# 2027 Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Grant Application

**Application Period: October 19, 2026 – December 17, 2026**

***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 (DFFP), 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 DFFP ☐ 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 $10,000

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 | | | | | ☐ |

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 cooperator in wildland fire suppression?

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**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 2027 Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Manual.**

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| **Signature** | | **Date** | |
| **Type or Print Name** | | **Title** | |

**DEADLINE: Must be received by December 17th, 2026**