 

**2024 VOLUNTEER FIRE CAPACITY GRANT APPLICATION**

**WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**2024 VOLUNTEER FIRE CAPACITY BIPARTASAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW FUNDING**

# Oregon Department of Forestry and US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

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| **Fire Department Applicant Name** |  | | |
| **Fire Chief** |  | | |
| **Mailing Address** |  | | |
| **City State, Zip** |  | | |
| **Contact Person** |  | | |
| **Contact Email Address** |  | | |
| **Business Phone** |  | | |
| **Home Phone** |  | | |
| **County** |  | | |
| **Unique Identifier (Sam.gov #)** |  | | |
| **Federal DUNS #** |  | | |
| **TIN (Tax Identification #)** |  | | |
| **Does district include an incorporated city of 20,000 or more?** | | **YES**  **NO**  ***If YES, does not qualify for VFC*** | |
| **How many paid and/or volunteer staff/fire fighters?** | | **PAID: #**       **VOLUNTEER: #** | |
| **Check one:**  **Tax Base Dept/District -** What is the tax rate per $1,000 of assessed value? **$**  **Non Profit Dept/District**  **Subscription Based Organization** (*see Page 4 of the VFC Manual regarding eligibility*)  **Rangeland Association**  **Other (**please describe) | | | |
| **State Fire Marshal Fire Department/District Identification Number (FDID)** | | |  |
| **Did you report your fire statistics in 2023?** | | | **YES  NO** |
| **Are you registered in SAM.gov at** [**https://sam.gov**](https://sam.gov) **?** | | | **YES  NO** |
| **Annual operating FIRE budget (see page 3 of the VFC Manual)?** | | | **$** |
| **Does this application request funding for annexation, formation of a new fire department or other related administrative costs?** | | | **YES  NO** |
| **District Statistics. (Estimates are acceptable.)** | | | Coverage area (mi2):  Number of Structures: |

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| Date Received | Date Reviewed | VFC $ Awarded |
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# *Response boxes will expand to fit type.*

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| **OPERATING BUDGET**  On the front page of this application form LOCAL FIRE AGENCY has provided the **FIRE** operating budget. The operating budget should **exclude** any capital outlay, construction, or grant budget related categories. Call volume adjustment should be factored; provide just the **FIRE** budget amount. In the box below, provide any additional information that will further clarify specifics about the budget dollar amount. |
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| **FEPP/FFP VEHICLE**  The FEPP/FFP programs are valuable resources for local fire departments. In order to recognize VFC support, the purchasing, transportation, and restoration of the FEPP/FFP vehicles with VFC is considered an important priority. Does this VFC application include the purchase, upgrade, or repair of a FEPP/FFP vehicle? Describe below, briefly, what FEPP/FFP activity will be funded (purchase, repaint, repair, etc.). |
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| **CALL VOLUME**  Please provide the LOCAL FIRE AGENCY **calendar year** 2023 wildland (vehicle included) and structural **fire** call volume count. This number should also be reflected in the Oregon State Fire Marshal reporting data. | |
| # of wildland calls: | # of structure calls: |

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| **ISO RATING**  What is your current ISO Rating? Will requested items listed in this award assist to decrease your rating? |
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| **TIME SINCE LAST AWARD**  When was the last received VFC award? |
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| **TRAINING**  Will this award be used for any training activities, such as instructor costs, modules, training equipment? |
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| **COMMUNITIES AT RISK**  The 2020 Communities at Risk assessment provides decision-makers, wildfire planners, fire service professionals, and natural resource agencies with the information they need to prioritize projects. This prioritization will assist in meeting the goal to minimize overall wildfire risk to communities. Serving Communities at Risk is a high priority in Oregon’s Forest Action Plan. Information on Communities at Risk can be found in the 2020 Communities at Risk Report at <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/AboutODF/Pages/GrantsIncentives.aspx>  Does your agency’s service area includes Communities at Risk at a level of low, medium or high? Please list communities you serve and their ranking (low, medium, high). |
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# PROJECT DETAIL INFORMATION *(1:1 match requirement)*

NOTE: If awarded a grant, reimbursement 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 or Structural
* Communications Equipment -(MUST BE P25 COMPLIANT) refer to the instruction manual for description of allowable items

If in-kind for match is used, list the type (hours attending training, donated time from attorney, meeting facility used for training, maintenance of vehicles and equipment, meeting attendance, 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 the VFC Coordinator 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.

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| Wild | **Struc** | **Both** | **Quantity** | **Description**  Item @ cost/item | **Total Project** | **Grant Dollars Requested** | **Type of Match**  **Cash In-kind** | | ODF Only |
|  |  |  | 10 | Manual Example “A”: Fire shelters @ $300 | $3000 | $1500 | $1500 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 10 | Manual Example “B”: Fire shelters @ $300 | $6000 | $3000 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 200 hr | In-kind Match: Equip Maint, meetings, trainings |  |  |  | $3000 |  |
|  |  |  | 10 | Manual Example “C” Fire Shelters @ $300 | $4500 | $2250 | $750 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 100 | In-kind Match: Equip Maint, meetings, trainings |  |  |  | $1500 |  |
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*COMPLETE THIS PAGE TO APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SLIP ON TANKS*

*ONLY – IF YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED IN FUNDING FOR SLIP ON TANKS, DO NOT COMPLETE*

**2024 BIPARTASIN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW GRANT**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE CAPACITY FUNDING UP TO $20,000 ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

**FOR SLIP ON TANKS**

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| **SLIP ON TANK**  The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Volunteer Fire Capacity funding purpose is to provide financial, technical and related CAPACITY to State Foresters or equivalent State Officials organizing, training, and equipping rural fire departments. The bipartisan funding is additional, one-time funding. In 2024 for Oregon, this federal funding focuses on purchasing slip on tanks. **Please describe below,** **briefly, the status of your department’s slip on tanks and the need.** |
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# PROJECT DETAIL INFORMATION *(1:1 match requirement)*

NOTE: If awarded a grant, reimbursement will be only for amount spent and matched 1:1 or dollar for dollar.

If in-kind match is used, list the type (hours attending training, maintenance, meeting attendance, donated time from attorney, meeting facility used for training, etc.) on one of the lines of the chart. If you have any questions regarding whether certain activities are eligible as in-kind match, contact the VFC Coordinator prior to the application deadline.

**MAXIMUM FUNDING AWARD IS $20,000**

Please indicate below the number and estimated price of slip on tanks

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| Wild | **Struc** | **Both** | **Quantity** | **Description**  Item @ cost/item | **Total Project** | **Grant Dollars Requested** | **Type of Match**  **Cash In-kind** | | ODF Only |
|  |  |  | 2 | Example inkind & cash match: Slip on unit @ $10,000 | $40,000 | $20,000 | $10,000 | $10,000 |  |
|  |  |  | 2 | Example inkind match: Slip on unit @ $10,000 | $40,000 | $20,000 |  | $20,000 |  |
|  |  |  | 2 | Example cash match: Slip on unit @ $10,000 | $40,000 | $20,000 | $20,000 |  |  |
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**SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION PAGE**

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| Is LOCAL FIRE AGENCY compliant (self-certified) and does it use the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) in day-to-day emergency operations? | **YES**  **NO  *If NO, does not qualify*** |

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| If LOCAL FIRE AGENCY is a subscription organization (i.e. annual subscription fee to receive fire protection is charged)  **DOES LOCAL FIRE AGENCY RESPOND TO ALL FIRE CALLS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER LANDOWNER IS A SUBSCRIBER OR NOT?** | **YES**  **NO  *If NO, does not qualify*** |

# 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 2024 Volunteer Fire CAPACITY Grant Manual.

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

DEADLINE: Must be received by MAY 3, 2024 at 5:00 pm

**Choose ONE of the following methods:**

**EMAIL:** [VFC.coordinator@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:vfa.coordinator@odf.oregon.gov) (preferred)

**FAX:** Mary Schmelz at 503-945-7416  
*Please be aware that the fax machine is very busy on the last day and verification of receipt is not available.*

MAIL: VFC Coordinator

Oregon Department of Forestry

2600 State Street, Building D

Salem, OR 97310

**QUESTIONS:** Email Mary Schmelz [VFC.coordinator@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:vfa.coordinator@odf.oregon.gov) or [mary.k.schmelz@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:mary.k.schmelz@odf.oregon.gov) or call 503-856-2802

Application materials and a copy of VFC manual are available at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/AboutODF/Pages/GrantsIncentives.aspx>.