



North Dakota Forest Service

2018 Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance Grants

Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance Grant Overview

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| Program Administrator | This grant is administered by the North Dakota Forest Service (NDFS) in cooperation with USDA Forest Service (USFS). |
| Funds Available | Grant funds will be available for the purposes of enhancing fire protection and prevention capabilities of ND Fire Departments (FD). These funds may be used for vehicle purchases, equipment, personal protective equipment, firefighter training, fire awareness, and prevention efforts. |
| Cost-Share Requirements | The applicant must match at least 50% of the total cost of the project from sources other than the federal government. This amount may be in the form of cash, services, or in-kind contributions. |
| Maintenance Requirements | The FD gives NDFS permission to examine all records related to purchases or projects receiving grant funds consistent with the Cooperative Fire Agreement to ensure compliance with the program. Additionally, NDFS will conduct a yearly inventory on department awarded grant-funded vehicles. |
| Application Requirements | <p>a) FD <i>MUST</i> report all wildfires to NDFS utilizing the online fire reporting tool called Emergency Reporting System (ERS).</p> <p>b) Only FDs that service a population of 10,000 or less are eligible to submit an application.</p> <p>c) FDs must be recognized by and have a valid Certificate of Existence on file with the State Fire Marshal. They must also be National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant.</p> <p>d) FDs must have a signed Cooperative Fire Agreement with NDFS. Contact Aaron at 701-328-9946 or Aaron.buchholz@ndsu.edu to complete an agreement.</p> <p>e) FDs must attach cost estimate sheets for equipment/vehicles to the application. Online or catalog scans are not acceptable.</p> <p>f) No handwritten application will be accepted.</p> |
| Application Deadline | Applications must be emailed or postmarked by 11/16/2018. Late applications will not be accepted. |
| Awards | <p>a) Applicants will be notified via an award letter sent to the address listed on the grant application.</p> <p>b) Applicants cannot purchase any items to be reimbursed before the arrival of an official NDFS award letter.</p> <p>c) Award letters will specify what items may be purchased with the awarded grant funds. Any deviation from what is included the within award letter will result in being ineligible for reimbursement.</p> |



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Please use the category information listed below when completing the grant application to apply for a vehicle or non-vehicle grant.

The following Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance Grant Categories listed in order of priority, will be eligible for the 2018 Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance Grant 50% cost-share program:

1. **Vehicles - may include the purchase of brush trucks, pumpers, tenders, etc.**
2. **Wildland PPE and Training**
3. **Communications and Wildland Equipment**
4. **Structural PPE**
5. **Structural Firefighting Tools**

1. Vehicles - may include the purchase of brush trucks, pumpers, tenders, etc.

As a 50/50 cost share grant, NDFS will award up to \$20,000 for the purchase of a vehicle. FDs may spend more than \$40,000 but the maximum award amount will not exceed \$20,000.

2018 Vehicle Grant Information *applicable only to departments applying for vehicles* –

NDFS has an opportunity to award large grants aimed at helping FDs across the state to purchase much needed firefighting vehicles. Continued funding for this program will be determined by how the fire departments handle the responsibility that accompanies these large grants.

Inventory Requirements:

- The FD will be required to make the vehicle available on an annual basis for a property inventory. This regulation is set by the USDA with zero flexibility. If a FD fails to produce the piece of equipment in question for a property inventory, the department will be held liable for the federal portion of the award amount. **An identifying tag will always be displayed in the cab showing that this vehicle was purchased using federal funds.**

Titling and Registration:

- FD will be required to insure and register their respective awarded vehicle. The original title, which is to be in the FDs name, must be sent to the NDFS where it will be retained.

Disposal Requirements:

- Since the vehicle is partially funded by federal grant dollars, the FD will be required to contact NDFS when considering disposal or transfer of a grant-funded vehicle.

2. Wildland PPE and Training - As a 50/50 cost share grant, NDFS will award up to \$10,000 for a non-vehicle grant award.

A FD may spend more than \$20,000 but the maximum award amount cannot exceed \$10,000.

- Wildland pants, shirts, shelter, boots, helmets, and gloves
- Priority given to NWCG and ICS courses

3. Communications and Wildland Equipment - As a 50/50 cost share grant, NDFS will award up to \$10,000 for a non-vehicle grant award. A department may spend more than \$20,000 but the maximum award amount cannot exceed \$10,000.

- Radios, pagers (must be P-25 compliant)
- Fire Line tools, pulaskis, shovels, flappers, etc.
- Pumps, hose, drop tanks, etc.

4. Structural PPE - As a 50/50 cost share grant, NDFS will award up to \$10,000 for a non-vehicle grant award grant award.

A FD may spend more than \$20,000 but the maximum award amount cannot exceed \$10,000.

- Structural turnout gear, helmets, boots, air packs, etc.

5. Structural Firefighting Tools - As a 50/50 cost share grant, NDFS will award up to \$10,000 for a non-vehicle grant award.

A FD may spend more than \$20,000 but the maximum award amount cannot exceed \$10,000.

- Includes but not limited to pike poles, ventilation saws, generators, etc.

IMPORTANT: For all categories other than vehicle, a single piece of equipment may not cost more than \$4,999. If a FD fails to comply, reimbursement will be denied.



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