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Seventy-second General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

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LLS NO. 19-0222.02 Bob Lackner x4350

**HOUSE BILL 19-1006**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF WILDFIRES**  
102              **WITHIN WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE AREAS, AND, IN**  
103              **CONNECTION THEREWITH, CLARIFYING THE LEGISLATIVE**  
104              **INTENT THAT STATE FUNDING OF THE EXISTING FOREST**  
105              **RESTORATION AND WILDFIRE RISK MITIGATION GRANT**  
106              **PROGRAM BE INCREASED AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Wildfire Matters Review Committee.** The bill creates a state

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

grant program to be administered by the Colorado state forest service (forest service) to fund proactive forest management fuels reduction projects to reduce the impacts to life, property, and critical infrastructure caused by wildfires.

To be eligible for a grant award, a grant recipient must be any one of a group of individual landowners as specified in the bill whose real property that is the subject of a grant application is located within a land area that is covered by a community wildfire protection plan.

The bill specifies requirements pertaining to the evaluation of grant proposals. The forest service is to select the proposals that will receive funding, administer the grant program, and develop procedures by which applicants are to apply for grants.

The bill imposes a monetary limit on the amount of a grant to be awarded and also requires a grant applicant to demonstrate an available amount of matching funds to be awarded a grant.

The bill creates the forest management fuels reduction projects grant program cash fund in the state treasury.

The bill requires the forest service to report annually to the general assembly on the number, location, and benefits of all projects for which a grant award is made.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-31-310, **add**  
3 (1.5)(b)(V) and (8.8) as follows:

4 **23-31-310. Forest restoration and wildfire risk mitigation**  
5 **grant program - legislative declaration - technical advisory panel -**  
6 **definitions - repeal. (1.5) Legislative declaration.** The general  
7 assembly hereby:

8 (b) Determines that:

9 (V) GIVEN THE CHALLENGING CONDITIONS OF COLORADO'S  
10 FORESTS AND THE IMMINENT RISKS OF CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE, IT IS  
11 CRITICAL THAT STATE FUNDING OF THE GRANTS PROGRAM BE INCREASED  
12 FOR THE 2019-20 STATE FISCAL YEAR AND THAT GRANT MONEY BE  
13 EXPENDED ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS TO THE GREATEST EXTENT  
14 PRACTICABLE TO FULFILL THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

1 (8.8) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT ANY  
2 ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE 2019-20 STATE  
3 FISCAL YEAR TO THE FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (8.5)(a) OF THIS  
4 SECTION BE EXPENDED ON GRANTS THAT WILL SUPPORT THE MAXIMUM  
5 NUMBER OF EFFECTIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS  
6 TO REDUCE THE IMPACTS TO LIFE, PROPERTY, AND CRITICAL  
7 INFRASTRUCTURE CAUSED BY WILDFIRE.

8 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2019-20 state fiscal year,  
9 \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for  
10 allocation to the board of governors of the Colorado state university  
11 system to be deposited into the forest restoration and wildfire risk  
12 mitigation grant program cash fund created in section 23-31-310 (8.5),  
13 C.R.S., for the use of the forest restoration and wildfire risk mitigation  
14 grant program created in section 23-31-310, C.R.S. This appropriation is  
15 from the general fund.

16 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
18 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.