2013 VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT

(GENERAL INFORMATION)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, through the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act, has allocated funds to Ohio for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program. These funds will be distributed to fire protection agencies on the basis of the Act and the federal guidelines.

1. The grants are 50/50 matching reimbursement grants. This means a fire department that receives a grant must purchase the equipment prior to receiving reimbursement for 50% of the total project amount. A maximum of $10,000 has been placed upon the amount of federal reimbursement any one multi-community project may receive. A maximum of $4,500 has been placed upon the amount of federal reimbursement any one department may receive.

2. Local funding must be available for the initial purchase of all items if the application is approved.

3. Only purchases made after grants are awarded will be eligible for reimbursement. Proof of purchase and payment made by the department ***must be completed by May 15, 2014.***

4. Only communities under 10,000 population qualify. However, for multi-community projects, the 10,000 limit may be exceeded and still qualify, providing none of the participating communities individually exceeds the 10,000 population limit.

5. Priority will be given to departments in greatest need for the following projects.

   A. Organization of new fire departments (those not yet in operation or recently organized)
   B. Multi-community projects (county-wide projects or bulk purchases with four or more fire departments) or projects sponsored by county or regional fire associations.
   C. Purchase of wildland slip in pump units. (complete units with fire pumps & baffled tanks)
   D. Purchase of wildland personal protective equipment meeting NFPA 1977 Standard for Wildland Fire Protective Clothing. Preference will be given to departments requesting complete sets. (i.e. nomex pants & shirt, fire shelter, leather gloves, hardhat & goggles)
   E. Conversion of Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) & Fire Fighter Property (FFP) equipment to fire fighting apparatus.
   F. Purchase of MARCS radio equipment compatable with Ohio's MARCS system.

   Projects not in the priority list will receive secondary consideration for funding.

6. Communities imposing strict boundary limits which exclude rural residences or using a subscription or a fee response system will not be considered.

7. Departments **must** have a Fire Department Identification number (FDID) to qualify.

If you have any questions, please call Rick Maier (740) 774-1596 - ext 110

2013 VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Type or print all information. Each blank must be filled in and the application must be signed by the *Chief* of the fire department.

The deadline for return of the application to the Division of Forestry is November 25, 2013.

NOTE: Multi-Community applications must have data for **all** participating fire protection agencies, with one agency designated as primary.

LINE BY LINE INSTRUCTIONS

1. **FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME**. Enter the proper name of the fire department.

2. **FIRE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FDID).** Enter the five digit number you use to identify your fire department on State Fire Report Forms.

3. **ADDRESS:** Fire department mailing address

4. **CITY:** Fire department city

5. **ZIP:** Zip code of fire department

6. **COUNTY**. Enter the county where your fire department is *located.*

7. **TOWNSHIP.** Enter the township where your fire department is *located.*

8. **NUMBER OF FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS ON YOUR DEPARTMENT**. In Ohio, full-time firefighters will be members of the Police and Firemen's Pension Fund.

9. **NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARE PART-TIME PAID OR RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY**. Enter the number of firefighters who are not full-time but who do receive some form of monetary compensation.

10. **NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT WHO ARE NOT PAID.** Enter the number of firefighters who do not receive any compensation.

11. **TOTAL POPULATION SERVED BY YOUR DEPARTMENT:** Enter the population of the area for which this department provides primary fire protection. Include territory under contract if primary fire protection is provided. DO NOT include territory where you respond under mutual aid agreements to provide supplemental protection. This figure should be as accurate as possible. For multi-community applications, separate the population of each jurisdiction out and list individually.

12. **SOURCE OF POPULATION FIGURES**: Indicate where you obtained the population figures.

13. **SQUARE MILES PROTECTED**: Enter the total square miles of the area for which this department provides primary fire protection. Include territory under contract if primary protection is provided. DO NOT include territory where you respond under mutual aid agreements to provide supplemental protection. This figure should be as accurate as possible.

14. **TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET**: Total operating budget includes money provided by taxes and fire protection contracts, as well as from fund raising and donations used for operating expenses.

15. **WILDLAND FIRE REPORTS:** Only fire departments located within the Division of Forestry's designated protection area are eligible to submit reports.

16. thru 21. **SELF-EXPLANATORY**

22. **TYPE OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT OPERATES THIS FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Public fire departments are operated by one of the governmental units listed on the application. Private volunteer fire companies are normally operated as non-profit corporations that contract their services to a political subdivision.

23. **PAST VFA GRANT RECEIVED:** If your department has received a grant in the past, please list the year that the grant was received.

24. **NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:** We must send the check for the grant to the fiscal officer of the political subdivision. For the private volunteer fire company's account the address shown should be the MAILING ADDRESS OF THE FISCAL OFFICER OR TREASURER.

25. **ENTER THE FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER**: For a political subdivision, contact the fiscal officer listed on line 22 to obtain this number. Private fire companies will generally have a Federal Tax ID number if they have applied for tax exempt status. If you do not have a Federal Tax ID number, attach a letter to the grant application explaining the situation. EXAMPLE: This number has 9 digits and usually starts with "31" and looks like this: 31-1234567.

26 thru 27: **SELF-EXPLANATORY**

If you have questions after reading these instructions, please call Rick Maier with the Division of Forestry at (740) 774-1596 ext. 110.

REMEMBER, APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 25, 2013

SEND TO:

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1. Fire Department Name: _____

2. Fire Department Identification Number (FDID): _____

3. Address:_____ 4. City:_____

5. Zip:_____ 6. County:_____ 7. Township:_____

8. Number of full-time firefighters on your department: _____

9. Number of firefighters who are part-time paid or receive an annual salary: _____

10. Number of firefighters in your department who are not paid: _____

11. Total resident population served by your department: _____

12. Source of population figure: (check box) (1) ☐ Census (2) ☐ Government Agency

    (3) ☐ Fire Dept. Estimate (4) ☐ Other: (please list source) _____

13. What is the total area, in square miles, that you provide primary fire protection for?
    _____ square miles

14. What was your total operating budget last year, including both public and private sources of income?

    Tax Levy Income $_____._____

    Fund Raisers $_____._____

    Total Budget $_____._____

15. Does your department submit wildland fire reports to the Ohio Division of Forestry?
    Yes ☐ No ☐

16. List the total number of fires in the following categories for last year:
    Structure _____ Vehicle _____ Wildland _____

17. Do you have mutual aid agreements with other fire departments? (check box) ☐ Yes ☐ No

18. Does your department utilize the Incident Command System (ICS) when planning and responding to incidents? Yes ☐ No ☐

19. Describe the purpose for which you would use the grant. Outline estimated costs and what you will use the money to purchase. The amounts awarded to applicants will be based upon your estimated costs of the project, so please be specific (Attach additional sheets if needed):

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20. List in the chart below all fire suppression vehicles in **ACTIVE** service (examples are engines, wildland engines, trucks, and water tenders). Please list in order of response.

YEAR OF MANUFACTURE		PUMP CAPACITY	TANK CAPACITY	TYPE APPARATUS
Example:	1978	750 GPM	800 GALLONS	ENGINE
1st Out				
2nd Out				
3rd Out				
4th Out				

21. Will the grant be used by: (check one)
    - ☐ Established fire department
    - ☐ Newly organizing fire department- **if yes, list date of organization** _____
    - ☐ Multi-community (county-wide) project**-if yes, list other departments involved** _____

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22. Type of political subdivision that operates this fire department: (check the description that applies)

    City☐ Village ☐ Township ☐ County ☐ Joint Fire Protection District ☐

    None, this is a private company ☐

23. Has your fire department received a VFA grant in the past?

    Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, what years?_____

24. *Print* name, address and title of the **fiscal officer** (i.e. clerk, treasurer or finance director) of the political subdivision or private fire company.

Name_____**Title**_____

Address_____

City_____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____ **Phone** (_____)_____-_____

25. List your Federal Tax Identification Number: _____-_____ (*example:* 31-1234567)

26. *Print* the name and telephone number of a person we may contact with questions about this application.

_____ (____)____-_____ (____)____ -_____ (____)____-_____
Name Day Phone Cell Phone Night Phone

Email address: _____

CERTIFICATION

27. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and that the fire department or political subdivision I represent has the intention to complete this project should the grant be awarded.

X_____
Signature of Fire Chief **Date**

_____
Print or Type Name of Fire Chief **Area Code and Phone Number**

_____
Address of Fire Chief

_____ _____ _____
City **State** **Zip Code**

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