

EDC has money for seniors to remove dead trees

Funding is still available for eligible seniors living in high hazard areas specific to tree mortality, including South Lake Tahoe, Camino, Pollock Pines, Somerset, Garden Valley, Greenwood and Georgetown.

Applicants for the Hazardous Tree Removal Program must be 60 or older, own the property on which they reside and have incomes at or below 60 percent of the county's area median income. Dead and dying trees must be greater than 10 inches in diameter and 20 feet in height; must be within 300 feet of, and pose a structural threat to, the residence; and must also be reasonably accessible by equipment or machinery.

Funding for the program comes from a CalFire and State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund (SRAFPF), and Tree Mortality Grant. El Dorado County received approximately \$200,000 to help senior citizens, remove dead and dying trees that endanger their residence.

Homeowners must complete an application packet. Completed applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 530.621.5159.