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Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-FS-WOOD-INNOVATIONS-2025	Posted Date:	Oct 24, 2024
Funding Opportunity Title:	Wood Utilization Assistance	Last Updated Date:	Oct 24, 2024
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary	Original Closing Date for Applications:	Dec 18, 2025
Opportunity Category Explanation:		Current Closing Date for Applications:	Dec 11, 2024
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant	Archive Date:	Jan 10, 2025
Category of Funding Activity:	Natural Resources	Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$ 8,000,000
Category Explanation:		Award Ceiling:	\$300,000
Expected Number of Awards:		Award Floor:	\$10,000
Assistance Listings:	10.674 -- Wood Utilization Assistance		



Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants: Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility: Eligible applicants are for-profit entities; state, and local governments; Indian Tribes; school districts; community, not-for-profit organizations; institutions of higher education; and special purpose districts (e.g., public utilities districts, fire districts, conservation districts, and ports).

Additional Information

Agency Name: Forest Service

Description: The USDA Forest Service requests proposals to substantially expand and accelerate wood energy and wood products markets throughout the United States to support forest management needs on National Forest System and other forest lands. The grants and agreements awarded under this announcement will support the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 Pub. L. 115-334 Sec. 8643, Rural Revitalization Technologies 7 U.S.C. Sec. 6601, and Inflation Reduction Act Pub. L. 117-169 SEC. 23002 to meet the nationwide challenge of disposing of hazardous fuels and other wood residues from the National Forest System and other U.S. forest lands in a manner that supports wood products and wood energy markets. This Request for Proposals focuses on the following priorities to:

- Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forestlands.
- Reduce costs of forest management on all land types.
- Promote economic and environmental health of communities.

The intent of the Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity is to stimulate, expand, and support wood products markets and wood energy markets.

Projects can include, but are not limited to:

1. Completing requirements, such as engineering designs, cost analyses, and permitting necessary, in the later stages of commercial construction projects that use wood as a primary building material and in the later stages of wood energy project development to secure financing. Early phase project development proposals will not be competitive.
2. Developing manufacturing capacity, other necessary wood products infrastructure, and markets for wood products that support forest ecosystem restoration.
3. Showcasing quantifiable environmental and economic benefits of using wood as a sustainable building material in an actual commercial building and the projected benefits achieved if replicated across the United States based on commercial construction market trends.
4. Establishing statewide wood utilization teams and statewide wood energy teams. Only proposals from States without an existing (or former) team will be considered.
5. Developing a cluster of wood energy projects in a geographic area or specific sector (e.g., prisons, hospitals, universities, manufacturing sector, or industrial sector).
6. Overcoming market barriers and stimulating expansion of wood energy in the commercial sector.

A pre-recorded webcast that presents information on applying for this funding opportunity can be found at <https://usda-fs.wistia.com/medias/teyfi90zhw>

Additional details on the funding opportunity can be found at [Wood Innovations Home page](#)

Instructions on how to apply for funding and the official application can be downloaded at the following weblinks.

[Instructions FY25 Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity Application Form \(FS-1500-050\) FY25 Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity.](#)

**Link to
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[Wood Innovations Homepage](#)

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