

# San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council Grant Program: Fence Replacement Initiative

The San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council (SEH FSC) is excited to announce a new reimbursement-based grant program, funded by the San Diego Regional Fire Foundation, to enhance fire safety within our community. This program will provide \$10,000 in total to 20 homeowners, with each recipient receiving \$500 to replace combustible gates and/or fences in Zone 0 with non-combustible materials such as steel or aluminum.



### **Program Details**

- **Eligibility**: Homeowners who:
  - Live within the SEH Fire Safe Council boundaries (Click <u>here</u> for boundary map)
  - Are on a fixed income, have a financial need, are disabled, are veterans, or live on a canyon rim
- **Purpose**: The funds are exclusively for replacing combustible fences in Zone 0, the high-risk area closest to the home. Proposed legislation will require existing homes to comply with Zone 0 guidelines by January 2029, meaning there must be no combustible materials within 0-5 feet of the home.
- Reimbursement: This is a reimbursement-only grant program. Homeowners will need to complete their fence replacement work first and then submit the following for reimbursement:
  - Receipts for the work completed.
    - **Important**: No grant funds will be awarded for invoices reflecting payment made before the award announcement on November 1st, 2025.
  - Before-and-after photos of the project

# **Award Amount**

• Each of the **20 selected homeowners** will receive **\$500** for their fence replacement project, once all required documentation has been submitted and verified.

## **Program Timeline**

- Launch Date: September 1, 2025
  - Applications open for homeowners to apply for the grant.
- Closing Date: October 15, 2025
  - Final deadline for all applications to be submitted.

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- Award Announcement: November 1, 2025
  - Successful applicants will be notified, and funds will be distributed after work completion and verification.
- Work Completion and Submission Deadline: March 30, 2026
  - Homeowners must complete their fence replacement work and submit all required receipts and photos by this date. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the grant award.

### **How to Apply**

1. **Submit an Application**: Homeowners must complete and submit the grant application form, available starting **September 1st, 2025**. (Click <u>here</u> for the application form)

#### **Selection Committee**

A selection committee will review all applications and prioritize homeowners who meet the eligibility criteria, including those with financial need, disability, veteran status, or those living on a canyon rim. The committee will ensure the equitable distribution of funds to those who can most benefit from this initiative.

\*This reimbursement grant program offers homeowners the opportunity to improve their fire safety. Stay tuned for more information and links to apply starting **September 1st**.