200-\$3,200/year) are available nationwide. State-specific programs range from robust (Oregon Energy Trust, California county grants) to emerging (Washington Strengthen Homes Act) to limited (Utah, Montana, Wyoming). Utility rebates for insulation and HVAC upgrades provide \$500-\$3,000 in most states. Income-qualified households in high-risk California counties can access \$8,000-\$20,000 in direct grants, rebates, and tax credits. ShieldCore fire-resistant insulated panel systems qualify for energy efficiency incentives while meeting wildfire compliance requirements, enabling homeowners to leverage energy programs for critical fire-resistant exterior upgrades.

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