NBFIP Project Ranking
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Projects funded under the NBFIP program must result in ecological forest restoration and forest management practices that promote forest resilience to severe wildfire, climate change, and other disturbances.

Projects under NBFIP are only eligible if they include one or more of the following activities:

- Preparation of a Forest Management Plan by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF)
- Reforestation
    o Site Preparation
    o Trees and Planting
    o Tree Shelters
- Forest Stand Improvement
- Pre-commercial Thinning or Release
- Pruning
- Follow-up (includes mechanical, herbicide and/or slash disposal follow-up)

Projects will be funded based on the score achieved through the priority ranking process established by the NBFIP Steering Committee, in accordance with Prop 68 grant guidelines and CAL FIRE's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force's Small Private Landowner Working Group. In evaluating projects, scores from the priority ranking process are used to determine initial rankings. To achieve equitable distribution of funds, the Steering Committee may consider other factors including, but not limited to, geographic distribution of existing projects, previous project performance, and percentage of the project that is devoted to direct improvements to forest resources.

Each project will be ranked considering the 8 factors below. This priority ranking will be used for granting project contracts on a biannual basis where program funding will be allocated into discrete amounts and only the highest-ranking projects will be funded until the program funding allocation is reached.

Ranking Criteria	Points	Points Awarded
Proposed NBFIP incentive payment cost requested.		
● Regular Incentive Payment Rate	0	
● Lower Incentive Payment Rate Requested	5	
Project area timberland substantially damaged by fire, insects, disease or other natural causes within 36 months.		
● Yes	1	
● No	0	
Project will be done in conjunction with EQIP contract to allow for greater acreage treated with utilizing both funding sources than if only utilizing one. Applicants must provide evidence to support claiming this element.		
● Yes, will increase the amount of acres by >=100%	5	
● Yes, will increase the amount of acres < 100%	3	
● No	0	

Project is part of a larger multi-property project.		
● Yes	5	
● No	0	
Size of project.		
● > 20 acres	5	
● 15.1 – 20 acres	4	
● 10.1 – 15 acres	3	
● 5.1 – 10 acres	2	
● 1 – 5 acres	1	
Forestland owner/manager has existing Forest Management Plan (FMP) for their property.		
● Yes	5	
● No	0	
CEQA has been completed for project showing no significant or mitigated impacts.		
● Yes, CEQA or equivalent submitted and cleared and uploaded to application.	10	
● CNDDB search completed and uploaded to application.	3	
● Archaeology records check complete.	5	
● Archaeology survey complete.	2	
● No	0	
The project is located in a disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged community.		
● Yes	5	
● No	0	
Total Application Points		