



## **THE DOWNIEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS AWARDED A GRANT FROM CALIFORNIA FIRE FOUNDATION TO CONTINUE WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS IN DOWNIEVILLE CALIFORNIA**

With wildfire season becoming an almost year-round event in California, **DOWNIEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** has received a vital grant from the California Fire Foundation to assist with the ongoing need to address fire prevention and preparedness in our community.

The grant has enabled **DOWNIEVILLE FIRE** to **purchase the much-needed wildland firefighting equipment and the personal protection equipment necessary to keep our fire fighters safe while protecting our community.**

The California Fire Foundation offers statewide grant opportunities to California fire departments, firefighter associations, and community-based organizations in support of local wildfire prevention education and planning, specialized firefighting and personal protective equipment, fuels reduction and defensible space projects, community safety initiatives, and relief and recovery efforts.

“This funding partnership is critical for our Fire Department. Being an underfunded fire department, funding assistance from groups such as the California Fire Foundation means the difference in being compliant with NFPA requirements or closing the doors. Said Robert Hall, Senior Fire Captain. “We are so very thankful to the California Fire Foundation for this valuable grant. It will be hugely beneficial to our community.”

“The need to address wildfire prevention and preparedness is an integral part of living in California,” said Rick Martinez, Executive Director, California Fire Foundation. “These grants support important projects focusing on keeping Californians, our state’s communities, and our first responders safe.”

Since 2018, California Fire Foundation grants have served communities at heightened wildfire risk, directly addressing the state's toughest disaster-risk needs. For more information on California Fire Foundation grants visit [www.cafirefoundation.org/grants](http://www.cafirefoundation.org/grants).

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