

2026 SELECTION CRITERIA – SCORING GUIDE

The selection criteria below are expanded to allow for a more equitable distribution of grant dollars. **Maximum total points are 18.**

LOCAL FIRE AGENCY:

SCORE

OPERATING BUDGET		
Check the box that best reflects the Fire Agency's operating budget. The operating budget should exclude any capital outlay, construction, and grants budget related categories. The operating budget will also be used to break ties among fire departments who receive the same point value.		
\$ 0 - \$20,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 points
\$20,001 - \$40,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 points
\$40,001 - \$60,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 points
\$60,001 - \$80,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point
\$80,001 +	<input type="checkbox"/>	0 points

COMMUNITIES AT RISK		
What is the rating for the areas served based upon the assessment in 2020 Communities At Risk Report?		
High	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 points
Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point
Low	<input type="checkbox"/>	0 points

FEPP/FFP VEHICLE		
The FEPP/FFP programs are valuable resources for local fire department. In order to recognize that support, purchase 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	1 point
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	0 points

CALL VOLUME		
Check the box that best reflects your calendar year 2025 <u>wildland</u> and <u>structural</u> fire call volume. Ideally, this number should also be reflected in the Oregon State Fire Marshal reporting data. The call volume will also be used to break ties among fire departments who receive the same point value.		
27 +	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 points
9 - 26	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 points
1 - 8	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point
0	<input type="checkbox"/>	0 points

TIME SINCE LAST VFC AWARD		
When did you receive your last VFC award?		
2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	0 points
2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point
2023	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 points
2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 points
2021+	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 points

AGENCY PRIORITIES		
Do the requested items pertain to the following:		
Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point
Wildland	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point
Communications Equipment (radios)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 point