

Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance Grant Overview

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 biannual inventory on department awarded grant-funded vehicles.		
Application Requirements	FD <u>MUST</u> report all wildfires to NDFS utilizing <mark>Emergency Reporting System (ERS),</mark> the online fire reporting tool.		
	Only FDs that service a population of 10,000 or less are eligible to submit an application.		
	FDs must be recognized by and have a valid 2021 Certificate of Existence on file with the State Fire Marshal. They must also be National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant.		
	FDs must have a signed Cooperative Fire Agreement with NDFS. Contact Aaron at 701-328-9946 or <u>Aaron.bucholz@ndsu.edu</u> to complete an agreement.		
	FDs must attach cost estimate or quote sheets for equipment and vehicles to the application. If using an online website, send a copy of the items in the cart or basket. Do not send catalog pages or website pages.		
	If applying for communication and wildland equipment, PPE, training and tools, one application can be used for all of these items. If applying for a vehicle a separate application is required. FD's may apply for both types of grants within the same year.		
	No handwritten application will be accepted.		
Application Deadline	Applications must be emailed or postmarked by 11/19/2021. Late applications will not be accepted.		
Awards	Applicants will be notified via an award letter sent to the address listed on the grant application.		
	Applicants cannot order or purchase any items to be reimbursed before the arrival of an official NDFS award letter . Estimate(s) or quote(s) are required to be included when submitting the grant applicaiton.		
	Award letters will specify what items may be purchased with the awarded grant funds. Any deviation from what is included within the award letter will result in being ineligible for reimbursement.		



Please use the category information listed below when completing the grant application.

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

- 1. Vehicles may include the purchase of brush trucks, pumpers, tenders, etc.
- 2. Wildland PPE, Tools and Training; Skid Unit
- 3. Communications and Wildland Equipment
- 4. Structural PPE and Structural Firefighting Tools
- 1. <u>Vehicles</u> Use the VEHICLE application form if applying for a vehicle grant
- 2. Wildland PPE and Training; Skid Unit 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, etc.
 - Skid unit assemblies
 - Priority is given to NWCG and ICS courses
- <u>Communications and Wildland Equipment</u> 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)
 - FireLine tools, pulaskis, shovels, flappers, etc.
 - Pumps, hose, drop tanks, etc.
- 4. <u>Structural PPE; Structural Firefighting Tools</u> 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.
 - Structural turnout gear, helmets, boots, air packs, etc.
 - Structural firefighting tools Includes but not limited to pike poles, ventilation saws, generators, etc.

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

<u>NON-VEHICLE</u> 2021 Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance (CFPA)

Grant Fire Department Information

Fire Department (FD)		Fire Department ID#		
Name FD Street Address		FD Mailing Address		
City		State	Zip Code	
Fire Chief	Phone #	Email		
* The federal government has adopted the use number that is assigned by Dun & Bradstreet for register with the US Federal Government for co Bradstreet web page at: <u>http://fedgov.dnb.cor</u> DUNS #	or each physical location of your business. A ontracts or grants. If you do not know your o	DUNS number is assigned free to a	Il businesses/entities required to	
Contact person responsible for this g	rant:			
Contact Person		Title		
Phone Number	Email Address			
Mailing Address	City		Zip Code	
Secondary Contact Person				
Secondary Phone Number	Secondary Email Ad	dress		
District Information				
	tion within your FD's immediate ar ment report fires to the NDFS and N			

- YES NO If your department protects federal lands, are fires reported to that agency?
- YES NO Does your department have a valid 2021 Certificate of Existence on file with the State Fire Marshal?

What is the total number of wildland fire responses in 2021? (This should match fire reports in EMS)

What is the total number of non-wildland (structure, EMS, etc.) responses in 2021? (This should match reports in EMS)

This section to be completed by NDFS	Last CFPA grant was awarded in	Cooperative Fire Agreement on file with NDFS?	Fall 2021 Cert. of Dept. Exist. at ND Fire Marshal Office?	FIRES REPORTED: Wildland Stated Wildland Reported
OFFICE ONLY		YES NO	YESNO	Other Stated Other Reported

List the item(s) and cost of each item for which you are seeking grant funds. Submit the matching estimate or quote sheets from vendor(s) with this application. Applications that do not list the items and provide estimate or quote sheets do not meet the minimum requirements. Therefore, they will not be considered for review by the Grant Review Committee.

Item

Qty Cost PER Item Total Per Line

Total of all Items

Grant Funds Requested from NDFS - <u>cannot exceed \$10,000</u> and FD must provide a minimum 50% match Cash Match from Fire Department - <u>department match can exceed \$10,000</u> but 50% minimum cash match by FD required Department Total Project Cost

2021 NON-VEHICLE CFPA Grant Application

NON-VEHICLE Justification of Request

Describe in detail what your department is requesting.

Why is the request important to your department and community?

Should you be approved, what is the timetable for completion? (reimbursement MUST be postmarked no later than April 1, 2021)

What will be the match for this project? Provide details on how your department will meet match requirements.

What additional information would you like to share with the review committee to help evaluate your request?

For additional information or questions contact: Mary Fisk, Bismarck Office Manager (701) 328-9944 Aaron Bucholz, Cooperative Fire Protection Technician (701) 328-9946

Completed application must be submitted or postmarked by Friday, November 19, 2021

Email completed grant application and cost estimate sheets from vendors to <u>Mary.Fisk@ndsu.edu</u> or mail to: CFPA Grant Applications North Dakota Forest Service

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