



2026 Amador RCD Community Chipping Program Request for Proposal

Questions/Answers

1. Does this project fall under prevailing wage determinations?

Answer: There is no prevailing wage requirement for this project because the contract will be for less than \$500,000.

2. When considering cost proposal, are there two distinct cost items (i.e. one for chipping hours and another for travel)?

Answer: There is no separate cost. And the travel and chipping should be included in the cost being proposed. As per our last chipping contract it states, *"the contractor will charge for the time of the chipping service. This is a fully burdened rate that incorporates all associated costs including travel to and from the site. Travel time is included in the rate and will not be charged by the minute. Each applicant will be limited to 4 hours of chipping services."*

3. Do you have cubic yards or tons estimated?

Answer: The median volume of chipped materials from the last job was about 588 cubic feet of stacked material. Billing is based on hours of chipping, not of volume chipped. Though this information is collected, it is not a reporting requirement of our funders.

4. Will you want more chipping crews or streamline with just one crew?

Answer: We anticipate hiring one contractor for this program.

5. The 2025 project, were you able to really group locations? Is it anticipated that contractors will drive 2 hours to chip for another 2 hours until they reach 8 hours?

Answer: In the past iterations we have strongly advertised community chipping events with a few individuals applying for services. This year, Cailin (the Project Manager) will work with community leaders to organize community events and have all their neighbors know on this date the chipper is coming, to be more efficient. We will still allow individuals to apply and Cailin will work to group those together so that the contractor isn't traveling all around on a single day. The goal this year is to be more efficient with the contractor's time and program funding.



- 6. There are multiple sizes of chipper that can be used, it looks like the last one was a smaller commercial maybe 12-inch diameter or smaller. Was the appropriate on the 2025 last project you did?**

Answer: Pile sizes are set by the contractor, and pile sizes determine the size chipper the contractor decided to use. In previous iterations the pile size dimensions were as followed: piles could be no larger than 10 feet in length and 5 feet tall, limbs and branches could not exceed 10 feet in length and have a diameter round no larger than 7 inches. These dimensions were based on the previously selected contractor and their chipper size. For this project proposal you will propose the size chipper you will be using and this will ultimately determine pile sizes and the volume of material/time it will take you to chip.

- 7. Will we need to worry about traffic control?**

Answer: In previous years, predominantly all the community chipping events were on private or neighborhood roads. In the instance we have applicants applying that live off a busy highway or trafficked road, the ARCD will work with contractors to determine the best and safety manner to move forward in the case of those instances.

- 8. Rights of entry will be handled by you guys before work begins?**

Answer: Yes, part of the application for residents will be to fill out a Right of Entry. When sending you the community chipping information, ARCD will send a confirmed list of residents that have signed the Rights or Entry. However, in the case a resident knows the chipper is coming but did not sign, we can send you out with hard copies for them to sign. In the case they are not there to sign, then you would need to skip that property.