

Income

A low-income community is defined as a community where the relevant counties (i.e., the counties in which the community is located) has a median household income of less than 80% of the median household income of the relevant state(s).

Wildfire Potential

High or very high wildfire hazard potential means the project is located within an area identified as having high or very high wildfire hazard potential as defined by a local, state, Tribal, regional, or national wildfire hazard potential assessment.

Severe Disaster

Impacted by a severe disaster means any event declared, designated, or recognized by a government authority as having caused damage, loss, or destruction to an extent and scale that an unusual or abnormal increase in wildfire risk or hazard potential to a community has occurred. Examples may include Federal, State, Tribal, or county disaster declarations or declared emergencies, events declared by the USDA Farm Services Agency, communities impacted by a FEMA Fire Management Assistance Grant, or widespread insect and disease mortality.

Data Options:

[This spreadsheet](#) from the Wildfire Risk to Communities team is one way for communities to document income status and wildfire hazard potential.

For income, open the "Low Income" tab and look at Column F. If Column F says "yes" and is highlighted in green, it can be used to meet the priority threshold.

For wildfire hazard, you will need to select the appropriate scale (county, tribal area, community) in the "Wildfire" tabs.

For wildfire hazard (at any scale), look at Column D. If Column D says "yes" it will be highlighted in green and can be used to meet the priority threshold. Columns E, F, G, and H give you your rank. If more than one column is green, it is to your benefit to share data from the column which shows the greatest hazard.

Communities can also use other data sources (such as the [Wildfire Hazard Explorer](#) to make the case that you meet the priority threshold).

Data Options:

[This spreadsheet](#) from the Wildfire Risk to Communities team enables you to sort disasters which resulted in a Federal disaster declaration or initiation of the Fire Management Assistance Grant program in your area. Filter your results first by state and then search for your county.

If you cannot document impacts from a severe disaster from this source, other potential sources include:

- County emergency declarations (contact your local emergency management department)
- Farm Services Agency disaster declarations (annual data available [here](#); recommend working with your state point of contact to verify your status).

