TREE REMOVAL PROGRAM
FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS

County of El Dorado and the
California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, July 18, 2017
Tree Removal Program for Low-Income Seniors

Financial assistance for low-income senior households to remove dead or dying trees threatening their home from El Dorado County with funding through a grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE).

Financial assistance for low-income senior homeowners to remove dead or dying trees threatening their home is available through El Dorado County Planning and Building Department, Housing, Community and Economic Development Program (CODE) with funding through a grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE). The grant funding is limited and available in El Dorado County property owners who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Household must be low-income as defined by household size.
- Age Minimum: Household Income Limits
- Property must be properly permitted and owner occupied by person(s) at least 60 years of age.
- Property must be in a High Hazard Area.
- Affected trees within 50 feet of dwelling must be determined to pose a threat to an inhabited structure by a professional (firewise provided by the county).
- Program allows for removal of a maximum of two dead/dying trees that pose a threat per eligible property.

Contact: 530-562-4169 Planning and Building Department, CODE

Sponsored by: El Dorado County and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE)

Call 530-562-4169 for an application.

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HOMEOWNER ELIGIBILITY

- All applicants must be 60 years of age or older
- Own the property on which they reside
- Reside in a High Hazard Zone
- Have incomes at or below 60% of the County’s area median income (AMI)
- Have dead or dying trees threatening their home

Maximum Household Income Limits

60% AMI
Effective 6/9/17

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*Limits for larger household sizes available.*
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HOUSING ELIGIBILITY

- Housing unit types eligible under the Program are:
  - Existing single-family residences
  - Manufactured homes on a single-family lot and placed on a permanent foundation system
  - Habitable second dwellings on owner occupied property
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HOUSING ELIGIBILITY

- Structures NOT eligible
  - Inhabited temporary or unpermitted dwelling units do not meet Program eligibility
- The Program is not meant to protect moveable or temporary sheds and outbuildings, barns, carports or garages
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DEAD AND DYING TREES ELIGIBLE FOR REMOVAL

- Must be greater than 10 inches in diameter
- Must be 20 feet or greater in height
- Must be within 300 feet of, and pose a structural threat to the residence
- Must be reasonably accessible by equipment/machinery

This Program will remove trees only from residential properties identified as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 High Hazard Zone by the California Tree Mortality Task Force
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APPLICATION PROCESS

- Prescreen phone call and survey
- Application Packet will include
  - Release of Information Authorization
  - Right of Entry Permit
  - Program Disclosure
  - Income Verification
  - Asset Verification
  - Financial Privacy
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TIME FRAME
2017-2018

- Identification and validation of 42+ eligible trees
- Estimate cumulative cost of removal
- Actual number of tree removals contingent on cost and funding availability
- Address any other regulatory needs for each property
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TIME FRAME
2018-2019

- Efforts to remove trees will begin at each property as soon as feasible
- Complete Program no later than March 15, 2019.
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NEXT STEPS

- Roll Out Marketing Efforts
- Accept Applications
- Establish Eligibility List
- Dispatch Forester/Arborist

- Staff will return to the Board in 2018 to approve and adopt Contract Documents and authorize advertisement for bids to engage a licensed timber operator.
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Contact Information:
HCED Program
(530) 621-5159

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