



## 2019 Application for Seniors and Veterans Defensible Space Assistance Program

Funded By: El Dorado Veterans Commission Mini Grant

Supported by: El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Community/Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel Number (can be found on the tax bill) \_\_\_\_\_

The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC) was awarded a mini-grant to help create defensible space around veterans' (or their widow's/widower's) or seniors' homes on the Western Slope of El Dorado County. Creating defensible space around their homes will improve the chance of the residence surviving a fire. Removing excessive vegetation would improve fire suppression efforts, and provide a safe area for firefighters to defend the home and/or respond to emergency calls on the property. **Participation in the program is voluntary and at no cost to applicant.**

Acceptance of applications will begin in March. An EDCFSC volunteer will conduct defensible space evaluations starting in the April. Following the evaluation, a contractor is scheduled to do the recommended work between May and November. The EDCFSC volunteer will inspect the completed work and insure applicants are satisfied with the work. Applications will be evaluated and served on a first received, first served basis for first time applicants, reoccurring applicants will be put on a waitlist.

The State requires clearance of 100 feet from a structure or to the property line (Public Resources Code 4291). This minimum is required to protect your home in the event of a wildland fire. In some cases, based on the fuel type, topography, and weather conditions, 100 feet of clearance may not be sufficient to protect your home. The defensible space clearance provided by EDCFSC will focus on the 30 feet immediately surrounding your resident; so in some cases this clearing will not meet the state clearance requirements. It is still the resident's or property owner responsibility to comply with California state regulations.

A licensed and insured land and tree service contractor will perform the work designated on the EDCFSC defensible space Residential Clearance Evaluation form. The purpose of the work is to help create defensible space around the home. The contractor will rake pine needles/leaves, weed-eat, remove brush and limb ladder fuel on trees from around the home. They will not clean roofs or gutters. Bark beetle killed tree(s) and/or other tree(s) that are recommended for removal are the owner's responsibility.

Hold Harmless: I understand that EDCFSC is helping me clear around my residence to assist in compliance with the Public Resources Code 4291. I, the landowner(s), shall not hold the EDCFSC or the contracted service providers responsible for any damage to property or injury to persons that may arise out of the work performed or that may result from a wildland or other fire. I shall defend and hold EDCFSC and their designated contractor(s), their officers, boards and commissions, and members thereof, and their employees harmless against and from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages and liability for damages of every name, kind and description, including attorney's fees and costs incurred, brought for, or on account of damage to property, or any economic or consequential losses which are claimed to, or in any way arise out of, or are connected with, EDCFSC's or their designated contractor's service, operations, or performance hereunder, regardless of the existence or degree of fault or negligence on the part of EDCFSC or employees of any of these or their designated contractors, except as expressly prohibited by statute. I authorize members of the EDCFSC, their contractors and agents right of entry onto the property identified in this document.

**If the landowner is not the resident of the home having defensible space development or maintenance work, the owner will sign and agree to the attached Owner Consent form. The form will be mailed back to EDCFSC.**

**Veteran's Proof of Service**, DD214 copy, El Dorado County Veterans Identification Card or a Department of Defense Identification Card, must be shown during on-site defensible space evaluation.

By signing this agreement you affirm that you are a veteran (veteran widow/widower) or a senior over 60 years of age.

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If applicant is incapable of filling out this form, name of person submitting on behalf of the applicant:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail application to:**  
**El Dorado County Fire Safe Council**  
**P.O. Box 1011, Diamond Springs, CA 95619**  
**Or Email to: [board@edcfiresafe.org](mailto:board@edcfiresafe.org)**

**Points of contact:**  
**Ernie Lory (530) 344-1642 or EDCFSC Clerk (530) 647-1700**