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### **Firewise Grants Awarded to Kentucky Communities** *Grants totaling \$389,770 will fund projects targeted at reducing risk of wildfire*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. – (Sept. 13, 2011)** – The Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) recently awarded fire departments and communities across the state with fire mitigation funds administered through the Kentucky Firewise Community grant program. This year, a total of \$324,507 was distributed to 18 communities and two additional communities were funded with remaining monies from last year's grant. The 20 recipients were selected based on project submittals geared toward safe planning and design, effective emergency response and individual responsibility for safer home design. In addition to the community grants, Northeast Rowan County Firewise Council received a Southern Wildland Urban Interface Community Protection Grant of \$65,263.

The Kentucky Firewise program supports communities, counties and organizations in fire-prone areas and the funding is used for a variety of projects including the development of local Firewise Councils, GIS mapping of at-risk communities, mechanical removal or reduction of hazardous fuels, Firewise or fire mitigation educational activities and consulting services to complete a community wildfire hazard assessment or a community Emergency Action Plan.

This year's grant recipients include the following:

<b>Fire Department/Community</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>County</b>
Caledonia V.F.D.	\$19,990.00	Trigg County
Clements ville V.F.D.	\$19,255.00	Casey County
Dixville/Rose Hill V.F.D.	\$16,250.00	Mercer County
Dunnville V.F.D.	\$17,648.00	Casey County
East Golden Pond V.F.D.	\$19,622.00	Trigg County
Evona V.F.D.	\$16,286.00	Casey County
Fogertown V.F.D.	\$20,000.00	Clay County
Hacker V.F.D.	\$20,000.00	Clay County
Hawesville V.F.D.	\$19,913.00	Hancock County
Hillsboro V.F.D.	\$20,000.00	Fleming County
Lewisport V.F.D.	\$15,804.00	Hancock County
Lockards Creek V.F.D.	\$20,000.00	Clay County
Manchester V.F.D.	\$20,000.00	Clay County
Muses Mills V.F.D.	\$16,036.00	Fleming County
North Metcalfe County V.F.D.	\$20,000.00	Metcalfe County
Oak Grove V.F.D.	\$14,667.00	Whitley County
Poplar Springs V.F.D.	\$20,000.00	Casey County
Route 504 V.F.D.	\$20,000.00	Elliott County
Southeast Casey V.F.D.	\$17,386.00	Casey County
Northeast Rowan County Firewise Council	\$65,263.00	Rowan County

Funding for the Kentucky Firewise program is provided by the USDA-Forest Service and all grant recipients must provide a match of 20 percent of the total project costs with non-federal or in-kind contributions. For more information about the Kentucky Firewise Community grant program, please contact KDF at 1-800-866-0555 or visit <http://forestry.ky.gov>.

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