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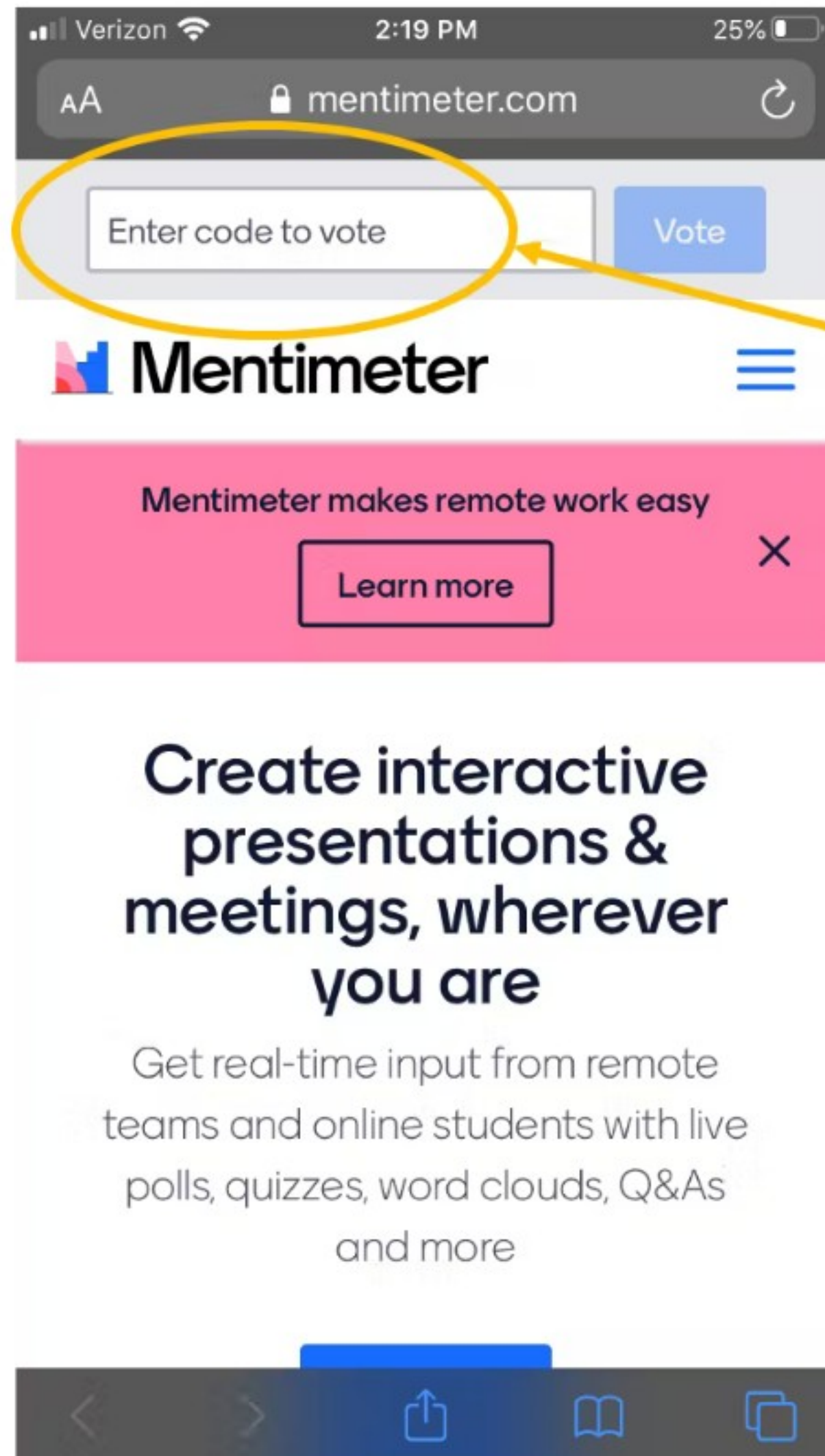
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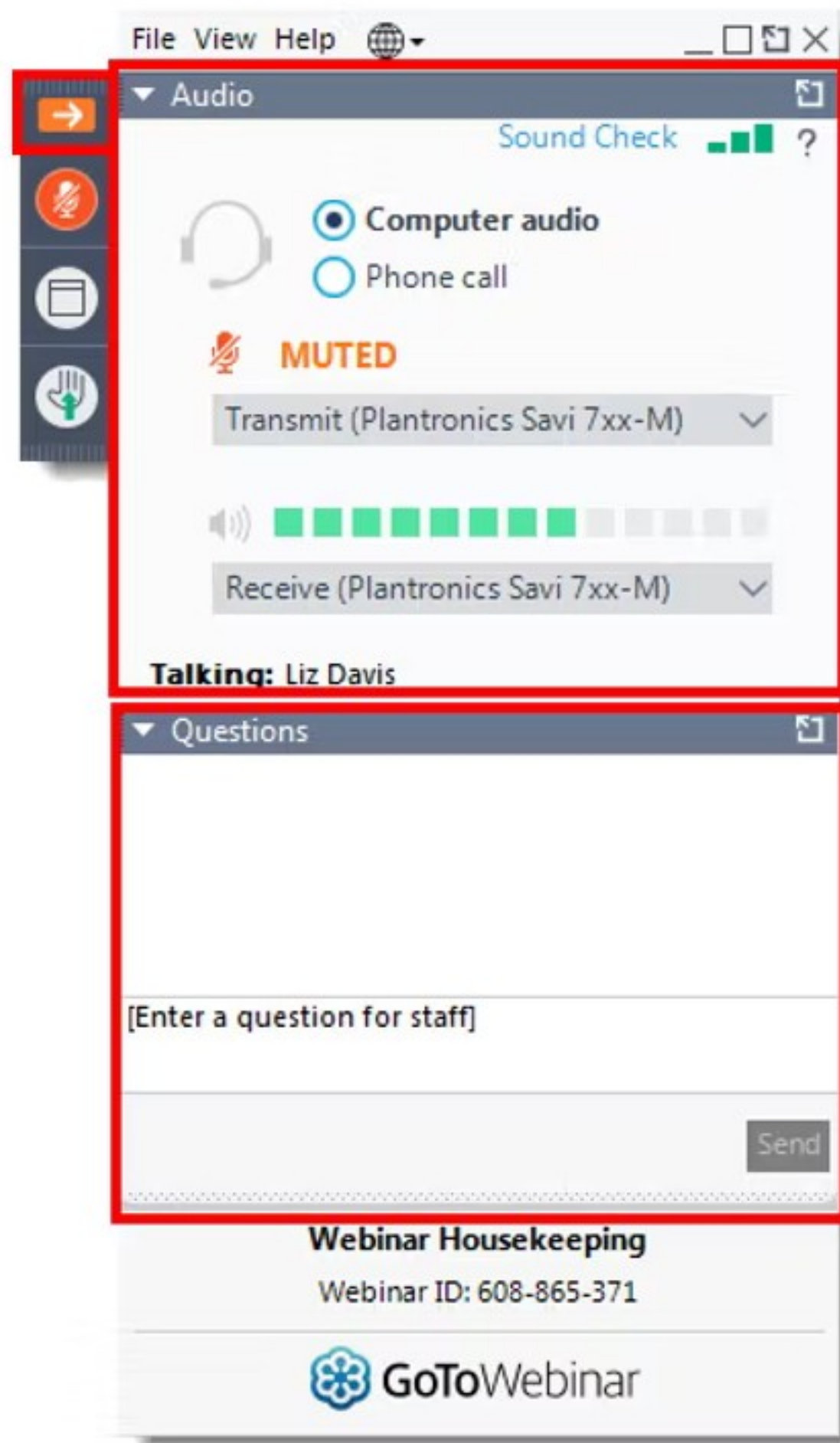
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PROCESS OF JOINING COCO AS AN
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AIM
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TO INCREASE THE CARBON-HOLDING CAPACITY
OF OUR SOILS, KEEPING IT OUT OF THE
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TOWARDS A HEALTHY &
ECONOMICALLY PROSPEROUS
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**COALITION FOR THE UPPER
SOUTH PLATTE**

CW-MBP
**COMMUNITY WILDFIRE
MITIGATION BEST PRACTICES
TRAINING**

3 ASSIGNMENTS
2 CMAT LEAD TRAINEES
12 NEW TEAM MEMBERS

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**ARKANSAS RIVER WATERSHED
COLLABORATIVE**

**LAKE GEORGE DIVERSION DAM
STRUCTURE REMOVAL PLAN**
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FEDERAL, STATE,
& LOCAL UTILITIES, **1,200 FEET** OF RIVER
WILL BE RESTORED UPON REMOVAL



Meet the Team



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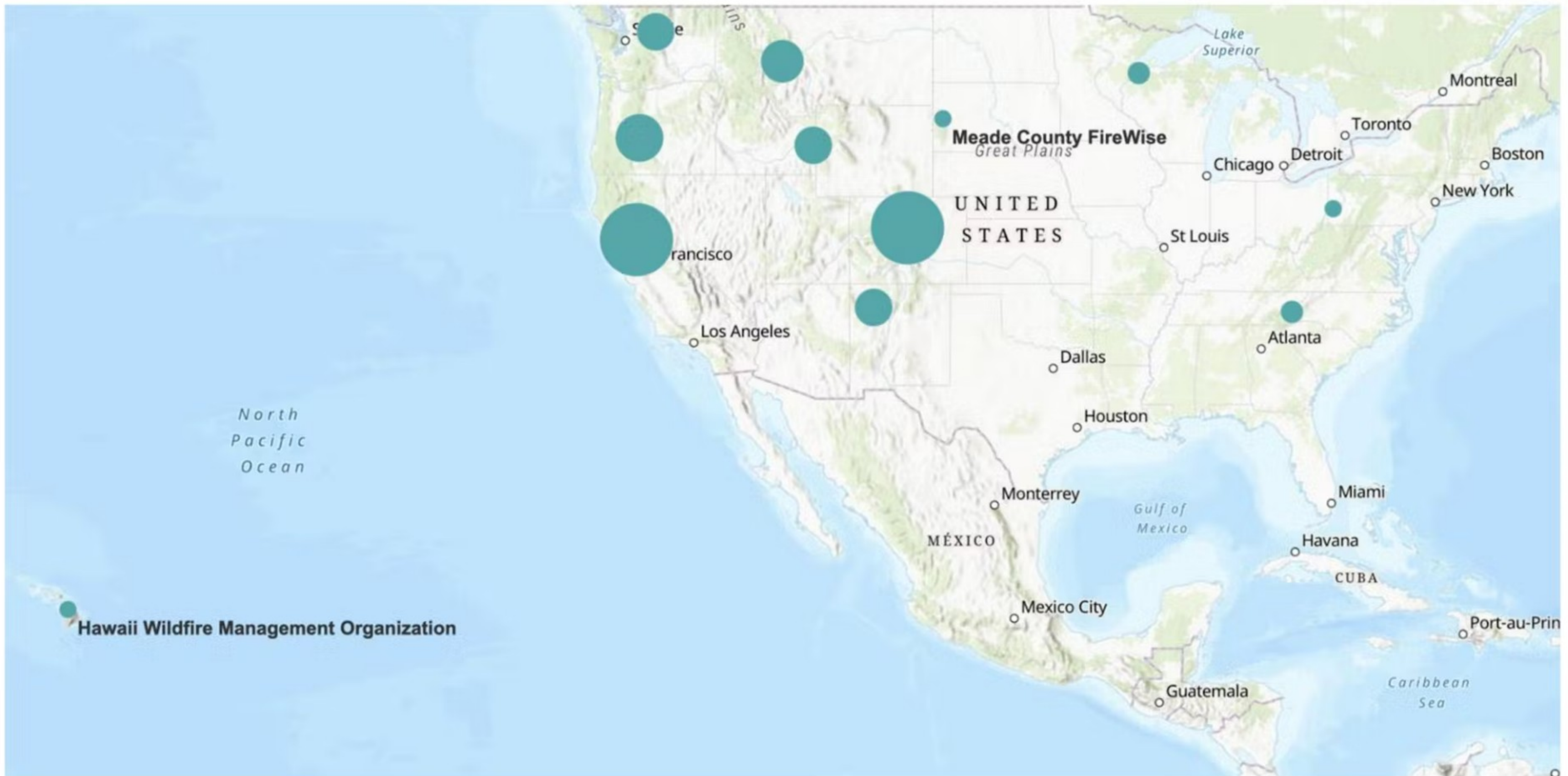


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Boulder West Wildfire Authority (CO)
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Cascadia Conservation District (WA)
Clearwater Resource Council (MT)
Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed (CO)
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Dovetail Partners (MN)
Durango Fire Protection District (CO)
Eagle County Wildfire Collaborative (CO)
Elk Creek Fire Protection District (CO)
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Forest Stewards Guild (NM)
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Grand County Wildfire Council (CO)
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Meade County FireWise (SD)
Mendocino County Fire Safe Council (CA)
Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council (NC)
Mt. Adams Resource Stewards (WA)
Okanogan Conservation District (WA)
Pinetop Fire Department (AZ)
Placer County Conservation District (CA)
Platte Canyon Fire Protection District (CO)
Plumas County Fire Safe Council (CA)
Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (CO)
Ruffed Grouse Society and American Woodcock Society (PA)
Salmon River Restoration Council (CA)
Saws & Slaws (CO)
Seigler Springs Community Redevelopment Association (CA)
South Willamette Solutions (OR)
Spanish Peaks Alliance for Wildfire Protection (CO)
Teton Area Wildfire Protection Coalition (WY)
The Ember Alliance (CO)
Tri-County FireSafe Working Group (MT)
United Way of Missoula County (MT)
Upper Deschutes River Coalition (OR)
Washoe Tribe (NV / CA)
West Region Wildfire Council (CO)
Whatcom Conservation District (WA)
Wildfire Adapted Partnership (CO)
Wildfire Network (NM)
Woodland Hills Fire Department (UT)
Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council (CA)
Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council (CA)



AIM Grant Eligibility



The AIM Grant is a **12-month** capacity building grant opportunity open to:

- Non-profit organizations with 501c3 status
- Collaborative groups
- Cities and Counties
- Conservation Districts
- Fire Departments
- Tribal Nations

Organizations listed above must be working to advance wildfire resiliency within their communities. If your organization type is not listed above, please send an email to Mitch (mitch.dahlke@co-co.org).



Funding Categories

Applicants can request \$10,000 - \$75,000 for Capacity Building projects under one or more of the following categories. All projects must be matched 100% (cash or in-kind).

- Personnel (New or Existing)
- Planning Efforts
- Reduction of Hazardous Fuels
- Mitigation Equipment under \$5,000

Priority will be given to proposals that clearly demonstrate how the organization's capacity will be increased versus proposals that just treat acres.

AIM Grant Guiding Principles

The AIM Team believes in supporting sustainable organizations and programs that reduce the wildfire risk and lead to community resilience.

Key components of this include:

- Local people solving local problems by using best-known practices to create place-based solutions.
- Residents and communities taking ownership in the effort by committing time, equipment, and financial resources.
- Working together and sharing resources to build resilient communities.

What does capacity building mean to you & your organization?

Increasing participants

Growing the ability to serve our communities

Staff time

Means not only new positions, but sustaining key existing ones. It also means support for staff time that is going to collaboration and partnership - so hard to fund these efforts!

Expanded capability to tackle mission

Adding equipment

Growing community engagement

Staff time for essential planning/partnership projects

Sharing resources amongst many entities

What does capacity building mean to you & your organization?

ability to increase active involvement of WUI residents in wildfire preparation

Staff time and professional development

Improving efficiency, effectiveness, and scale of services provided.

Staff to develop, implement projects. Outreach and education programs and grant management

Increasing the ability of my organization to work with more individuals by increasing time and expertise.

Increasing community member involvement

Capacity means being able to efficiently get work done while mutually benefiting the growth of individuals and community

Increasing the capabilities of an organization to accomplish work through collaboration with the goal of increased work within a community.

Connecting with all people's and organizations, local and nationwide, who can bring their expertise to the table on wildfire resiliency to educate and keep our community safe.

What does capacity building mean to you & your organization?

Enabling us to discern and plan steps going forward toward engaging community members both in collaborative work but also most importantly in serving as an advisory board for our organization.

Professional development/training to increase capacity of existing staff

implement projects, grant management and increasing community involvement

Increasing ability to get work done, building assets

I need a better definition of a disadvantaged community. We have a significant population that receives weekly food dispersement through United Way and the county.

What is Capacity Building?

Capacity building (or capacity development) is the process by which individuals and organizations obtain, improve, and retain the skills, knowledge, tools, equipment, and other resources needed to do their jobs competently. It allows individuals and organizations to perform at a greater capacity (larger scale, larger audience, *larger impact*, etc).

Building Capacity

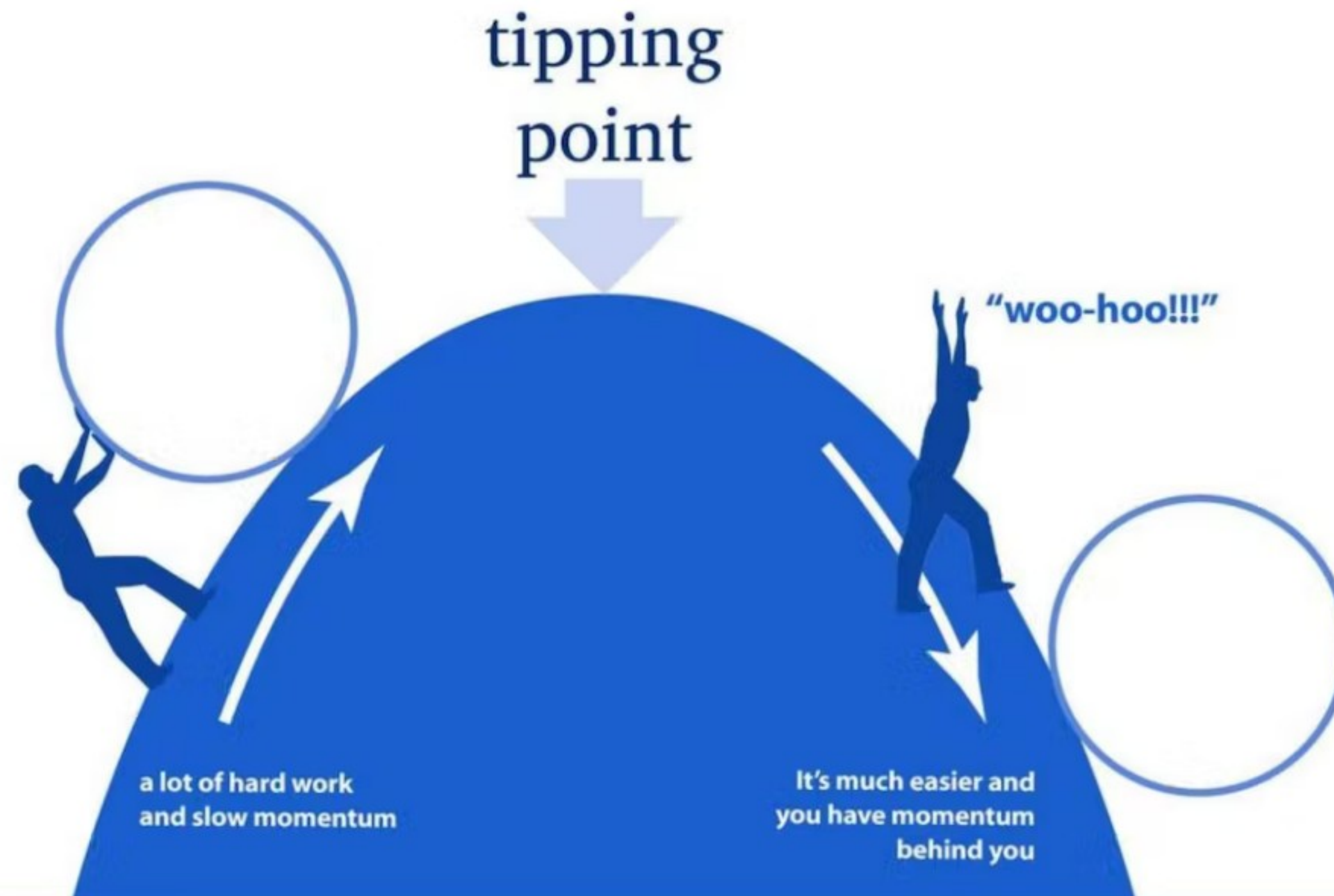


- Staffing: The demand on your program exceeds current staffing, need to hire new staff, support existing staff members
- Planning Efforts: Starting a new CWPP, conducting Community Assessments or Home Assessments, Neighborhood Ambassador programs
- Equipment under \$5,000: Building a fuels crew but lacking the necessary equipment: trailers, chainsaws, technology (hardware and/or software)



Tipping Point Projects

Projects that increase momentum or improve your efficiency and effectiveness - *allowing you to ultimately get more work done on the ground.*



Tipping Point Projects

- Mitigation: Clearly articulate how the proposed mitigation project will increase your organization's capacity. Include anticipated acres treated, but clearly describe how completing this project fills in a much needed gap and/or will allow for more projects and outcomes in the future.
- Chipping/slash removal
 - Demonstration site
 - Key cross-boundary project connections
 - Cost-share program
 - Mitigation on private land will require a 50% cash match from the landowner

What AIM cannot fund

- Grant Writing
- Equipment over \$5,000

Please reach out to us...

If the team has yet to address your organization or project eligibility.

We understand that forest health and water quality are important, but please tie your project into wildfire community risk reduction and capacity building.

Application Process

Concept Paper



1. Your organization's involvement in wildfire risk reduction activities
2. Proposal description
3. Strategic Value of Project*
4. Maintenance and Sustainability
5. Match and Budget
6. Budget Narrative

*Examples of Strategic Value and the Concept Paper are on COCO's website:

<https://co-co.org/get-involved/grants/aim-grant/>



As you work on your Concept Paper...

Make a compelling case about how the demand on your program exceeds the current capacity level.

- Need a new position to process reimbursement requests and reporting
- Current fuels crew is lacking technical supplies to move forward
- Your organization has an increase of funding for mitigation on the ground and not enough funding for personnel to support the projects
- Funding for an essential position is or will be lost

How will this ask push you over the tipping point and why is other funding not available?

Filling out the Budget and Narrative

Indirect Fee

- The maximum request amount is \$75,000. Indirect Fees can be up to 10% of the total project cost, not 10% of the maximum request amount.
 - ◆ Project Cost + Indirect Fee = \$75,000
 - ◆ \$30,000 + \$3,000 Indirect = \$33,000 Total AIM Ask
 - ◆ *If you have a negotiated NICRA over 10%, please include documentation*

Filling out the Budget and Narrative

Budget Narrative: Please list out how AIM funds will be spent.

- Personnel: \$25 x 300 hours
- Equipment: \$1000 for 3 chainsaws
- Leveraged Match: federal funds contributing to the project but cannot count towards the 1:1 match

Personnel (note, SWCD personnel will likely be funded through a subcontract from Dovetail Partners)

- Project manager (DP) - 4 days/month @ \$400/day x 12 months to provide overall project oversight, coordinate stakeholder meetings and strategic planning efforts (\$9,600 requested, \$9,600 matched)
- Intern/seasonal temp (DP) - 12 weeks @ \$480/week to coordinate outreach and fuels mitigation events (\$5,760 requested)
- Forestry specialist (SWCD) - 1 day/month @ \$440/day x 12 months to collaborate on initiatives and link efforts with local stakeholders and landowners (\$5,280 requested)
- Personnel support (SWCD) - 2 days/month @ \$480/day x 12 months to support program development (\$11,520 matched)

Travel/mileage

- 1200 miles @ \$0.56/mile for project related travel by personnel (\$672 requested)

Materials and supplies

- Outreach supplies: printing, tools, misc. materials, etc. (\$1,000 requested)

Contractual

- Chipper day events x 2 (\$5,000 each) - seeking to reach 15-20 landowners with each event
- Landowners required to provide sweat equity (volunteer in-kind match) 30 LO @ 20 hours/LO x \$27.20/hour (\$16,320 in-kind matched)
- Landowners required to contribute cash match (cost share) for the chipping contractor (\$5,000 requested, \$5,000 cash match by landowners)

Indirect

- 10% indirect on total direct costs

Filling out the Match Table

Your AIM proposal must be matched 100% with non-federal funding (1:1 match). Below are some ways to meet this ask:

- Employee hours
- In-kind volunteer and resident hours
- Cash match
 - ◆ If reducing fuel on private lands, a 50% direct cash match is required from the landowner
 - ◆ Exceptions may be made for supported disadvantaged communities/underserved populations
- Equipment purchase or usage that support the project

Match Table

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS			
Contributors	City of Granada	Private Landowners	Insert Name Here
Hard Match (dollars)	\$15,000		
Landowner (minimum 50% cash match)		\$15,000	
Soft Match (in-kind)	\$30,000	\$15,000	
Total	\$45,000	\$30,000	

AIM Grant Requirements

AIM Reporting



If awarded an AIM grant

- Status updates accompany each reimbursement request
 - ◆ 2-5 narrative bullets in a shared document
- Check-in calls
- Final report
 - ◆ Photos, spatial data (GIS shapefiles), final expense report, outcomes table, and narrative



AIM Funding Timeline



Concept Paper/RFP Release	January 24, 2023
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Concept Paper Due	February 24, 2023
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Notifications for Application Advancement	March 2023
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Application Due Date	April 2023
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Anticipated Start Date	May 2023
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Questions, Clarification, Project Eligibility:

How long is the turnaround time for reimbursements?

Amazing to see that support for existing staff is accepted! If we are going for a second year of funding, is a similar/same project (same staff person funded) welcome and competitive, or will you prefer something new?

Is match evidence needed along with each reimbursement request?

If a county or entity working with a community, can provide all the hard match, are the private landowners still expected to provide the 50% match?

Are the slides available as a PowerPoint?

Would you accept a combo of part of the salary for two positions that, together, contribute to essential, "tipping point"-style capacity lift?

When is federal funding no longer considered federal dollars? Fed funds that come through the State or the Nater conservancy

How long does it take to get reimbursed

We weren't sure if we would be eligible, we are a County Government dealing the past year with Fire, Flooding and Mitigation

Questions, Clarification, Project Eligibility:

Can we request funds in advance?

Did Mitch say only 3 reimbursements could be requested over the 12 month grant period?

Does the match funds have to arrive during the 12month award period, or if we have cash contributions already (non-Fed) that we want to leverage, does that qualify?

Would this program be a suitable fit for a Home Hardening Incentive Program? We are looking for a funding mechanism to offset the cost of installation of ember resistant modifications on homes in our fire threatened communities.

Will there be another round of Concept Papers started in August 2023?

Agree with landowners having skin in the game!

If awarded in May 2023 - when is full spend down expected?

Do you have a timeframe for the second round of AIM funding this year?

Will the AIM grant program be around for years?

Questions, Clarification, Project Eligibility:

Thanks so much y'all this was GREAT and so helpful.

What is the current in-kind rate?

Additional Questions?



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