



## 2023 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant Application

**Application Period: November 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023**

**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, 2021 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, 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 Division of Forestry  USDA Forest Service Agreement Number \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Are fire reports submitted to the Alaska Division of Forestry, 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 VFA. 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 or 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 \$6,000**

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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			<b>TOTALS</b>					<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 VFA 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. ***VFA 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 VFA 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 2023 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Manual.**

<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<b>Type or Print Name</b>		<b>Title</b>	

**DEADLINE: Must be received by JANUARY 31st, 2023**