



2024 Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Grant Application

Application Period: November 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024

Late, incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered

Applicants must attach matching share documentation & signed Assurances - Non-Construction Programs & Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; if not attached application will be considered incomplete.

Fire Departments

- A. Years/Dates of Last 5 VFA grants _____
- B. Are you In Compliance with Past Grants Yes No
- C. Are You Registered with Alaska Division of Life Safety? Yes No Please submit copy of registration.
- D. Is Your Service Area Population Less Than 10,000? Yes No
- E. Is Your Department Newly Organized Since January 1, 2022: Yes No
- F. Project is for. (Check all that apply) Organizing Training Equipment/Supplies Prevention
- G. Grant Amount Requested: _____

Applicant Information

Business (Legal Name) of Fire Department: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Contact Person: _____
 Phone Number: Work _____ Home or cell: _____
 Fax: _____ Email: _____
 FDID # _____ Federal Tax ID# _____ SOA Vendor Number _____

- 1) Does your fire department have a cooperative agreement with the Alaska Division of Forestry and Fire Protection (DOF), the Department of Interior (DOI) or the USDA Forest Service? Yes No
- 2) Your Cooperative Agreement is with: DOI Agency (BLM, FWS, BIA, NPS) State of AK DOF USDA Forest Service Agreement Number _____
- 3) Are fire reports submitted to the Alaska DOF, BLM-Alaska Fire Service, or the U.S. Forest Service or other federal agency for all wildland fires attacked? Yes No
- 4) Are ANFIRS reports submitted to the Alaska Division Fire & Life Safety? Yes No
- 5) Does your department respond to wildland fires outside your service area? Yes No
- 6) Is fire protection available to all residences, businesses and lands within your primary fire protection area without additional charge? Yes No
- 7) Do you have a mutual aid agreement with surrounding fire departments? Yes No
- 8) Average annual number of fire calls over the last three years? Wildland _____ Other _____
- 9) How many hours of fire training do you average per person per month? _____ hours. What percent is related to wildland fire training? _____% What is the Department's ISO rating? _____
- 10) How many paid members does your fire department have? ____ How many volunteer members? ____
- 11) How many members of your fire department are NWCG "red-carded" under the Incident Command System? _____
- 12) Is your department NIMS compliant? Yes No

PROJECT DETAIL INFORMATION
(10% MINIMUM MATCH REQUIREMENT)

NOTE: If awarded a grant, disbursement will be only for items that are listed below. Refer to the manual for instructions on how to get prior approval to make changes to this list of items.

There are four types of expenses, either wildland or structural, that can be funded under VFC. It should be clear from your description that the item clearly fits within one of these categories:

- **Organizational Improvements** – legal and administration fees, elections, advertising, etc. associated with forming a district, annexing an area to an existing district, or improving the administration of a newly formed district.
- **Equipment, Tools/Supplies, or Safety Improvements** – refer to the instruction manual for description of allowable items.
- **Training – both Wildland and Structural**
- **Communications Equipment** - (MUST BE P25 COMPLIANT) refer to the instruction manual for description of allowable items.

Wildland is the priority, but structural items can requested.

If in-kind for match is used, list the type (hours attending training, donated time, meeting facility used for training, etc.) on one of the lines of the chart. If you have any questions regarding if certain activities are eligible as in-kind match, contact your local FMO or Fire Staff Officer prior to the application deadline.

MAXIMUM FUNDING AWARD IS \$7,000

Please indicate below if this item is to be used for Wildland (Wild), Structural (Struc.), or Both. **List items in order of priority**

Wild	Struc.	Both	ITEM DESCRIPTION & COST PER ITEM	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST	MATCH TYPE (Cash or In-kind)	MATCHING SHARE AMOUNT (10% minimum)	DOF USE ONLY APPROVED
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			TOTALS					<input type="checkbox"/>

Grant Funding Requested (Total cost minus 10% fire department match share) \$ _____

13) In the box below briefly justify the need for the requested items. How will the requested items improve the capacity and capability of your rural volunteer fire department? How will the requested items strengthen the fire department's role as a cooperater in wildland fire suppression?

Are 10% matching funds or appropriate matching activities available as of this date? Yes No
Is match documentation attached? Yes No

Signed Assurances-Non-Construction, Certifications attached? Yes No

Have you attached a current copy of your Fire Department Registration? Yes No

The funding amounts available through the VFC program are limited. There are often more requests than funding available. Due to this limitation some requests may go unfilled, others may receive an amount less than requested, and some will get the full amount requested. ***VFC funding is dependent on receipt of federal funds and is not guaranteed.***

Certification

Signatory below has the authority to obligate funds (i.e., Fire Chief, Treasurer, or Board Member). If submitting an electronic version of the form (as an attachment to an email), the email is accepted as the signature authorization.

The applicant certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief, that the information on this application is true and correct, and if awarded a VFC grant, will use those funds for the sole purpose of completing the project described on this application.

The applicant also certifies that they will comply with guidance, procedures, and rules identified in the 2024 Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Manual.

Signature		Date	
Type or Print Name		Title	

DEADLINE: Must be received by JANUARY 31st, 2024

