

Fiscal Year 2026-27 Marin Wildfire Work Plan At-A-Glance

SUMMARY

In fiscal year 2026-27 (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027), total projected revenue is projected to be approximately \$23,551,370. The annual work plan and budget for FY 2026-27 was approved by Marin Wildfire’s Board of Directors on May 21, 2026. The overall budget breakdown is detailed in Table 1 below. Of that total projected revenue, \$1,413,082 is allocated towards administrative costs. The remaining funds (\$22,138,288) are allocated towards various projects and programs listed in the FY2026-27 Work Plan available [HERE](#).¹

Table 1. FY 2026-27 budget summary.

FY2026-27 MARIN WILDFIRE BUDGET SUMMARY	
Total Projected Revenue FY26-27 (2.5% CPI)	\$ 23,551,370
Core Budget (60% of Total FY26-27 Revenue)	
Total Core Budget	\$ 14,130,822
- Administrative Costs (subtracted from Core Budget - 10% of Core)	\$ 1,413,082
- JPA-wide Proposals (subtracted from Core Budget)	\$ 5,809,594
Core Budget for Zone Proposals (Total Core, less Admin and JPA-wide)	\$ 6,908,146
- Central Marin Zone Core Proposals (23%)	\$ 1,588,873
- West Marin Zone Core Proposals (6%)	\$ 414,489
- Novato Zone Core Proposals (26%)	\$ 1,796,118
- San Rafael Zone Core Proposals (27%)	\$ 1,865,199
- Southern Marin Zone Core Proposals (18%)	\$ 1,243,466
Defensible Space Budget (20% of Total FY26-27 Revenue)	
Defensible Space Budget (Distributed Directly to Each Member Agency)	\$ 4,710,274
Local Project Budget (20% of Total Projected Revenue)	
Local Project Budget (Distributed Directly to Each Member Agency)	\$ 4,710,274

¹ FY 2026-27 Work Plan available at https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/6107823cbe8db485b50aa8f8/6a2902e6f86244381492c435_FY%2026-27%20Work%20Plan%20Full%20Document_compressed.pdf

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MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH

Because wildfire is a dynamic and complex challenge, wildfire preparedness requires a multi-pronged approach to reducing risk to communities. Peer-reviewed science supports taking a broad approach to wildfire resilience. For example, when reviewing structure damage data from 2013-2022, researchers found that home hardening on its own contributed to structure survivability but not as much as home hardening combined with defensible space work including vegetation management.²

Marin Wildfire's Board of Directors adopted five goals to support this multi-pronged approach. Learn more about each of Marin Wildfire's five goals [HERE](#).³

- Goal 1: Vegetation Management
- Goal 2: Detection, Alerts, Evacuations
- Goal 3: Grants
- Goal 4: Public Outreach & Education
- Goal 5: Defensible Space and Home Hardening

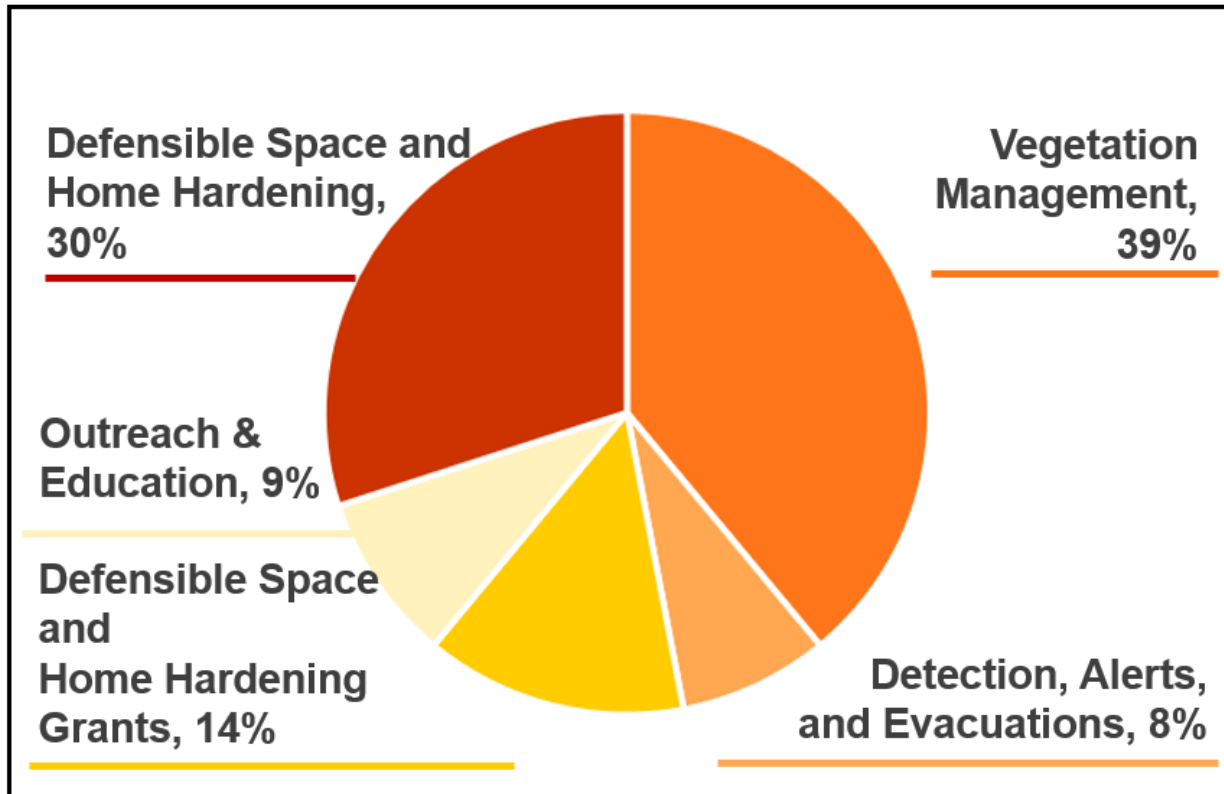
A rough percentage of funding allocated toward each goal is included below for this fiscal year. *However, note that many proposals support multiple goals, therefore percentages below are approximations only.* For example, vegetation management along evacuation routes supports Goals 1 and 2 but is only listed under Goal 1. While public education to help residents harden their homes supports Goals 4 and 5, it is only listed under Goal 4. Note that costs associated with GIS/mapping (\$90,000), Operational costs such as rent and technical support to run hybrid public meetings (\$301,881), and science-backed modeling and metrics tracking (\$144,700) serve all five goals and are split evenly among the five goals.

² Zamanialaei, M., San Martin, D., Theodori, M. et al. Fire risk to structures in California's Wildland-Urban Interface. Nat Commun 16, 8041 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-025-63386-2>

³ Marin Wildfire Strategic Plan available at https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/6107823cbe8db485b50aa8f8/648ba040f6c027c39bb9f607_MWPA%20Strategic%20Plan_06-8-2023.pdf

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Figure 1. Approximate budget breakdown for proposals included in the FY 2026-27 Marin Wildfire Work Plan. Note that this budget breakdown is approximate, as many work plan proposals serve multiple goals.





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PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN THE FY2026-27 WORK PLAN, BY GOAL

The summary below lists the types of proposals included under each goal. For a comprehensive list of proposals included in the FY 26-27 Work Plan, click [HERE](#).

Goal 1: Vegetation Management

- Environmental compliance, including resource surveys, monitoring, coordination with regulatory agencies, Tribal representatives, and other stakeholders
- Shaded fuel break implementation
- Vegetation management along roads and fire roads
- Prescribed herbivory
- Equipment for vegetation management
- Planting native vegetation after non-native vegetation removal
- Staff to support

Goal 2: Detection, Alerts, and Evacuation

- Defensible space around critical communications infrastructure, including Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA) sites
- Evacuation planning studies
- Evacuation planning platform (Genasys / Ladris AI)
- Auditory mobile evacuation alerting
- Emergency notification planning
- Emergency preparedness public outreach
- Rangers to patrol and prevent ignitions
- Staff to support

Goal 3: Grants

- Direct assistance programs for home hardening and defensible space on private parcels
- Reimbursement grant programs for home hardening and defensible space
- Staff to support
- Not reflected in budget: additional \$800,000 in funding over two years from the Marin Community Foundation to develop and launch a new direct assistance program called EmberReady to lead neighborhood-scale home hardening and defensible space

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Goal 4: Public Outreach and Education

- Public outreach and education through Fire Safe Marin, including:
 - Development and coordination of new and existing Firewise Communities
 - Support for residents implementing defensible space and home hardening activities
 - Professional training & educational programs for strategic partner organizations (contractors, landscapers, etc.)
 - Community events
- Demonstration gardens
- Staff to support

Goal 5: Defensible Space and Home Hardening

- Home evaluation programs and staff to support
- Chipper Day Program
- Modeling of urban fire spread in San Rafael Zone