



North Dakota Forest Service

2024 Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance Grants - NON-VEHICLE Information

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	<p>FD <u>MUST</u> report all wildfires to NDFS utilizing Emergency Reporting System (ERS), the online fire reporting tool.</p> <p>Only FDs that service a population of 10,000 or less are eligible to submit an application.</p> <p>FDs must be recognized by and have a valid 2024 Certificate of Existence on file with the State Fire Marshal. They must also be National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant.</p> <p>FDs must have a signed Cooperative Fire Agreement with NDFS. Contact Aaron at 701-328-9946 or Aaron.bucholz@ndsu.edu to complete an agreement.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>No handwritten application will be accepted.</p>
Application Deadline	Applications must be emailed or postmarked by 11/15/2024. Late applications will not be accepted.
Awards	<p>Applicants will be notified via an award letter sent to the address listed on the grant application.</p> <p>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 application.</p> <p>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.</p>



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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. **Vehicles** - 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

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)
- FireLine tools, pulaskis, shovels, flappers, etc.
- Pumps, hose, drop tanks, etc.

4. **Structural PPE; 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.

- 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 single piece of equipment may not cost more than \$4,999.
If a FD fails to comply, reimbursement will be denied.

NON-VEHICLE 2024 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

As of April 4, 2022 the **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)** has replaced the **DUNS number**. If you are registered in SAM.gov now, you've already been assigned a Unique Entity ID. It's viewable on your entity registration record in SAM.gov. If you need to update or renew your registration, you will still need to ensure your renewal or updates occur on time and as required, but this does not affect whether you have been assigned a Unique Entity ID. If you have a registration, you already have a Unique Entity ID. If your entity is not registered now, when you do register your entity in SAM.gov, you'll be assigned a Unique Entity ID as a part of the registration process.

Please identify your organization's 12-character (alpha-numeric) code:

Contact person responsible for this grant:

Contact Person

Title

Phone Number

Email Address

Mailing Address

City

Zip Code

Secondary Contact Person

Secondary Phone Number

Secondary Email Address

District Information

What is the population within your FD's immediate area of response (do not include mutual aid area)?


YES NO Does your department report fires to the NDFS and NFIRS using the online Emergency Reporting tool?

YES NO If your department protects federal lands, are fires reported to that agency?

YES NO Does your department have a valid 2024 Certificate of Existence on file with the State Fire Marshal?

What is the total number of wildland fire responses in 2024? (This should match fire reports in EMS)

What is the total number of non-wildland (structure, EMS, etc.) responses in 2024? (This should match reports in EMS)

	This section to be completed by NDFS OFFICE ONLY	Last CFPA grant was awarded in _____	Cooperative Fire Agreement on file with NDFS? YES____ NO____	Fall 2024 Cert. of Dept. Exist. at ND Fire Marshal Office? YES____ NO____	FIRES REPORTED: Wildland Stated____ Wildland Reported____ Other Stated____ Other Reported____
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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
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Total of all Items

Grant Funds Requested from NDFS - cannot exceed \$10,000 and FD must provide a minimum 50% match

Cash Match from Fire Department - department match can exceed \$10,000 but 50% minimum cash match by FD required

Department Total Project Cost

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 May 1, 2025*)

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 or (701) 328-9990**
Aaron Bucholz, Cooperative Fire Protection Technician (701) 328-9946

Completed application must be submitted or postmarked by Friday, November 15, 2024

Email completed grant application and cost estimate sheets from vendors to NDFS.FireGrants@ndsu.edu
or mail to: **CFPA Grant Applications**

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