

Section 23 has grant information, to include:

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DHS FIRE ACT grants

Fire departments can apply for an Operations grant, Vehicle grant, or Regional grant.

These are competitive grants.

Match – 5%, 10%, or 20% based on population.

Narrative – maximum of 5 pages.

Department has to provide incident reports to NFIRS.

A good FIRE ACT grant source is the following website:

<http://minnesotafireservice.com/grantsmainmenu.html>

For more information, go to: <http://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program>

Arkansas Forestry Commission

Volunteer fire assistance grants are usually available in May or June each year to fire departments that serve 10,000 or fewer people. Eligible departments must match the grant on a 50-50 basis with non-federal funds. To apply for a grant, contact the AFC District Office at 501-296-1940 or the Greenbrier office at 501-679-6297.

Rural Fire Protection Program

Overview

Through the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Programs, the Arkansas Rural Development Commission (ARDC) and the Department of Rural Services strive to enhance quality of life in the state by providing incentive grants on a matching basis. The ARCGP will assist rural communities with the improvement of local fire protection and related emergency services and construction, development and improvement of local facilities. Fire departments have received funding for new fire stations, additional bays for existing stations, turn-out gear, communications equipment, fire trucks, SCBA's, extrication equipment and brush trucks.

Funding Areas:

- Renovations, new construction or additions to fire facilities
- Purchase of fire protection equipment and vehicles
- Rehabilitation/retrofitting of newly acquired equipment and vehicles.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be fire departments serving cities, towns and unincorporated communities in rural* areas of **less than 3,000 in population** (verifiable by current U.S. Census information)

**A rural area is defined, for the purpose of this program, as "all the territory of the State of Arkansas that is not within the outer boundary of any city or town having a population of 20,000 or more according to the latest federal census or within such a city's or town's neighboring urbanized areas."*

Award Details:

Requires 50% local match (cash or in-kind labor, land or materials)

To download application go to the following website:

<http://www.firegrantshelp.com/search-grants/468386-rural-fire-protection-grant-program-arkansas/>

Contact:

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Rural Services Block Grant Program

The RSBGP funds new construction or renovation of community centers, fire stations, or multi-purpose buildings, and the purchase of fire trucks (pumper, tanker, brush or certain service trucks). This grant is made possible through a partnership with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

Applicants are eligible for up to \$75,000. The match for this grant is 10% and may be comprised of in-kind labor, in-kind materials or cash.

Grants are available to incorporated towns and rural communities with a population of less than 3,000. Additionally, the community population must be at least 51% Low to Moderate income. Click here to find your community's LMI rating on the [LMI Percentages by County and City based on the 2006-2010 ACS data](#).

NOTE: If your community is not listed on the LMI Percentages by County and City 2006-2010 ACS data list OR your community has not already completed an LMI Survey, you will be required to conduct an LMI Survey to determine your community's eligibility. You can request information about conducting an LMI Survey by emailing Rural.Arkansas@arkansas.gov or calling 1-888-787-2527.

The deadline for Fiscal Year 2015 is December 5, 2014.

To download application go to the following website:

<http://ruralservices.arkansas.gov/grants/rural-services-block-grant-program/>

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Arkansas Rural Fire Protection Grant Program

Applicants from incorporated towns of less than 3,000 in population and unincorporated rural areas are eligible for up to \$15,000 in matching funds under this program. The match ratio on the program is 50/50. Communities wishing to apply for projects under the program must provide one half of the cost of the project as match. Match may be comprised of in-kind labor, in-kind materials or cash and must be available at the time of application. Applications for this program are accepted August through March of each year. Communities in the past have received funding for baseball/softball fields, community centers, walking tracks, park and playground equipment, pavilions, picnic tables, and library shelving. Fire departments have received funding for new fire stations, additional bays for existing stations, turn-out gear, communications equipment, fire trucks, SCBA's, extrication equipment and brush trucks.

Fiscal Year 15 Deadlines are: August 15 (Cycle I), December 5 (Cycle II), and March 15 (Cycle III).

To download forms go to the following website:

<http://ruralservices.arkansas.gov/grants/rural-community-grant/>

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FIRE ACT GRANT
NARRATIVE INFORMATION

Can have up to 5 pages on narrative

4 Categories

I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND BUDGET

A. Overview of Project

B. Describe fire department demographics

1. Number of miles from largest city (ex. 20 miles east of Little Rock)
2. Number of fire stations
3. Number of volunteers
4. Number of square miles and population
5. Name your mutual aid departments
6. NIMS training completed
7. NFIRS reporting

C. Describe District

1. Rural vs. Suburban vs. Urban
2. Number of mobile home parks, schools, day cares, churches, apartments, etc.
3. Growth in district – new subdivisions, businesses, etc.

D. Critical infrastructure in district

1. Pipelines (product, diameter, PSI)
2. Electrical substation (_____KV)
3. Major highways (AHTD daily traffic counts)
4. Special events
5. Communication towers
6. Railroads
7. Propane storage
8. Airports
9. Military bases
10. Etc. – anything you can list that would disrupt service or kill a large number of people

A. Mutual Aid Critical Infrastructure

B. Go into detail of your problem and why you need the equipment you are asking for.

1. List NFPA standards specifically
2. Describe any instructor led classes
3. Describe specific problems with equipment or vehicle you are wanting to replace.
4. List what would happen without this equipment or training.

C. List number of firefighters who are currently trained to NFPA 1001 standards and what you are doing to increase that number to 100%.

D. Budget

1. Break down budget, item by item
2. List 5% match
3. State that you are aware of the reporting requirements and will maintain records and files as outlined in the AFG guidance.

II. FINANCIAL NEED

- A. State how department is funded (ex. Local real estate taxes)
- B. Briefly describe type of area served (ex. – rural community with small businesses)
- C. Amount each resident is taxed per year
- D. Annual fire department budget of \$_____
- E. Summary of budget
Example
 1. Insurance - \$12,000
 2. Fuel - \$8,000
 3. Vehicle Maintenance - \$5,000
 4. Utilities - \$6,000
 5. Etc.
- F. List amount left for capital expenditures
- G. List any savings accounts
- H. List any existing debt
- I. List ACT 833 funds. Explain what it is (State sponsored insurance turnback program for fire departments in Arkansas.)
- J. List any fundraising efforts.
- K. Show that these additional funds are not enough to complete this project.

III. COST BENEFIT

- A. How will the citizens and firefighters benefit from purchasing this equipment.
- B. Frequency of Use Formula
 1. Project cost divided by call volume times service life.
 2. Try to keep at \$200 or less
 3. Service life for equipment – 15 years
 4. Service life for vehicles – 20 years
- C. Per Person Cost Formula
 1. Project cost divided by population times service life
 2. Try to keep at \$1 per person

IV. OPERATIONAL OUTCOMES

- A. How will this equipment be used daily?
- B. Mutual aid benefits
- C. List total run volume for last year
- D. List number of structure fires for last year
- E. List number of firefighter and civilian injuries and / or fatalities.

Thank the evaluators